

PRECISION REQUESTS

General Direction

“Please” Request

Wait 5-10 Seconds

More depending on the Student

Compliance

Immediate
Reinforcement
Praise

Non Compliance

“You Need to” Request

Wait 5-10 Seconds

More depending on the Student

Non Compliance

Pre-Planned
Consequence

Compliance

Immediate
Reinforcement
Praise

Precision Requests must follow the prescribed format in order for a students to hear a definite beginning and ending to directions and to better understand how much time they have to follow the request.

1. General Directions: This is a direction given to all student. No specific student is singled out. For example: “Get your pencils”. A full 5 seconds are given for response. If the student follows the directions, reinforce immediately. If they do not follow go to the next step.

2. “Please Request”: In this step, the student name and task are named. For example: “Sallie, please get your pencil”. A full 5 seconds are given for response. If the student follows the directions, reinforce immediately. If they do not follow go to the next step.
3. “Need” Request: At this point, it is obvious that the adult is going to follow-through with the request and failure to comply will result in a consequence. At this point, the need statement must be presented. For example: “Sallie, you need to get your pencil”. A full 5 seconds are given for response. If the student follows the directions, reinforce immediately. If they do not follow go to the next step.
4. Pre-Planned Consequence: Prior to starting precision requests, you must have a pre-planned consequence determined. If the request is not followed, present the consequence. After the consequence, return to the “need” request and begin the process again.

