

Visual Tools and Supports for the Classroom

Tool	What It Is	How It Helps	Visual Example
Behavior Supports	Visuals that show expected behaviors (e.g., “quiet hands,” “walk feet,” “listening”).	Helps students understand classroom expectations and reduces challenging behaviors.	
Choice Boards	A board showing 2–6 picture options.	Supports decision-making, increases communication, and reduces frustration.	
First-Then Board	A two-step board showing what happens first and what happens next .	Helps with transitions, motivation, and reducing anxiety.	
Schedules	A sequence of pictures representing the student’s day or part of the day.	Provides predictability, reduces anxiety, and increases independence.	
Sequential Steps for Tasks	Step-by-step visuals for routines (handwashing, lining up, cleaning up, etc.).	Guides students through multi-step tasks and builds independence.	
Visual Cue Cards	Small cards with reminders (e.g., “wait,” “sit,” “stop,” “look”).	Supports behavior, communication, and understanding during activities.	