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Choice Boards

Helping Students Make Independent and Appropriate Choices

Visual supports that help students make decisions, increase engagement, and build confidence while maintaining classroom structure.



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Why Choice Boards Matter

Choice boards give students **structure**, **independence**, and a sense of **ownership** over their learning.



Meet Liam.

During center time Liam constantly asks,

"What do I do now?"

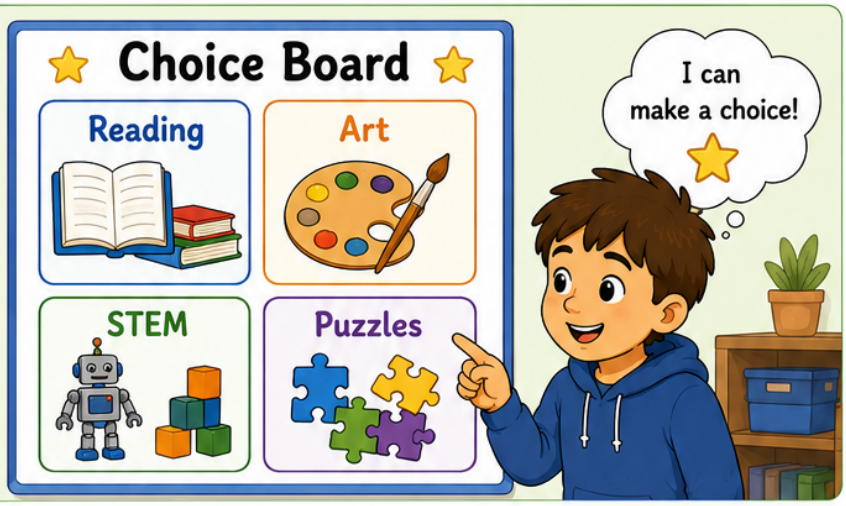
"Can I do something else?"

His teacher spends valuable time redirecting him.



After

After introducing a Choice Board, Liam can **independently** choose **Reading**, **Art**, **STEM**, or **Puzzles**.



The board provides **structure** while still giving him **ownership** over his learning.

Why Choice Boards Make a Difference

Saves Time
Fewer interruptions mean more time for teaching and meaningful learning.

Builds Independence
Students learn to make choices and take responsibility for their time.

Boosts Engagement
When students have choices, they are more motivated and stay on task.

Supports All Learners
Meets different interests, strengths, and learning preferences.

Promotes Confidence
Choice empowers students and helps them feel capable of making decisions.

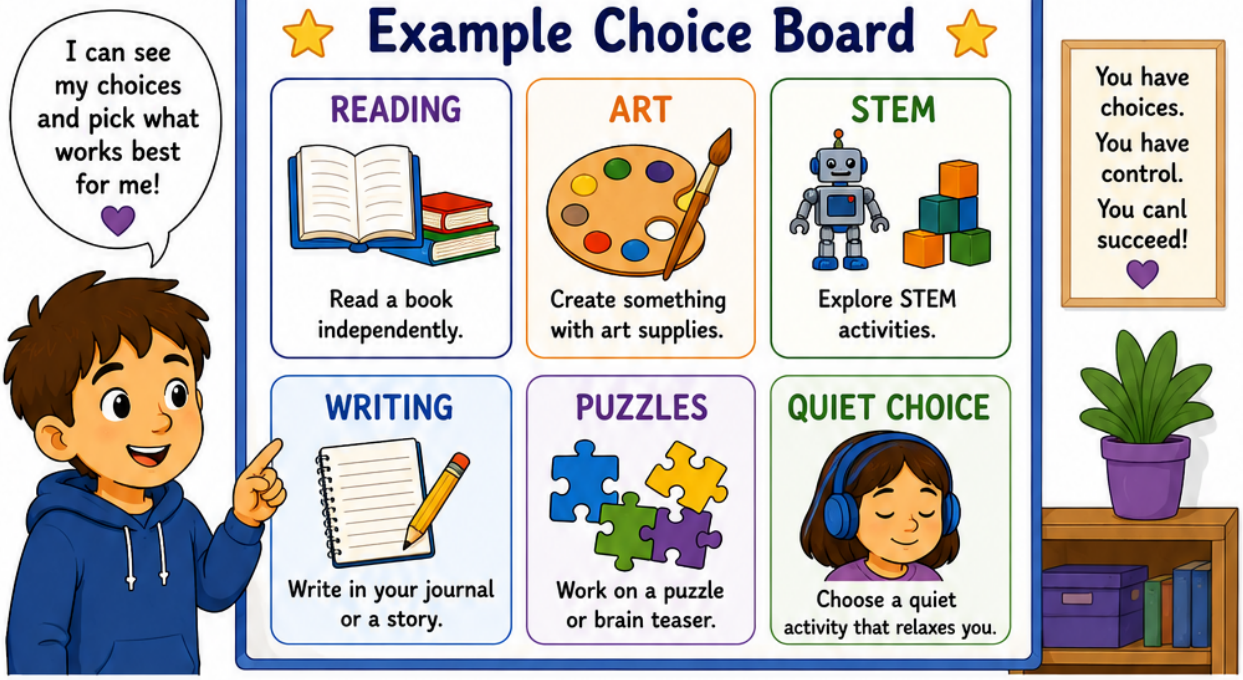
Choice boards turn "What do I do now?" into **I know what to do—and I'm ready to learn!**

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What Is a Choice Board?

A Choice Board is a visual display that presents students with appropriate options.
Instead of relying on verbal reminders, students can see available choices and make decisions independently.



Teachers love Choice Boards because they reduce repeated questions while increasing student engagement.

Why Students Benefit



- Make choices that are right for them.
- Build independence and decision-making.
- Stay engaged with meaningful options.
- Feel confident and in control.
- Learn to manage their time and responsibilities.

Choice Boards make learning meaningful and empower every student!

Why Teachers Benefit

- Fewer repeated questions.
- More time for teaching and small groups.
- Smoother transitions and less off-task behavior.
- A more positive and productive classroom environment.



When students have clear choices, everyone wins—more independence, more engagement, more success!

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Different Ways To Use Choice Boards

Choice Boards give students choices, build independence, and support success in many ways!

1 Center Choice Boards

Help students choose learning activities during centers.



Students stay engaged and make choices that match their interests.

2 Reward Choice Boards

Allow students to select incentives or rewards.



Students feel motivated and work toward positive goals.

3 Calm Choice Boards

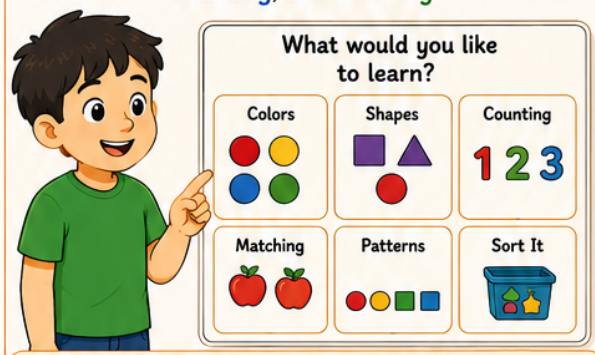
Help students select coping strategies when they feel upset.



Students learn healthy ways to manage big feelings.

4 Early Learning Choice Boards

Support early skills like colors, shapes, counting, and matching.



Builds early learning skills through fun and choice.

One System, Many Uses!



Centers and Activities



Rewards and Incentives



Calm and Coping Strategies



Early Learning Skills

Choice Boards empower students to make good choices, build independence, and feel confident every day!

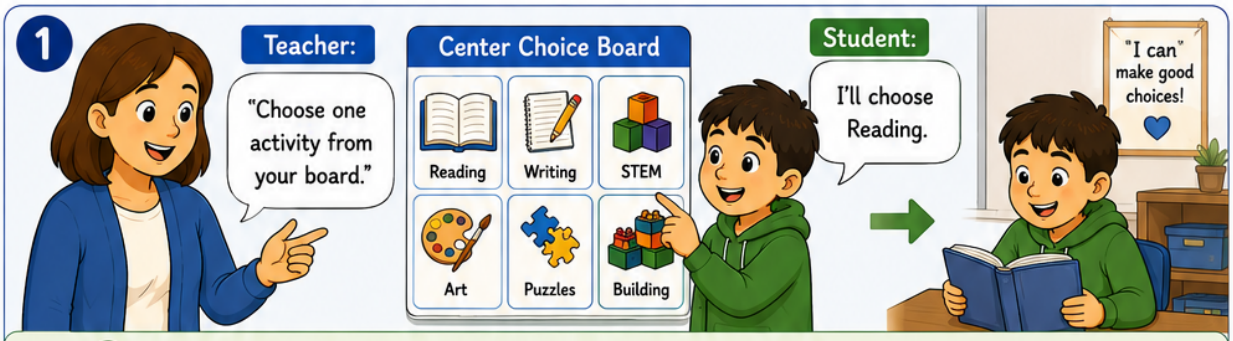
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Classroom Conversations

Choice boards help students make good choices, build independence, and feel in control.

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Student selects Reading and gets started independently.

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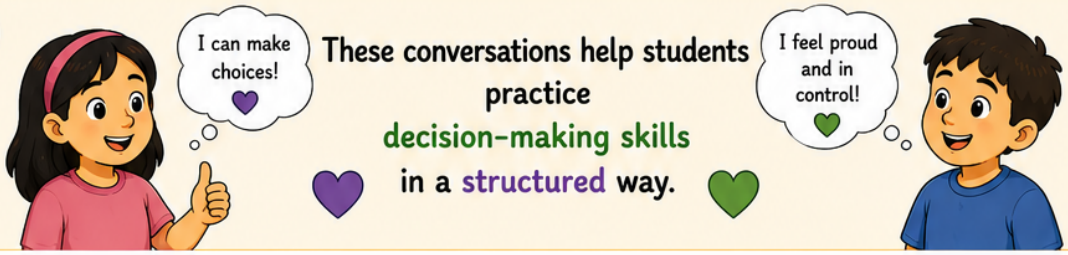
Student selects Drawing.

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Student selects a Water Break.

4



These conversations help students practice decision-making skills in a structured way.

When students have choices, they build independence, confidence, and skills for success!

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How To Build A Choice Board

Choice boards are **easy** to create and can be **customized** to fit your **classroom** needs!

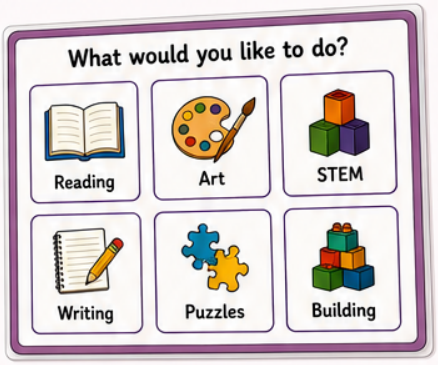
OPTION 1 Laminated Board

Durable, long-lasting, and perfect for reuse!

You'll Need:

- Cardstock
- Laminating Pouches
- Hook & Loop Fasteners





How to Use:

1. Print or draw your choices.
2. Laminate the board and cards.
3. Add hook (rough) to the board and loop (soft) to the back of each card.
4. Students place cards on the board.

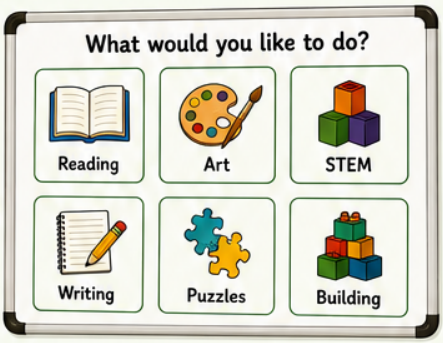
OPTION 2 Magnetic Board

Flexible and easy to change!

You'll Need:

- Cardstock
- Magnetic Tape
- Dry-Erase Board





How to Use:

1. Attach magnetic tape to the back of each card.
2. Place cards on your dry-erase board.
3. Move or change choices anytime!

OPTION 3 Pocket Chart Board

Great for classrooms and group use!

You'll Need:

- Pocket Chart
- Visual Cards
- Labels





How to Use:

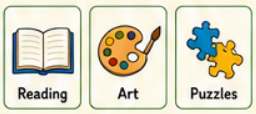
1. Insert visual cards into the pockets.
2. Add a label at the top to introduce the choices.
3. Students point to or move a card to make their choice.



Teacher Tip:

Start with only a **few** choices. Too many options can be **overwhelming**.

Just Right! ✓



Too Many! ✗



A well-designed choice board gives students **independence** and helps create a **positive**, **productive** classroom!

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Benefits & Next Steps

Choice Boards **empower** students and **support** teachers every day!

Student Benefits



Independence

Students can make choices and complete tasks on their own.



Communication

Students practice expressing their needs and preferences.



Decision-Making Skills

Students learn to evaluate options and make choices.



Confidence

Students feel capable and proud of their choices.



Engagement

Students stay motivated and interested in learning.

Teacher Benefits



Less Redirection

Fewer repeated questions mean fewer interruptions and disruptions.



Better Classroom Management

Students know what to do and manage their time better.



More Instructional Time

Teachers spend less time redirecting and more time teaching.



Smoother Transitions

Clear choices help students move from one activity to the next with ease.

AAA Workspace can help you build complete **Choice Board** systems using **classroom supplies**, **visual communication tools**, and **organizational** products.



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