

Navigator Schools Core 3

Precise Praise

Action Step	What: Teachers will use Precise Praise with scholars to reinforce and motivate positive behavior and build students' <i>self-efficacy</i> .
Break It Down	How: Ways to give Precise Praise: <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Acknowledgement: Recognize scholars for doing what is expected of them.<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Example: "I see you have your homework out on your desk, ready to be collected. I appreciate you having your homework done every day."❑ Praise: Recognize when scholars exceed the expectation.<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Example: "Awesome job on your homework last night! I love how detailed your solution was and how you used multiple strategies."❑ Aligned to the Lesson Objective: Recognize specific academic actions that support the learning objective.<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Example: "Oh my, look at Jonathan's paragraph - he's cited his evidence and given a clear explanation that relates to his citations. Well done!"❑ Reinforce Actions, Not Traits - Stop saying, "you are so smart" and start saying, "you never gave up, even when it was hard."<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Examples: "You tried really hard on this!" "You never gave up, even when it was hard." "You really proved you are not afraid of a challenge."❑ Private vs Public: Know your students. Some students love public praise that the entire class can hear, while others prefer a quiet compliment as an aside.

Resources	Precise Praise Workshop Precise Praise Video Precise Praise Video with Distance Learning
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