

## 2.4 PROMPTS AND PRECORRECTIONS

### MAKE THE PROBLEM BEHAVIOR IRRELEVANT WITH ANTICIPATION AND REMINDERS

<b>Description and Critical Features</b>	<b>Elementary Examples</b>	<b>Secondary Examples</b>	<b>Non-Examples</b>	<b>Empirical Support and Resources</b>
<i>What key strategies can I use to support behavior in my classroom?</i>	<i>How can I use this practice in my elementary classroom?</i>	<i>How can I use this practice in my secondary classroom?</i>	<i>What should I avoid when I'm implementing this practice?</i>	<i>What evidence supports this practice, and where can I find additional resources?</i>
<p>Reminders that are provided <i>before</i> a behavior is expected that <i>describes what</i> is expected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preventative: take place before the behavior response occurs</li><li>• Understandable: the prompt must be understood by the student</li><li>• Observable: the student must distinguish when the prompt is present</li><li>• Specific and explicit: describe the expected behavior (and link to the appropriate expectation)</li></ul> <p>Teach and emphasize self-delivered (or self-managed) prompts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Before students begin seatwork, provide a reminder about how to access help and materials, if needed</li><li>• Before the class transitions, a teacher states, "Remember to show respect during a transition by staying to the right and allowing personal space"</li><li>• Pointing to table as student enters room (to remind where to sit)</li><li>• A student looks at a picture sequence prompting effective hand washing and successfully washes hands prior to snack or lunch</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pointing to a sign on the board to indicate expectation of a silent noise level prior to beginning independent work time</li><li>• Review of group activity participation rubric prior to the start of group work</li><li>• Sign above the homework basket with a checklist of "to dos" for handing in homework</li><li>• A student checks her planner, which includes visual prompts to write down assigned work and bring relevant materials home to promote homework completion</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• While teaching a lesson, a student calls out, and the educator states, "Instead of calling out, I would like you to raise your hand" (This is an error correction—it came <i>after</i> the behavior)</li><li>• Prior to asking students to complete a task, the educator states, "Do a good job," or gives a thumb's up signal (This is not specific enough to prompt a particular behavior)</li><li>• Providing only the "nos" (e.g., No running, No talking) instead of describing the desired behavior or failing to link to expectations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delivering prompts and pre-corrections for appropriate behavior results in increases in improved behavior<sup>19</sup></li><li>• Use prompts during transitions to new routines and for routines that are difficult for students to master<sup>20</sup></li></ul> <p>Videos: <a href="http://louisville.edu/education/abrij/primarylevel/prompting/group">http://louisville.edu/education/abrij/primarylevel/prompting/group</a> <a href="http://louisville.edu/education/abrij/primarylevel/modeling/group">http://louisville.edu/education/abrij/primarylevel/modeling/group</a></p>