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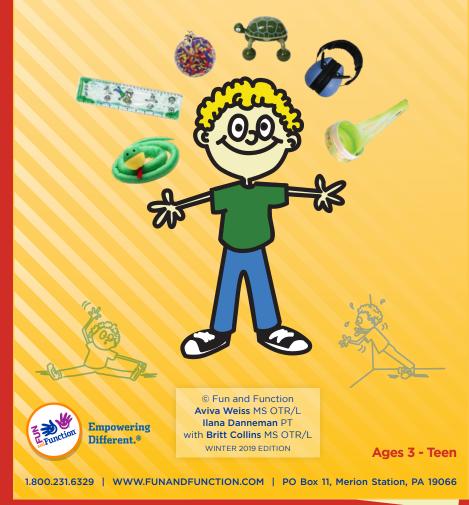
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## **10-MINUTE STRATEGIES**

Re-Focus Tired, Hyper or Restless Students without leaving the classroom!

BREAK BOX AND BREAK BAG SOLD SEPARATELY



FACT: Sensory-Motor Breaks are Helpful for Learning.

## **MYTH:** It takes a lot of time, money and space.

Before reading these words, did you take a sip of water, stretch, or shift your chair? Of course! Even small movements can sharpen your focus, providing sensory input to perk up or calm down.

Now take it to the next level for you and your students! This Guide offers sensorymotor strategies that can be integrated into the daily routine or used spontaneously with problem behavior. As children learn how to regulate their emotions and ease into the just-right state, there is often a significant improvement in attitude, attention and learning.

## How does "your engine run"? Which "regulation zone" are you in right now? Need a "brain break"?

The terms differ but the idea is the same: Being able to identify how you feel is the first step in self-regulating emotions. Once you know whether you're feeling tired or restless, frustrated or angry, sleepy or hyper, you can choose the most helpful movement strategy.

## How much space is required for sensory-motor breaks?

No extra space is required. Sensory and movement-based activities are done while seated or standing at the desk, or in the back of the room or hallway.

### Who needs a sensory-motor break?

We all need breaks, but some children and adults need "sensory strategies" with daily activities to help self-regulate. (A person with Sensory Processing Disorder can have difficulty receiving, interpreting and acting upon messages from the senses, a kind of "neurological traffic jam.")

### What are clues that it's time for a sensory-motor break?

Staring off in space Wiggling or not sitting still Fists clenched in frustration Fidgeting with everything Falling asleep in class Chewing on pencils or clothing Slouching or falling off chair Shouting out Hitting or throwing objects Crying Biting nails, shirt or objects

## What if there isn't time in the schedule?

Taking a few minutes for a sensory break is vital. Movement often helps with learning and concentration (see Results at a Glance).

## Do I need additional staff to implement these strategies?

No. Sensory-motor breaks are designed to be simple and work with the flow of your classroom. Over time, many students can learn to do these strategies independently, with little or no guidance.

## Is this for every student?

Some activities are geared to the entire class to improve attention and academic performance. The tools in the Break Box support individual students in self-regulation, minimizing disruptive behavior and maximizing achievement.

### Let's get started!

## **RESULTS** AT A GLANCE

Over time, you'll see which strategies are most effective for your class, and for individual students. Keep track of your observations in the space provided in this guide.

Below are the results of several formal studies:

According to seven studies involving elementary school students, regular physical activity breaks during the school day may enhance academic performance, focus and behavior in the classroom.\*

A study in North Carolina showed that providing elementary school students with a daily 10-minute physical activity break increased on-task behavior significantly, while a break without physical activity decreased on-task behavior.\*\*

A study from the University of Illinois found that students performed better on reading comprehension, math and spelling when they had a 20-minute period of physical activity immediately preceding the test.\*\*

After exercise, brain-wave readings showed that children with ADHD were better able to regulate their behavior and focus. All the children showed scholastic improvement after brief periods of exercise.<sup>\*\*\*</sup>

To learn about the impact in classrooms, visit FunandFunction.com/Behavioral-Interventions and download the White Paper.

<sup>\*</sup>Trost, S.G. Active Education: Physical Education, Physical Activity and Academic Performance: Research Brief. San Diego, CA: Active Living Research, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Summer, 2009.

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Notes

## Quick movements can improve attention:

- Jumping jacks
- Wall push ups
- Deep breathing
- Running in place
- Chair pushups
- Push up High fives
- Hand and shoulder stretches
- Deep breathing exercises

Water breaks and bathroom breaks can be helpful too.

## Add a little extra movement during classroom transitions:

- Walk like a bear
- Hop like a frog
- Crawl like a snake
- Walk like a crab
- Do the army crawl
- Walk backwards
- Gallop like a horse
- Skip high, skip low
- Move slowly like a turtle
- Fly like a butterfly

## Sensory-Motor Breaks (THERAPY TOOLS IN BREAK BOX

OR SOLD SEPARATELY)

## Heavy Work - Strategies for wiggly or restless behavior

- **ACTIVITIES** Push, pull, stretch, crawl, or move objects with resistance or weight.
- **BENEFITS** Provides proprioceptive input to the muscles and joints.
- **OUTCOME** Helps children with self-regulation and focus.
- EXAMPLES



## Sensory Input and Deep Pressure - Strategies for hyperactive behavior

- **ACTIVITIES** Interact with accessories that have adjustable amounts of weights.
- **BENEFITS** Provides soothing deep pressure and orients body in relation to space.
- **OUTCOME** Calming movement for children who are constantly touching, crashing, or mouthing. Supports children with limited body awareness who bump into things or slump.

## EXAMPLES



## Calm and Regulate Mood - Strategies for uncontrolled emotions

- **ACTIVITIES** Identify how you feel (even if you're not sure), and choose helpful activities.
- **BENEFITS** Provides means for self-regulation and smoother transitions.
- **OUTCOME** Helps children manage frustration and anxiety, and re-energize.
- EXAMPLES

### **REGGIE REGULATION RULER**



YOGA DECK FOR KIDS ON THE BALL



EMOTIONS PUTTY (CALM OR ENERGIZE) PUTTY ELEMENTS (4 LEVELS OF RESISTANCE)

## Tactile Input - Strategies for Distracted Behavior

- **ACTIVITIES** Toss, catch and touch objects with different textures.
- **BENEFITS** Provides tactile experiences in a playful, non-threatening way.
- **OUTCOME** Helps children interpret touch sensations and stimulation, and supports relaxation.



## **De-Stress or Wake Muscles: Strategies for Tense or Tired Behavior**

**ACTIVITIES** Massage or apply gentle vibration to the back, shoulders, arms and legs.

- **BENEFITS** Provides deep pressure and joint compression.
- **OUTCOME** Helps children relieve stress, re-energize and focus.

**EXAMPLES** 



## Work out the Wiggles - Strategies for Distracted Behavior

- ACTIVITIES Sit on gel-filled cushions or seating cushions with adjustable air inflation, each with tactile features.
- **BENEFITS** Provides subtle movement to improve blood flow to the brain and the entire body.
- **OUTCOME** Supports a low-energy child to pay closer attention, and supports a highenergy child in an active approach to learning.

**EXAMPLES** 



## **Reduce distractions - Strategies for auditory-sensitive behavior**

**ACTIVITIES** Wear adjustable headsets that filter noise but allow wearer to hear direct conversation.

**BENEFITS** Provides noise-cancelling and immediate relief.

**OUTCOME** Supports children who are hypersensitive to sounds and easily distracted or jarred by noise.

## EXAMPLES



NOISE REDUCTION HEADPHONES

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## Release stress and excess energy - Strategies for fidgeting and oral motor needs

- **ACTIVITIES** Fidget with stretchy or squishy hand-held objects. Suck, blow or chew objects safe for mouthing.
- **BENEFITS** Intentional fidgeting can help focus the brain on primary tasks and increase attention. Chewing and oral motor stimulation can act as a filter to reduce stress.

DISCOVERY PUTTY

**OUTCOMES** Helps children relieve pressure and concentrate.

CHEWY PENCIL TOPPERS (5 STYLES)

EXAMPLES

### GEL FIDGET BALLS WITH KEYCHAIN









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**BUSY FINGERS** 



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## Improve eye-hand coordination - Strategies for fine motor control

- **ACTIVITIES** Learn to button, zipper, buckle and snap. Recognize right and left hand movements.
- **BENEFITS** Strengthens fine motor skills and visual processing.
- **OUTCOME** Makes learning a whole body experience, especially for young children.
- EXAMPLES



## **Frequently-used Terms**

**SENSORY PROCESSING** is the way the brain receives, interprets and responds to messages from the senses. Sensory Processing is also referred to as Sensory Integration.

**SENSORY PROCESSING DISORDER** (SPD) is a condition in which the brain has trouble receiving and responding appropriately to sensory information. Disruptive behavior, motor clumsiness, anxiety, depression, and challenges in performing everyday tasks may result if the disorder is not treated properly.

## Three key sensory systems impact a child's development:

- **PROPRIOCEPTIVE SYSTEM** receives sensory stimulus from the muscles and joints, providing the ability to know where your body is in space.
- **VESTIBULAR SYSTEM**, with receptors in the inner ear, respond to movement and gravity, affecting eye movement, balance, posture, muscle tone and attention.
- **TACTILE SYSTEM** receives stimulus from the receptors in the skin, providing information about the environment and informing of the difference between harmful and beneficial touch.



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- Differences between ASD, SPD, and ADHD
- Impact on behavior and concentration
- Proven strategies for inside/outside the classroom
- Incorporating movement in daily routines
- Empowering students with ability to self-regulate
- Building a powerful tool chest for sensory-motor activities
- Maximizing the impact of Sensory Rooms and Break Boxes
- Enabling administration and teachers to track results and progress

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- Beverly Bernstein, OROT Educational Director



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**Behavior Tracking** 

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 1. Distracted/Staring into Space \_\_\_\_\_\_
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 2. Wiggling/Not Sitting Still \_\_\_\_\_\_
 7. Shouting Out \_\_\_\_\_\_

 3. Talking out of Turn \_\_\_\_\_\_
 8. Hitting \_\_\_\_\_\_

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- 4. Fidgeting with Everything \_\_\_\_
- 5. Falling Asleep \_

- 9. Throwing Objects \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Crying \_

### 11. Biting Nails or Objects \_

12. Chewing on Pencils or Clothing \_\_\_\_\_

13. Other \_\_\_\_

14. Other \_

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## Student Self-Regulation Tool

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