

## **Planning Routines**

Planning co-regulating routines means they should model and match the level of engagement and energy required for students to meet their goals, while providing adequate scaffolds and supports. Use the template below to plan to create co-regulating routines.

Routine:	Steps:	Skill Supports:	Reinforce:
Name the time or activity, and the WHY.	In as few words as possible, list each thing students should do. Directions should be specific, framed in the positive, and minimally restrictive.	Add supports for skill development as needed.	Consider how to keep the routine going.
Example: Lining up after recess	<ol> <li>When you hear the 1<sup>st</sup> whistle, pause play and find teacher with your eyes.</li> <li>When you hear the 2<sup>nd</sup> whistle, bring toys/materials to the recess bins.</li> <li>Line up at the doors (use whisper voice if needed so you can hear teacher directions).</li> <li>When all students are lined up, teacher picks 3 leaders to guide the line and carry recess bins.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>□ Executive Function         Supports (e.g., checklist,         written steps, timer)</li> <li>❤ Social Supports         (e.g., strategies for         communication, conflict)</li> <li>□ Stress/Emotional         Supports (e.g., strategies         for naming, managing)</li> <li>□ Other:</li> </ul>	Name the WHY Always connect routines back to co- created norms and expectations, incorporate student voice, and be positively framed.  Model and Practice Give students the chance to see and walk through the routine several times, celebrating successes and making adjustments as
		<ul> <li>□ Executive Function         Supports (e.g., checklist, written steps, timer)</li> <li>□ Social Supports         (e.g., strategies for communication, conflict)</li> <li>□ Stress/Emotional         Supports (e.g., strategies for naming, managing)</li> <li>□ Other:</li> </ul>	adjustments as needed  Ask students to set a goal  Example: "Our goal is to get 10 days of working together to line up in 2 minutes, and we will celebrate with 10 minutes of extra recess."  Point out the use of skills in the moment  Example: "I see when Javier and Emilee got
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## **Reflecting on Routines**

As a routine is introduced and practiced (or if a well-established routine has become challenging), debrief with students and reflect on your own to make improvements.								
	Routine:							
	Student Debrief:							
ASK:		Notes:						
How did you feel during this routine?								
What went well? What might need more								
practice?								
Is there anything we should change?								
The debrief should:								
	☐ Honor student voice							
	☐ Celebrate successes							
	☐ Normalize making							

## **Educator Reflection:**

adjustments/revisions

On the continuum of a co-regulating routine, where do you think this routine currently falls? Mark it with an X below.

Not enough structure or support	Co-regulating	Too much structure or control
Chaotic, unpredictable, and even physically unsafe	Predictable, consistent, safe, with opportunities for student independence and growth	Limiting and restrictive, no autonomy, lacks opportunities for skill development
Additional Support	Notes:	
How many/which students need additional support during this routine? What type of support might they need?		
Are there any common trends? Any antecedents or context that makes success more or less likely?		
Does more than 30% of the class need significant support? If so, how can this procedure be revised to be more supportive?		
Increasing Autonomy	Notes:	
If more than 90% of the class is "ready," how can this procedure release more autonomy to		

the students and push their development?