



Helping Schools Build Systems of Support

Developing a Check-In System Exit Plan





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Considerations for Exiting the Intervention

 When the student meets the goal criteria, it is time to think about fading the student out of the check-in system intervention

 There is lots of information available for academic intervention exit criteria, but we lack guidance for behavior interventions

 The following will provide some considerations for developing and implementing a fading plan





Exit Criteria Considerations

Questions to Consider
The student feels confident about fading back features of the check-in system.
The student made steady and consistent progress toward the goal.
We have considered critical events occurring in the student's life that may impact an exit transition.
We have identified essential features most influential on the student's progress to initially maintain.
We have considered student input to design the fading plan.
We have considered the extent to which intervention enhancements need to remain in place during the fading process.
We have considered the need to transition the student to other naturally occurring or less structured opportunities as part of the exit plan





Considerations for Exiting the Intervention

 Considerations for exit criteria can be organized into four categories:

- Student Preference
- Risk Factors for Relapse
- Ease of goal attainment
- Soft landing to other forms of intervention features



Student Preference

- How confident does the student feel about fading back the check-in structure?
 - Are they enthusiastic to begin fading or do they express a worry?
- What are the student's preferences about how to begin fading back the intervention?
 - Is there an aspect of the intervention they feel most comfortable with fading first?





Risk Factors for Relapse

 What, if any, other events are occurring in the student's life that may increase the risk of relapse?

- Which features of the intervention has been most influential in the student's success?
 - Consider leaving these features and begin fading other features





Ease of Goal Attainment

- How easy or difficult was it for the student to achieve their goal?
 - Student progress was steady and consistent
 - Student progress was inconsistent, stalling or regressing one ore more times





Ease of Goal Attainment

- To what extent did the student need enhancements to system to achieve their goal?
 - The student did not need any enhancements
 - The student needed 1-2 enhancements
 - The student needed 3 or more enhancements





Soft Landing Considerations

 How can you embed features of the check-in system to occur naturally within the student's routines?

Check-in System Features	Examples of Naturally Occurring Features for Transition
AM/PM Checks	 Teach the student to use a Talk Time Request and rubric to schedule appointments Enroll the student in a weekly group Support the student to join clubs or student committees
End of Class Feedback	 Use of school-wide tickets to provide reinforcement Provide feedback typical to naturally occurring routines Teach the student to self-monitor / self-rate their performance Use peer to peer class management strategies (e.g., tootling)





4 Week Sample Fading Plan

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM Check	X	X	X	X	X
End of Class Feedback	Continue feedback Eliminate ratings	Continue feedback Eliminate ratings	Continue feedback Eliminate ratings	Continue feedback Eliminate ratings	Continue feedback Eliminate ratings
PM Check	X	X	X	X	X

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM Check	X	X	X	X	X
End of Class Feedback	Naturally occurring feedback	Naturally occurring feedback	Naturally occurring feedback	Naturally occurring feedback	Naturally occurring feedback
PM Check	Х	No PM	No PM	No PM	X





4 Week Sample Fading Plan

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM Check	X	No AM	No AM	No AM	No AM
End of Class Feedback	Naturally occurring feedback	Naturally occurring feedback	Naturally occurring feedback	Naturally occurring feedback	Naturally occurring feedback
PM Check	X	No PM	No PM	No PM	X

Week 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM Check	X	No AM	No AM	No AM	No AM
End of Class Feedback	Naturally occurring feedback	Naturally occurring feedback	Naturally occurring feedback	Naturally occurring feedback	Naturally occurring feedback
PM Check	No PM	No PM	No PM	No PM	X



