

Bluetooth and Observation for Social Skills (BOSS)

Project BOSS will investigate the effectiveness and feasibility of developing social skills in a high school age population using **Bluetooth technology** and **video self-modeling**.





Immediate Feedback

The concept for the Bluetooth coaching with video observation has proven effective in the instantaneous prompting of teaching procedures in novice teachers (Rock, Gregg, et al 2010; Scheeler, McAfee, Ruhl, & Lee, 2006).

Video modeling research conducted by Delano (2007) suggests that video modeling can be a successful intervention when used with individuals with autism.



Social skills instruction for adolescents ages 18-21 with exceptionalities such as autism, Down syndrome, and learning disabilities, has become the focus of many transition programs which provide students with job skills instruction.

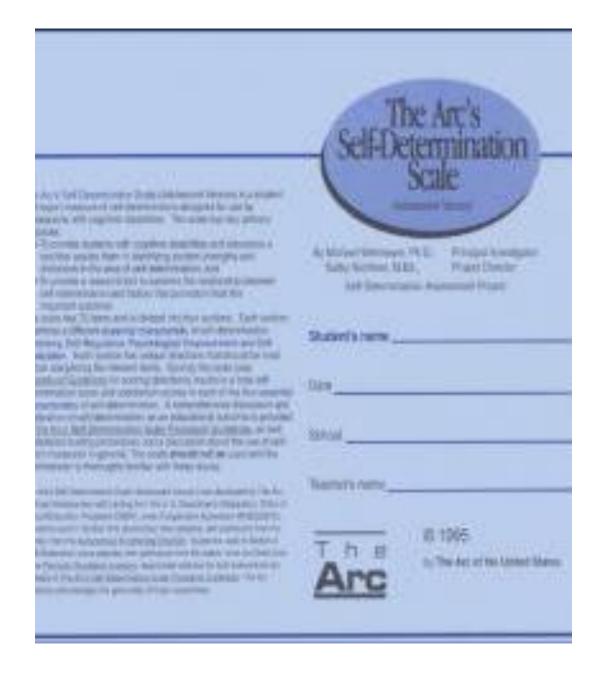


Setting CrossingPoints Transition Program

- Serves adolescents ages 18-21 with disabilities
- Collaborative program between The Tuscaloosa City and County School systems and the University of Alabama
- 23 students
- Two teachers, three para-professionals and a variety of practicum students, Interns and volunteers

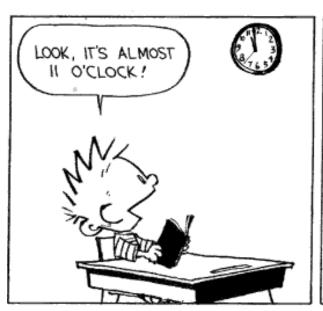
Participants for Project BOSS

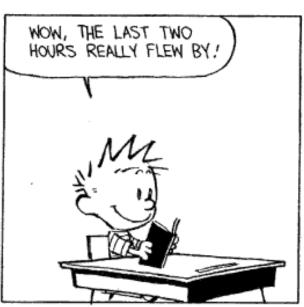
Selected from pool of CrossingPoints students who scored at least in the 60th percentile on the Wehmeyer Arc self-determination scale

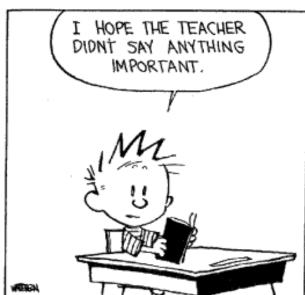


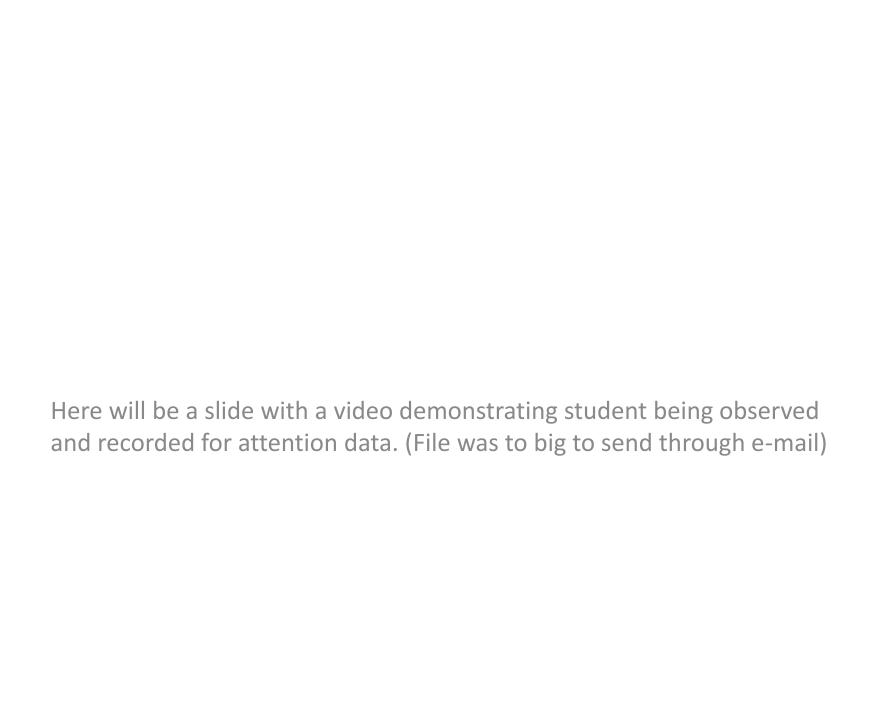
Targeted Skills

- Attention
- Engaged Conversation
- Table Manners
- Active listening









Baseline Data

Start Time	End Time	Teacher close by	Attention	Teacher Close by	Non Attention	Out of Seat	Setting	Lesson
1:29pm	1:45pm	no	0:11	no	0:46		Classroom	Group lesso
		yes	3:01	no	2:46			
		no	0:33	no	0:10			
		no	0:13	no	3:17			
				no	1:23			
			3:58		8:22			
1:06pm	1:31	yes	1:03	yes	0:18		Classroom	Whole grou
		yes	1:45	yes	0:14			, g
		yes	0:16	yes	0:08			
		yes	0:26	yes	1:41			
		yes	0:09	yes	2:15			
		yes	0:30	yes	0:45			
		yes	0:15	yes	0:13			
		yes	0:12	yes	4:33			
		Direct engagement	0:33	yes	0:44			
		yes	0:41	yes	0:59			
		yes	0:28	yes				
			6:18		11:50			
8:19am	8:31am	no	0:04	no	0:07		Classroom	Whole group
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		no	0:11	no	0:55			
		no	1:01	no	0:41			
		mo	0:14	no	0:45			
		no	0:09	no	0:06			
		no	0:19	no	0:13			
		no	0:05	no	1:22			
		no	0:19	no	0:13			
		Direct engagement	2:23	no	1:28			
			5:01		5:59			

Bluetooth Intervention

Date	Start Time	End Time	Teacher close by	Prompts	Praise	Lesson					
9/1/11	10:16	10:54		17							
9/14/11	12:45	1:00		2	6						
9/19/11	1:25	1:45		9	20	Respecting space					
9/27/11	12:55	1:44		17	5	Exercise video	Student acted as if he could not hear me during this session				
9/28/11	12:59	1:30		10	17	token economy		1			

Prompts used: Pay attention(name)

Praise used: Good Job (name)

Slide will be here showing student being observed and recorded for data collection on engaged conversation.

CrossingPoints Student Name: Date: Type of Type of Answer- How Opportunity Answer Teacher/Lesson to Respond Setting (Y/N) many words 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd

Engaged Conversation Assessment

- Frequency of vocabulary used: tabulation of an individual's words spoken in an instructional setting
- Frequency of sentences used: tabulation of individual sentences spoken in an instructional setting
- Frequency of stuttering: tabulation of an individual's word blocks, injections and repetitions that interfere with the communication of an interaction in an instructional setting
- Mean utterance length: computed by tabulating an individuals number of words stated in an instructional setting divided by the individuals number of phrases spoken in the instructional setting
- Frequency of pauses: tabulation of occurrences of silence during an individual's spoken participation in an instructional setting
- Duration of pauses: measure of length of time of silence during an individuals spoken participation in an instructional setting