## Rockdale Early Learning Center PBIS Behavior Definitions



**Behavior** Definition

Physical Aggression	Making physical contact with an adult or peer where injury may occur
	Examples: Kicking, hitting, punching, pulling hair/clothes, biting, scratching, spitting, etc.
Disruption/Tantrums	Causing an interruption in class or activity
	Examples: Screaming, loud vocalizations,
	crying, throwing items, etc.
Inconsolable crying	Crying for an extended period. Initial comfort
	strategies are unsuccessful
	Examples: unable to calm down after 30 minutes
Verbal aggression	Threatening or intimidating words directed
	towards an adult or peer
	Examples: Teasing and taunting, etc.
Inappropriate language	Using words or phrases that are offensive or rude
	Examples: Hurtful and or socially
	unacceptable language.
Non-compliance	Refusing to follow directions. No response to
	specific verbal or nonverbal directions;
	engages in activities other than what is
	specified in directions.
	Examples: Leaving classroom, refusing to come in off the playground

Social withdrawal	Non-participation in classroom activities with peers/adults or withdraw from play or social interaction with peers or adults  Examples: Extreme lack of participation or interest in classroom activities, games, songs, etc. Refusing to join activity, refusing to participate in activity, no eye contact, no conversation. For toddlers, hanging at the door for extended periods of time waiting for parent, falls asleep in response to attempts to engage, turns face or eyes away from interaction, etc. Wandering aimlessly/ "In own world"
Running away	Leaving the unsupervised area alone and without permission  Example: Leaving the classroom, playground, cafeteria, or group without permission or supervision.
Breaking/destroying items or objects	Impairing or destroying items; property damage  Example: kicking, throwing, or writing on items
Unsafe behaviors	Engaging in dangerous/inappropriate acts with materials  Example: Running with scissors
Repetitive Behaviors	Engaging in repetitive actions, stereotypic behavior, verbal or physical  Example: Rocking, tapping pencil on table, nail biting, etc.
Hurting Self	Physically abusing self, self-injury  Example: Cutting self with scissors