

An extensive list of verbs and phrases that will help you to prepare positive, descriptive statements about a student's behavior. New teachers will find this resource particularly valuable when they're writing their first report cards and progress reports.



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Positive Descriptions of Student Behavior

Here is a list of verbs and phrases that may help you to prepare positive, descriptive statements for an IEP (Individualized Education Program).

attentive alert calm cheerful well-groomed coordinated makes appropriate eye contact understandable speech animated spontaneous fluent engaging articulate thoughtful open stays on task consistent goal-directed	well-mannered uses trial and error approach orderly deliberate persistent inquisitive variable motivation level accepts mistakes adaptable transitions well learns from doing notes detail willing to try again applies him- or herself shows effort thinks before acting asks for help cooperative	follows one-step directions follows two-step directions follows multi-step directions requires repetition of directions ignores distractions needs time to transition recognizes errors able to spell creatively spells memorizes words passive learner actively involved in learning requires information in a variety of modes needs visual cues requires auditory cues requires preparation for transition helpful takes initiative
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