

Behavior Clip Chart System

We strongly believe that all students have the right to learn in a safe and productive environment. We know students thrive on positive recognition and praise. Our teachers work hard to create an environment of friendship and mutual respect in the classroom. We teach students that life is about choices and encourage students to make good choices daily. Our teachers strive for consistency and start the school year with clear expectations. When problems arise, they are dealt with directly and involve natural and logical consequences.

The classrooms at JRES use the clip chart behavior management system. This system promotes positive behavior choices and encourages students to self-monitor their own behavior. Older grades may use a modified version but the philosophy is still the same. Learn more about the clip chart @ <http://bit.do/baKj4>.

How It Works

Each student has a clothespin labeled with his/her name, and begins the day clipped to the center of the chart. The center of the chart is green in color and is labeled Ready To Learn. During the course of the school day, students have the opportunity to move their clothespin up or down the chart according to their behavioral choices—clip up or clip down. Positive behavior choices allow the student to move his/her clothespin up one level; conversely, inappropriate behavior choices cause the clothespin to move down one level. Clipping down not a bad thing. We are teaching expectations and procedures and if a student clips down it is just a way to let them know that a certain behavior needs to be corrected. Once they have fixed that behavior, the students will clip back up to allow the student to reflect and recover.

Clip Chart Advantages

- Students are acknowledged for positive behavior choices. Students feel a sense of accomplishment when they make good behavior choices and have the opportunity to clip up.
- Students who have had to clip down always have the opportunity to improve and clip up later in the day, thus they continue to stay motivated to make positive behavior choices.

Important to Remember

- This system won't be effective if you or your child believes he/she must move up the chart every single day.
- In order to move up, students must go above and beyond in their behavior choices.
- **Green**, **Yellow**, **Orange**, and **Red** are ALL good colors to end the day on! Your child should be praised for making smart choices!
- Teachers will notify parents if the need arises involving poor choices.
- There may be more "moving up the chart" by many at the beginning as teachers are trying to teach behaviors and expectations.
- While parents can praise their child for going above and beyond, parents are encouraged never to stress that their child be on any color except **green** by the end of each day.
- Our goal is to start and at least end each day on Ready to Learn.