

Identifying Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders in Secondary Research

In order to fully understand the challenges faced by transition-age students with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), the National Technical Assistance Center on Transition (NTACT) assembled a Technical Work Group (TWG) of experts in the field of ASD. This TWG was charged with identifying research-based secondary practices that are effective for students with ASD who are transitioning from a secondary setting to postsecondary education and or employment opportunities. The purpose of this document is to highlight the issues inherent in the field around the definition of autism spectrum disorders and how that presents challenges when trying to identify what works with students with ASD.

In order to identify effective secondary transition practices for students with ASD, our literature review included describing of how students were identified as ASD in each study. However, as can be seen in Table 3 below, based on our review of researchbased studies, we found that a definitive way of identifying ASD was lacking. This presented issues when trying to determine the level of severity of ASD represented by students in the research reviewed. Consistent definitions and criteria are needed to allow replication of studies to determine what works and what does not in high schools in preparing the students with ASD for postsecondary life.

As a result of discussions with the NTACT ASD TWG, we recommend researchers become more systematic in the way they describe participants with ASD by doing either of the following:

- **1.** Using a recognized set of criteria such as the DSM-5 or the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) when describing participants or
- 2. Providing clear descriptions that address social and communication, behavior, intellectual functioning, and level of language impairment of participants.

Within this document, you will find the following:

- 1. The federal definition of autism (IDEA 2004, 34 CFR Section 300.8 (c)(1)(i-iii)
- 2. The American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) diagnostic criteria
- 3. Table 1 which summarizes the DSM-5 severity levels for autism spectrum disorder



- 4. Description of the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS)
- 5. Table 2 which describes the sections of the SIS

6. Table 3 which cross-references our suggested criteria for identifying ASD with current ASD research by three of the *Taxonomy for Transition Programming 2.0* categories (i.e., student-focused planning, student development, and interagency collaboration). Two categories, family engagement and program structures, were not represented in the research base. Note: The following information uses the term (e.g., autism, ASD, Asperger's) used within the document or study being discussed.

1. Federal definition of autism

"Autism means a developmental disability significantly affecting verbal and nonverbal communication and social interaction, generally evident before age three, that adversely affects a child's educational performance. Other characteristics often associated with autism are engagement in repetitive activities and stereotyped movements, resistance to environmental change or change in daily routines, and unusual responses to sensory experiences."

IDEA 2004, 34 CFR Section 300.8 (c)(1)(i-iii)

2. DSM-5: Autism Spectrum Disorder 299.00 (F84.0)

Diagnostic Criteria

A. Persistent deficits in social communication and social interaction across multiple contexts, as manifested by the following, currently or by history (examples are illustrative, not exhaustive, see text):

1. Deficits in social-emotional reciprocity, ranging, for example, from abnormal social approach and failure of normal back-and-forth conversation; to reduced sharing of interests, emotions, or affect; to failure to initiate or respond to social interactions.

2. Deficits in nonverbal communicative behaviors used for social interaction, ranging, for example, from poorly integrated verbal and nonverbal communication; to abnormalities in eye contact and body language or deficits in understanding and use of gestures; to a total lack of facial expressions and nonverbal communication.

3. Deficits in developing, maintaining, and understanding relationships, ranging, for example, from difficulties adjusting behavior to suit various social contexts; to difficulties in sharing imaginative play or in making friends; to absence of interest in peers.



Specify current severity based on social communication impairments (see Table 1):

- B. Restricted, repetitive patterns of behavior, interests, or activities, as manifested by at least two of the following, currently or by history (examples are illustrative, not exhaustive; see text):
 - 1. Stereotyped or repetitive motor movements, use of objects, or speech (e.g., simple motor stereotypies, lining up toys or flipping objects, echolalia, idiosyncratic phrases).
 - 2. Insistence on sameness, inflexible adherence to routines, or ritualized patterns or verbal nonverbal behavior (e.g., extreme distress at small changes, difficulties with transitions, rigid thinking patterns, greeting rituals, need to take same route or eat food every day).
 - 3. Highly restricted, fixated interests that are abnormal in intensity or focus (e.g., strong attachment to or preoccupation with unusual objects, excessively circumscribed or perseverative interest).
 - 4. Hyper- or hyporeactivity to sensory input or unusual interests in sensory aspects of the environment (e.g., apparent indifference to pain/temperature, adverse response to specific sounds or textures, excessive smelling or touching of objects, visual fascination with lights or movement).

Specify current severity based on restricted, repetitive patterns of behavior (see Table 1):

- C. Symptoms must be present in the early developmental period (but may not become fully manifest until social demands exceed limited capacities, or may be masked by learned strategies in later life).
- D. Symptoms cause clinically significant impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of current functioning.
- E. These disturbances are not better explained by intellectual disability (intellectual developmental disorder) or global developmental delay. Intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorder frequently co-occur; to make comorbid diagnoses of autism spectrum disorder and intellectual disability, social communication should be below that expected for general developmental level.

Note: In addition to diagnostic criteria and current severity level, the DSM-5 indicates the following should also be specified for an individual with autism spectrum disorder:

- With or without accompanying intellectual impairment
- With or without accompanying language impairment
- Associated with a known medical or genetic condition or environmental factor
- With catatonia





Table 1. DSM-5 Severity levels for autism spectrum disorder

Level	Social communication	Restricted, repetitive behaviors
Level 3: "Requiring very	Severe deficits in verbal and nonverbal social	Inflexibility of behavior, extreme difficulty
substantial support"	communication skills cause sever impairments in	coping with change, or other
	functioning, very limited initiation of social interactions,	restricted/repetitive behaviors markedly
	and minimal response to social overtures from others.	interfere with functioning in all spheres.
	For example, a person with few words of intelligible	Great distress/difficulty changing focus or
	speech who rarely initiates interaction and, when he or	action.
	she does, makes unusual approaches to meet needs	
	only and responds to only very direct social approaches.	
Level 2: "Requiring	Marked deficits in verbal and nonverbal social	Inflexibility of behavior, difficulty coping
substantial support"	communication skills; social impairments apparent even	with change, or other
	with supports in place, limited initiation of social	restricted/repetitive behaviors appear
	interactions; and reduced or abnormal responses to	frequently enough to be obvious to the
	overtures from others. For example, a person who	casual observer and interfere with
	speaks simple sentences, whose interaction is limited to	functioning in a variety of contexts.
	narrow special interests, and who has markedly odd	Distress and/or difficulty changing focus
	nonverbal communication.	or action.
Level 1: "Requiring	Without supports in place, deficits in social	Inflexibility of behavior causes significant
support"	communication cause noticeable impairments.	interference with functioning in one or
	Difficulty initiating social interactions, and clear	more contexts. Difficulty switching
	examples of atypical or unsuccessful responses to	between activities. Problems of
	overtures of others. May appear to have decreased	organization and planning hamper
	interest in social interactions. For example, a person	independence.
	who is able to speak in full sentences and engages in	
	communication but whose to-and-fro conversation with	
	others fails, and whose attempts to make friends are	
	odd and typically unsuccessful.	

3. The Supports Intensity Scale (Thompson et al., 2004).

The SIS has been widely used to assist in the planning of individualized supports for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The SIS is empirically based, has been field tested, and has excellent psychometric properties. The SIS may be a useful tool in identifying support needs of students with ASD. Please note, although norm-referenced on a population of individuals with intellectual disabilities and related developmental disabilities, the population overlap does not consume the spectrum of individuals with ASD, as there are no separate norms for individuals with ASD. For those with ASD whose intellectual functioning and social communication abilities are higher, the SIS may not be as appropriate a tool to determine support needs. The tool is divided into 3 sections (a) the Supports Needs Scale, (b) Supplemental Protection and Advocacy Scale, and (c) Exceptional Medial and Behavioral Support Needs. Each section is described in Table 2. A Supports Intensity Level is determined based on the Total Support Needs Index which is a standard score generated from scores on the 6 subscales mentioned in Table 2.

Section	Section description
The Supports Needs Scale	Consists of 49 life activities that are grouped into six subscales: Home Living, Community Living, Lifelong Learning, Employment, Health and Safety, and Social activities.
Supplemental Protection and Advocacy Scale	Measures 8 activities, but the score from this section is not used in the determination of the total Support Intensity Score.
Exceptional Medical and Behavioral Support Needs	 Measures supports needs in 15 medical conditions and 13 problem behaviors commonly associated with intellectual disabilities. An underlying assumption is that certain medical conditions and challenging behaviors predict that a person will require increased levels of support, regardless of her or his relative intensity of support needs in other life areas. When completing this scale, the support needs for each life activity are examined with regard to three measures of support need: frequency, daily support time, and type of support.

Table 2. Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) Sections and Descriptions



Table 3. Secondary Practices by Identifying Criteria

Secondary	Identification	Level of	Level of social	Level of	Level of	DSM-5	Associated	Associated	Use of
practice	or diagnosis	intellectual	communication	behavior	language	Severity	with known	with another	Supports
		functioning	described	described	impairment	Level	medical,	neuro-	Intensity
						Unknown	genetic	developmental,	Scale (SIS)
							condition, or	mental, or	
							environmental	behavioral	
							factor	disorder	
Taxonomy C	Category: Stude	ent-Focused I	Planning practice	s include IE	P Developme	ent, Plannir	ng Strategies, and	d Student Partici	pation
Person	Autism n=8	Yes	Unknown			Х			
centered	Asperger	(according							
planning to	Disorder n=2	to ABAS-II							
teach	PDD NOS n=2	$M_1 = 6.42;$							
future	(ADOS was	$M_2 = 6.75)$							
expectation	used to								
s (Hagner	confirm								
et al., 2012)	presence of								
	ASD; cutoff								
	for ASD n=27;								
	cutoff for								
	autism n=20)								
Post-school	ASD n=9	Unknown	Unknown			Х			
achieveme									
nt through									
higher									
learning									
skills									



(PATHS) to							
teach self-							
awareness,							
advocacy,							
career and							
college							
preparation							
(Lindstrom							
et al., 2013)							
Self-	PDD-NOS	No	Unknown		Х		
Advocacy		(according					
Strategy IEP		to IQ score)					
to teach							
student							
involvemen							
t in the IEP							
meeting							
(Hammer,							
2004)						 	
Self-	ASD	Yes	Unknown		Х		
directed IEP		(according					
to teach		to non-					
student		verbal IQ					
involvemen		score -					
t in the IEP		mild)					
meeting							
(Arndt et							
al. <i>,</i> 2006)							



Take	ASD n=3	Unknown	Unknown		Х		
Charge							
curriculum							
to teach							
self-							
determinati							
on skills,							
knowledge							
and							
engagemen							
t in							
educational							
planning,							
persistence							
in school							
(Powers et							
al., 2012)							
Take	ASD n=4	Unknown	Unknown		Х		
Charge							
curriculum							
to teach							
self-							
determinati							
on skills,							
knowledge							
and							
engagemen							
t in							
educational							



planning, persistence in school									
al., 2013)									
Whose	Autism n=7	Unknown	Unknown			Х			
Future Is It?		(IQ not							
to teach		disaggregat							
self-		ed by							
determinati		disability)							
on skills									
(Lee et al.,									
2011)									
Taxonomy C	ategory: Stude	ent Developm	nent practices inc	lude Asses	sment, Acade	mic, Life/	Social/Emotional	skills, Employme	nt and
Occupationa	l skills, Studen	t Supports, a	nd Instructional C	Context		-			
Anchored	Autism n=27	Unknown	Unknown			Х			
instruction									
to teach									
math									
(Bottge et									
al., 2014)									
Collaborati	ASD n=3	No	1) Unknown				2) ADHD	3) Anxiety	
ve Strategic	1) Autism	(according	2) Yes,				3) ADHD	disorder	
Reading -	2) Autism	to inclusion	reported						
High School	3)Asperger's	criteria:	speech						
(Reutebuch		reading on	impairment						
et al., 2015)		at least a							
		second-							
		grade							



		instructiona I level with an IQ in the low- average to above- average range (80 and above))					
Computer- based video instruction to teach students to read grocery aisle sign words and locate items in actual grocery store in response to a	1) Autism (CARS - moderate range of autism)	Unknown	Unknown		X		
shopping							



list and a typed word shopping list (Mechling et al., 2002)							
Differential reinforcem ent to teach response latency and task completion (Donohue et al., 2012)	Profound autism n=1	Yes	Yes, reported severely limited verbal skills		X	Yes, reported self-injurious behavior, physical aggression, noncompliance , disruptive behavior, and perseveration	
Direct community instruction combined with videotape modeling to promote generalizati on of shopping skills	Autism n=17	Unknown	Unknown		X		



(Haring et al., 1995)							
EnvisionIT	Autism n=17	Unknown	Unknown		Х		
curriculum							
to teach							
information							
technology							
skills							
(Lombardi							
et al., 2017)							
External	Autism n=1	Yes, mild to	Unknown		Х		
prompt to		moderate	(spoke in				
teach		ID	complete				
orienting		(SBIS=67)	sentences)				
responses							
to the							
environme							
nt to							
decrease							
stereotypic							
behavior							
(Frea,							
1997)							
Graphic	ASD n=3	1) Yes,	3) minimally		Х		
organizers		borderline	verbal				
to teach		to mild ID					
reading		according					
comprehen		to Full-					
		Scale IQ of					



sion (Zakas		69 and					
et al., 2013)		adaptive					
		behavior					
		scores					
		2) Yes, mild					
		ID					
		according					
		to Full-					
		Scale IQ of					
		61 and					
		borderline					
		adaptive					
		behavior					
		scores					
		3) Yes,					
		borderline					
		range of					
		intellectual					
		functioning					
		and					
		moderately					
		low to low					
		adaptive					
		behavior					
		scores					
Graphic	ASD n=3	Yes,	Unknown		Х		
organizers	(inclusion	inclusion					
to teach	criteria was	criteria was					
science	met DSM-4	IQ score					



(Knight et	criteria for	that				
al., 2013)	ASD)	characteriz				
		es student				
		as having a				
		moderate				
		to severe ID				
		(IQ = <55)				
		1)				
		moderate				
		ID, IQ 44				
		according				
		to Universal				
		Nonverbal				
		Intelligence				
		Test				
		2)				
		moderate				
		ID, IQ 40				
		according				
		to				
		Woodcock				
		Johnson				
		Tests of				
		Achieveme				
		nt III				
		3)				
		moderate				
		ID, IQ 55				



		according					
		Leiter					
Individual	Autism (one	1) Yes - ID	Yes, nonverbal,		Х		
work	transition-	(Leiter-	communicated				
system to	aged	R=64;	wants, needs,				
teach on-	participant.	severe	and emotions				
task	20-years old)	autistic	via a Dynvox				
behavior		range on					
and work		CARS; SIB-					
completion		R= very					
skills		limited					
(Hume &		range;					
Odom,		VABS					
2007)		composite=					
		23)					
Mobile	ASD	Unknown	Unknown		Х		
video							
modeling							
to teach							
interview							
skills							
(Hayes et							
al., 2015)							
Mnemonics	Autism n=5	Unknown	Unknown		Х		
to teach							
social							
studies							
vocabulary							
(Marshak &							



Mastropieri , 2011)							
Multicomp	1) Autistic	1) Yes	1) Yes		Х		
onent	2) Autistic	, (according	, (according to				
interventio	3) Autistic	to Stanford	Mecham				
n (i.e	,	Binet (L-M)	Verbal Lang				
choice		2) Yes	Dev Scale)				
embedding.		(according	2) Yes				
functional		to Stanford	, (according to				
communica		Binet (L-M)	Mecham				
tion		3) Yes	Verbal Lang				
training,		(according	Dev Scale)				
building		to Stanford	3) Yes				
tolerance		Binet (L-M)	(according to				
for delay of			Mecham				
reinforcem			Verbal Lang				
ent, and			Dev Scale)				
presentatio							
n of							
discriminati							
ve stimuli							
for non-							
problem							
behaviors)							
to teach							
how to							
complete							
shopping							



trip in community (Carr & Carlson, 1993)							
Multicomp	ASD n=3	1)	Able to		Х		
onent		Unknown	communicate				
interventio		2) SBIS-5 th	using verbal				
n including		full scale	and written				
scaffolded		IQ=74	forms				
instruction		3)	1) Received				
of a		Unknown	speech				
character			therapy; CELF-				
event map			4, Core				
plus review			Language				
of the			measure in 5th				
previous			percentile and				
session's			1 st percentile				
map to			on Expressive				
make a			Language				
prediction			measure				
about the			2)Received				
coming			speech				
chapter) to			therapy; CELF-				
increase			4, Core				
narrative			language				
text			measure in the				
comprehen			27 th percentile				
sion			and 9 th				



							1
			percentile on				
			Expressive				
			language				
			measure				
			3) Received				
			speech				
			therapy; CELF-				
			4, Language				
			scores both in				
			the 1 st				
			percentile				
Multicomp	ASD	Yes (1	Unknown		Х		
onent PMI	(used CARS-2	student					
(i.e. <i>,</i> peer	to determine	reported to					
training	severity of	have mild					
and	autism;	ID and 1					
participant	required	borderline					
instruction	extensive	intellectuall					
on the use	support	у					
of text	needs)	functioning					
cues) to)					
teach							
assertive							
conversatio							
nal skills,							
initiating,							
asking							
follow-up							
questions,							



and							
commentin							
g; Bambara							
et al., 2018)							
Multimedia	1) Autism	Yes, mild ID	Unknown		Х		
computer-		(Stanford-					
based		Binet-4=62)					
program							
using video							
captions							
and still							
photograph							
s to teach							
students to							
read aisle							
signs and							
locate							
items in a							
grocery							
store							
(Mechling,							
2004)							
Multimedia	1) Autism	Yes, mild ID	Yes, difficulty		Х		
instruction		(Stanford-	with auditory				
to teach		Binet-4=62)	processing and				
students to			receptive				
generalize			language				
the							
association							



of grocery							
aisle sign							
words with							
words on							
their list in							
order to							
locate							
items in							
vivo							
(Mechling							
& Gast,							
2003)							
Multimedia	Autism n=1	Yes,	Unknown		Х		
social		reported					
stories to		moderate					
teach		ID					
knowledge							
of adult							
outcomes							
(Richter &							
Test, 2011)							
Multimodal	ASD	No,	Unknown		Х		
Anxiety and	diagnosis	inclusion					
Social Skills	(n=15)	criteria =					
Interventio	reported by:	current					
ns (MASSI)	ADOS,	verbal IQ of					
to teach	Autism n=3	70 or above					
social	Asperger's	and no					
responsive	n=11	previous					



ness (White	PDD-NOS n=1	diagnosis of						
et al., 2013)	Reported	ID						
	mean verbal							
	IQ, and							
	adaptive							
	behavior							
	scores							
Peer	Autism	1) No, IQ of	3) history of		Х	1) ADHD	1) LD,	
directed	diagnosis as	102	communication			3) ADHD	Depression,	
novel	identified in	according	impairments				history of social	
question	school	to WISC-IV					impairment,	
training to	records and	and					engaged in skin	
teach	the CARS-2	adaptive					picking	
conversatio	1) mild to	behavior					2) Anxiety	
n skills	moderate	composite					Disorder	
(Reilly et	ASD (CARS-	of 34					3) history of	
al., 2014)	2=28),	according					social skills	
	historical	to BASC-2)					deficits	
	diagnosis of	2)Yes,						
	Asperger's	reported						
	2) mild to	mild ID but						
	moderate	IQ was 56						
	ASD (CARS-	according						
	2=41),	to WISC-IV						
	historical	and						
	diagnosis of	adaptive						
	PDD-NOS	behavior						
	3) severe ASD	composite						
	(CARS-2=50),	of 74						



	historical	3) Yes,					
	diagnosis of	reported					
	PDD-NOS	mild ID, IQ					
		of 60					
		according					
		to					
		Stanford-					
		Binet					
		Intelligence					
		Test-4 th ed.					
		and					
		adaptive					
		behavior					
		composite					
		of 76					
		according					
		to ABAS					
Peer	ASD n=32				Х		
assisted	ASD & ID						
instruction/	n=10						
support to							
teach social							
interactions							
(Carter et							
al., 2016)							
Peer	1) Autism	1)	1) No (per		Х		
mediation,	(CARS=19.5;	Unknown	inclusion				
self-	ABC=8, few	2) Yes (PEP-	criteria of				
monitoring,	ritualistic/ste	R=4.5	language and				



peer monitoring, and reinforcem ent to	reotypic behaviors 2) Autism (CARS=31.5; ABC=72, mild	years, participant was 13 yrs old) 3) Yes (PEP-	comprehension skills sufficient to respond to peer mediation)				
initiations		N-4.4	2) same as				
and	boboviors)	years,	$\frac{1}{2}$				
lintoractions	2) Auticm	participant	s) same as				
Morrison	CAPS-22		above				
	ABC = 74 mild	010)					
ct al., 2001)	to moderate						
	autistic						
	behaviors)						
Peer	,				x		
mediated							
instruction							
to teach							
conversatio							
nal skills							
during							
lunch							
(Bambara							
et al., 2016)							
Peer	ASD n=4	1) Yes,	1) Yes,		Х	1) Social skills	
network	(inclusion	reported	communication			deficits	
interventio	criteria of	ID,	domain in the			according to	
ns to teach	educational	adaptive	1 st percentile			SSIS	
peer	or medical	behavior				(Appropriate	



interactions	diagnosis of	composite	according to			social skills =	
, social	ASD)	score of 68	VABS-II			8th percentile,	
engagemen	1) mild to	and	2) Yes,			demonstrating	
t (Hochman	moderate	communica	communication			problem	
et al., 2015)	ASD	tion	domain in the			behaviors =	
	according to	domain in	1 st percentile			82 nd percentile,	
	score of 32.5	first	according to			academic	
	on CARS-2	percentile	VABS-II			competence =	
	2) mild to	on VABS-II	3) Yes,			61 st percentile)	
	moderate	= low	reported			Social skills	
	ASD	overall	minimally			deficits	
	according to	adaptive	verbal			according to	
	score of 32.5	functioning	4) Yes,			SSIS	
	on CARS-2	2) Yes <i>,</i>	although			(Appropriate	
	3) severe ASD	reported	participant			social skills =	
	according	ID,	could initiate			17 th percentile,	
	score of 52	adaptive	conversation			demonstrating	
	on CARS-2	behavior	and maintain			problem	
	4) severe ASD	composite	interactions for			behaviors =	
	according	score of 68	up to two			96 th percentile,	
	score of 40.5	3) Yes <i>,</i>	exchanges,			academic	
	on CARS-2	reported	conversations			competence =	
		ID, adaptive	were typically			26 th percentile)	
		behavior	limited to			Social skills	
		composite	narrow			deficits	
		score of 46	personal			according to	
		(below 1 st	interests			SSIS	
		percentile)				(Appropriate	
						social skills = 1 st	



		4) Yes,					percentile,	
		reported					demonstrating	
		ID, adaptive					problem	
		behavior					behaviors =	
		composite					91 st percentile,	
		score of 60					academic	
		(below 1 st					competence =	
		percentile)					3rd percentile)	
							4) Social skills	
							deficits	
							according to	
							SSIS	
							(Appropriate	
							social skills =	
							10 th percentile,	
							demonstrating	
							problem	
							behaviors =	
							97 th	
							percentile,	
							academic	
							competence =	
							1 st percentile)	
Peer	1)	1)	Unknown		Х	1) ADHD	1) ODD	
networks	Autism/OHI	VABS=18 th						
to facilitate	(used CARS	percentile;						
increased	to determine	SSIS=47 th						
social	he was in the	percentile						
interactions	10 th	in academic						



(Gardner et	percentile for	competenc					
al., 2014)	ASD	e					
	symptom	2) VABS=					
	levels)	<1					
	2)	percentile;					
	Primary=ID;	SSIS=3 rd					
	Secondary=A	percentile					
	SD (used	in academic					
	CARS to	competenc					
	determine he	е					
	was in the						
	severe range,						
	72nd						
	percentile,						
	for ASD						
	symptom						
	levels)						
Peer	Autism, n=6	Unknown	Unknown		Х		
tutoring to							
teach							
science							
(McDuffie							
et al., 2009)							
Photograph	Autism	Yes	Yes, severe		Х		
ic activity			language				
schedules			deficits				
taught with							
graduated							
guidance to							



teach on-							
task and							
on-							
schedule							
behavior							
(MacDuff et							
al. <i>,</i> 1993)							
Self-	Autism n=1				Х		
determined							
learning							
model of							
instruction							
to teach							
goal							
attainment							
(Lee et al.,							
2008)							
Self-	Autism n=2	No,	Unknown		Х		
manageme		according					
nt		to IQ scores					
procedure		1) Full-scale					
with		IQ102,					
modeling		Performanc					
to teach		e IQ 112,					
social		Verbal IQ					
communica		94 on WISC					
tive		2) SBIS					
behaviors		scores					
		ranged					



(Koegel &		from 60 to						
Frea, 1993)		91						
Self- manageme nt strategy instruction to teach leisure skills and physical activity (Todd &	Autism n=3 (All participants diagnosed as having autism according to DSM-4)	No details reported but participants attended a school for individuals with ID	Yes, all were reported to be nonverbal		X	3) Congenital fiber-type disproportion	 Self- mutilation Anxiety Anxiety, Aggressive behaviors towards self and others 	
Reid, 2006)								
Self- Regulated Strategy Developme nt + POW Tree to teach self- advocacy through persuasive writing (Cuenca- Sanchez et al., 2012)	Autism n=1	Unknown	Unknown		X			



Simulated	Autism and	Unknown	Unknown		Х	Emotional	
instruction	Emotional					Disability	
to teach	Disability n=1						
basic							
finance							
(purchasing							
with debit							
card,							
tracking							
expenses,							
deposits,							
financial							
decision							
making							
(Rowe &							
Test, 2012)							
Small group	HFA	No (FS IQ of	Unknown		Х		
training		70 or					
consisting		above)					
of feedback							
and self-							
manageme							
nt to teach							
question-							
asking skills							
during							
tutorial							
conversatio							
ns							



(Palmen et al., 2008)							
Social skills	Autism n=1	Yes,	Yes, reported		Х		
and sports		reported ID	echolalia				
program							
(direct							
instruction,							
modeling,							
and process							
training) to							
teach eye							
contact,							
turn taking,							
relevant							
information							
used in							
conversatio							
n							
(Alexander							
et al., 2011)							
Surviving	HFA	No	Unknown		Х	Participants	
and						excluded from	
Thriving in						study if they	
the Real						had significant	
World						aggressive	
(STRW) to						behaviors or	
teach daily						mental health	
living skills						issues that	
						required	



(Duncan et al., 2017)						treatment outside the scope of the intervention	
Take	Autism n=3	Unknown	Unknown		Х		
Action:							
Making							
Goals							
Happen							
curriculum							
to teach							
goal-setting							
and							
attainment							
(Iviartin et							
al., 2014)		N N					
Task	PDD-NOS n=2	Yes,	Unknown		Х		
analysis to		according					
with		to inclusion					
prompting		criteria all					
nierarchies		badan					
to teach to		nau an iD					
tack							
hehavior							
(McKay et							
al., 2014)							
Technology	ASD n=4	1)	Unknown		Х		
to teach	(inclusion	-, borderline	5				



math (Yakuboya	critera - met the ASD	intellectual functioning					
et al., 2015)	diagnostic	(10 = 71)					
,,	criteria	WISC-IV)					
	according to	2)					
	DSM-5	borderline					
		intellectual					
		functioning					
		(IQ = 82					
		(WIAT-II)					
		3) mild ID					
		(IQ = 70,					
		WISC-IV)					
Multicomp	Autism and	Unknown	Unknown		Х	Seizure	
onent	moderate/se					disorder n=2	
interventio	vere ID (n=3)						
n	according to						
(orientation	measures of						
lecture,	IQ and						
pre-task	adaptive						
demonstrat	behavior)						
ion <i>,</i> 5-s							
constant							
time delay)							
to teach							
safety skills							
(Winterling							
1							



TouchMath	Autism and	Yes	Yes		Х		
to teach	moderate ID	1) Full scale	1) Peabody				
mathemati	n=2	IQ = 40 on	Picture				
с		WISC V;	Vocabulary				
computatio	2) Autism,	Vineland	Test-4				
n skills	used GARS	Adaptive	receptive				
(Fletcher et		Behavior	language				
al., 2010)	3) moderate	Scale	scores very				
	autism used	scores were	low; expressive				
	CARS, score	in the low	language skills				
	was 31	range	on the				
			Expressive				
		2) Stanford	One-Word				
		Binet	Picture				
		Intelligence	Vocabulary				
		Scale-4 th ed	Test below				
		Test	average; mild				
		Composite	articulation				
		= 54;	disorder				
		Peabody					
		Picture	3) Peabody				
		Vocabulary	Picture				
		Test-R =	Vocabulary				
		moderate	Test-4				
		ID range	receptive				
			language				
		3) WISC III =	scores				
		45	extremely low				
		(moderate					



		ID); Adaptive Behavior Scale scores were in the low range					
Touch Math to teach money computatio n (Waters & Boon, 2011)	Autism n=2	Yes, dual diagnosis of mild ID 1) Full Scale IQ = 63 according to WISC-III, adaptive behavior composite = 83 according to ABAS-II 2) Full Scale IQ = 64 according to WISC-III, adaptive behavior	Unknown		X	2) Asperger's	



		= 71					
		according					
		to ABAS-II					
Video	1) Autism	1)	1) Yes		Х		
modeling	(CARS = 39.5 <i>,</i>	Unknown	(functionally				
to teach	severely		non-verbal and				
age-	autistic and		identified with				
appropriate	GARS-2=126,		secondary				
recreation	very likely		eligibility of				
and leisure	probability of		speech-				
skills (i.e.	autism)		language				
accessing	2) Autism		impairment)				
video	(GARS-2=89,		2)Yes (used				
games;	very likely		AAC device and				
Spriggs et	probability of		identified with				
al., 2016)	autism)		secondary				
			eligibility of				
			speech-				
			language				
			impairment)				
Video	ASD n=4	1) Yes,	1) Yes,		Х		
modeling	(inclusion	moderate	reported to				
to teach	criteria of	ID (IQ = 51	perseverate				
fine motor	diagnosis of	according	verbally about				
office tasks,	ASD	to WISC-III,	past events in				
gift	1)	51	which he had				
wrapping,	mild/modera	composite	made a				
completing	te autism,	score	mistake				
crafts	(CARS = 31)		2) Unknown				



(Mechling	2) moderate	according	3) Unknown				
& Ayers,	autism (no	to VABS	4) Unknown				
2012)	scores	2) Yes,					
	available)	moderate					
	3) sever	ID (IQ = 40					
	autism (CARS	according					
	= 38)	to the					
	4) moderate	WISC-III, 50					
	autism (CARS	composite					
	= 35)	score on					
		VABS)					
		3) Yes, mild					
		ID (IQ 64					
		according					
		to WISC-III,					
		64					
		composite					
		score on					
		VABS)					
		4) Yes, mild					
		ID (IQ = 54					
		according					
		to the					
		WISC-III, 64					
		composite					
		score on					
		VABS)					
Video	1) PDD-NOS	1) No	1) Unknown		Х	1) LD	
modeling	2) PDD-NOS		2) Unknown				



to teach		(according	3) Unknown				
vocational	5,100 1005	to	S, Shkhowh				
skill		cognitive/					
(Allen et al		adaptive					
2010)		functioning					
,)					
		, 2) No					
		(according					
		to					
		cognitive/					
		adaptive					
		functioning					
)					
		3) Yes					
		(according					
		to					
		cognitive/					
		adaptive					
		functioning					
		- Mild)					
Video	1) PDD	1) reported	1) reported		Х	1) reported	
modeling	2) Autism	Full Scale	speech			"learning	
to teach		IQ of 66 on	"handicaps"			disabilities",	
food		WISC-R and	2) Unknown			Williams	
preparation		Nonverbal				Syndrome	
(Lasater &		IQ = 85					
Brady,		ΤΟΝΙ					
2005)		2) No,					
		reported					



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		Full Scale					
		IQ of 95 on					
		WISC-R and					
		grade					
		equivalents					
		on WRAT-R					
Video	Autism n=4	1) Yes, IQ of	1) reported		Х		
modeling	1) no autism	58 on WNV;	speech/langua				
to teach	rating scale	64 on	ge impairment				
food	reported	ABAS-II	(pragmatic				
preparation	2) "average	(parent), 63	language				
(Smith et	probability of	on ABAS-II	disorder)				
al. <i>,</i> 2013)	autism" on	(teacher),	2) reported				
	GARS-II,	62 on VABS	speech/langua				
	"severely	2) Yes, mild	ge impairment				
	autistic"	ID, IQ of 60	3) reported				
	range on	on DAS-II,	speech/langua				
	CARS	62 on	ge				
	3) "mildly-	ABAS-II	impairment				
	moderately	(parent)	4) reported				
	autistic	and 65 on	speech/langua				
	range" on	ABAS-II	ge				
	CARS	(teacher)	impairment				
	4) mildly-	3) No, IQ					
	moderately	score of 86					
	autistic	on KABC-II;					
	range" on	no adaptive					
	CARS	behavior					



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		scores available 4) Yes, moderate ID, IQ range between 42-58 on DAS-II; 64 on ABAS-II (parent), 69					
		(toobor)					
		(leacher),					
		ST OIL VABS					
Video	Autism n=1	Yes,	Unknown		X		
modeling		secondary					
to teach		diagnosis of					
home		ID;					
maintenanc		significant					
e skills		adaptive					
(Gardner &		behavior					
Wolfe,		deficits as					
2015)		reported by					
		the ABAS					
Video	Autism n=4	1) No <i>,</i> IQ			Х	4) Down	
modeling	1) Autism	composite	1)Unknown			Syndrome	
to teach	2) ID (mild)	= 80,	2) Unknown				
home	and Autism	Stanford-	3) Unknown				
maintenanc	3) Autism	Binet	4) "basically				
e skills (Van		Intelligence	nonverbal",				



Laarhoven	4) ID	Scale-4 th	mastered PECS			
et al., 2012)	(moderate)	ed.; DAS	and learning to			
	and Autism	scores =	use DynaVox			
		borderline				
		(75) on				
		Verbal				
		Abilities,				
		average				
		(75) on				
		Nonverbal				
		Abilities,				
		and				
		average				
		(100) on				
		Spatial				
		Abilities				
		2) Yes, ID				
		mild, full				
		scale IQ =				
		65, WISC-				
		III, DAS				
		scores = 83				
		in General				
		Conceptual				
		Ability, 71				
		on Verbal				
		Abilities,				
		and 104 on				



		Nonverbal Abilities 3) No, full scale IQ = 88 (borderline) , WISC-IV 4) Yes, moderate ID, full scale IQ = 42, WISC-IV;					
Video modeling to teach home maintenanc e skills (Mechling et al., 2014)	1) Mild to moderate autism	1) Yes, moderate ID, full scale IQ = 48, Stanford Binet Intelligence Scales-5 th ed., adaptive behavior composite score of 55 on VABS	1) Unknown		X		
Video modeling to teach	ASD N=5	Unknown	Unknown		Х	1) facial dysmorphism	



leisure skills (Cannella- Malone et al., 2016)						4) mild microcephaly scaphocephaly 5) mild microcephaly scaphocephaly		
Video	ASD n= 4	1) Yes, mild	1) Unknown		Х		1) Obsessive	
modeling	(inclusion	to	2) Unknown				compulsive	
to teach	criteria of	moderate	3) Yes,				disorder	
social skills	prior	ID	standard					
(Plavnick et	diagnosis of	(Peabody	scores on the					
al., 2013)	ASD from a	Picture	Oral and					
	licensed	Vocabulary	Witten					
	psychologist	Test = low	Language					
	or	range;	Scales and the					
	psychiatrist	extremely	Test of					
	outside of	low range	Pragmatic					
	context of	of	Language =					
	study)	functioning	very low range					
		on the	of language					
		reading,	4) Unknown					
		math, and						
		written						
		language						
		subtests of						
		WJTA-4 th						
		ed., very						
		low range						
		on ABAS-2;						



	avant			
pa	arent			
ra	iting on			
BA	ASC			
ine	dicated			
cli	inically			
sig	gnificant			
со	oncern in			
th	e general			
ar	eas of			
ex	kternalizin			
ga	and			
ad	daptive			
be	ehavior)			
2)	Yes, mild			
ID				
ac	cording			
to	WISC-IV;			
sta	andard			
sc	ores on			
SI	B = low			
ra	inge of			
ad	daptive			
fu	Inctioning			
3)	Yes,			
	oderate			
ID ID)			
	4)			
	Jnknown			



Video	Autism n=4	1) No, IQ	1)Unknown		Х	4) Down	
modeling	1) Autism	composite	2) Unknown			Syndrome	
to teach	2) ID (mild)	= 80,	3) Unknown				
vocational	and Autism	Stanford-	4) "basically				
tasks (Van	3) Autism	Binet	nonverbal",				
Laarhoven	4) ID	Intelligence	mastered PECS				
et al., 2012)	(moderate)	Scale-4 th	and learning to				
	and Autism	ed.; DAS	use DynaVox				
		scores =					
		borderline					
		(75) on					
		Verbal					
		Abilities,					
		average					
		(75) on					
		Nonverbal					
		Abilities,					
		and					
		average					
		(100) on					
		Spatial					
		Abilities					
		2) Yes, ID					
		mild, full					
		scale IQ =					
		65 <i>,</i> WISC-					
		III, DAS					
		scores = 83					
		in General					



		Conceptual					
		Ability, 71					
		on Verbal					
		Abilities,					
		and 104 on					
		Nonverbal					
		Abilities					
		3) No, full					
		scale IQ =					
		88					
		(borderline)					
		, WISC-IV					
		4) Yes,					
		moderate					
		ID, full scale					
		IQ = 42.					
		WISC-IV;					
Video	1) Autism	1) Yes.	1) Yes, limited		х		
prompting	2) ASD	WAIS-IV FS	expressive				
via an iPad		10=46:	ability and				
to teach		VABS=87	limited				
independe		comnosite	recentive				
nt living		score.	ability for				
skills		SIB=46 in	understanding				
(Kellems et		Broad	verbal and				
al 2017)		Independe	writton				
ai., 2017)			directions				
		limited					
		linnited	Zjres,				
			significant				



		a)) ;					
		2) Yes,	expressive				
		WISC-IV FS	limitations and				
		IQ=40;	limited				
		VABS=69	receptive				
		composite	ability				
		score;	requiring one-				
		SIB=25 in	word				
		Broad	instructions;				
		Independe	required				
		nce, very	significant level				
		limited	of support				
			tasks and				
			activities across				
			all settings				
Videotape	Autism n=3	1) Yes,	1) Yes, "most		Х		
modeling	("conformed	"estimated	speech				
to promote	to standards	to be	consisted of				
generalizati	for diagnoses	functioning	delayed				
on of	of autism and	at the 5-	echolalic				
purchasing	development	vear-old	phrases"				
skills to	al delay with	, level of the	2) Yes.				
community	autistic	VABS"	"expressive				
stores	characteristic	2) Yes.	vocabularv				
(Haring et	s")	estimated	consisted of				
al., 1987)	- /	to be	echolalic				
		functioning	phrases but did				
		at the 4-	have functional				
		vear-old	use of ves/no				
		,	responses				
			1 0 0 0 1 3 0 3				



		level of the VABS" 3) Yes, "estimated to be functioning at the 5- year-old level of the VABS	3) Unknown						
Working at Gaining Employmen t Skills (WAGES; Murray & Doren, 2013)	Autism n=1.6	Unknown	Unknown			X			
Taxonomy C Delivery	ategory: Intera	agency Collab	oration practices	s include th	nose related to	o Collabo	rative Framework	and Collaborativ	e Service
CIRCLES to teach self- determinati on and IEP meeting participatio n (Flowers et al., 2018)	ASD	Unknown	Unknown			X			



Project ASD n=40 Unknown Unknown X	
SEARCH to Diagnoses	
teach included:	
employmen Autism; PDD-	
t status, NOS,	
hours Asperger's	
worked,	
benefits,	
adaptive	
behavior	
(Wehmen	
et al., 2014)	
Project 1) ASD Unknown Unknown X	
SEARCH to 2) Asperger	
teach syndrome	
social,	
communica	
tion, and	
job skills	
(Wehman	
et al., 2012)	
Transition Autism n=1 Yes, IQ Unknown X	
Choices scores for	
Program to participants	
teach with	
asking for developme	
assistance ntal delays	
and ranged	
respecting	



the		from 34 to					
preferences		61					
of others in							
daily school							
routines							
(Stowitsche							
k et al.,							
1999)							
Video	ASD n=15	Unknown	Unknown		Х		
modeling							
(VidCoach)							
to teach							
interviewin							
g skills							
(Hayes et							
al., 2015)							
Parent	ASD	Unknown	Unknown		Х		
training to							
teach							
parent							
knowledge							
of							
transition							
services							
(Young et							
al., 2016)							
Self-	Autism n=4	Unknown	Unknown		Х	Yes, inclusion	
determined						criteria: a score	
learning						of 63 or above	



model of		on internalizing
instruction		OR external
to teach		behavior scale
goal		on the Korean-
attainment		Child Behavior
(Family-		Checklist
Involved		
SDLMI; Kim		
& Park,		
2012)		

Note: ABAS-II = Adaptive Behavior Assessment System II; ABC=Autism Behavior Checklist; ASD=Autism Spectrum Disorder; CARS=Childhood Autism Rating Scale; CELF-4=Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals-4; DAS-II = Differential Ability Scales II; GARS-II=Gilliam Autism Rating Scale; HFA=High Functioning Autism; ID=Intellectual Disability; KABC-II = Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children II, PDD-NOS=Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified; PEP=Psychoeducational Profile-Revised; QRI-5=Qualitative Reading Inventory-5; SBIS=Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scales; SIB=Scales of Independent Behavior; VABS=Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scale; WJTA=Wechsler Intelligence Tests of Achievement; WNV = The Wechsler Nonverbal Scale of Ability

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