



# Teacher Tech Table:

## Visual Schedules

Visual schedules can make a huge impact on student success by ensuring predictability of the school day.

### Keep these things in mind when using visual schedules:

- Use print and visuals to encourage/reinforce reading skills.
- Use simple visuals (line drawings) or photos.
- If a change happens to the school day (and it will... assemblies, field day, etc.), the best thing to do is to let the students know as soon as possible. When you know, they need to know.

### Visual schedules are also wonderful “little helpers” when it comes to handling misbehavior in the classroom:

- You can adopt the mantra, “Check your schedule. What should you be doing right now?” to the student who loves to repeat, “I don’t know what to do”.
- First-Then reminders are built into the schedule! Your schedule says, first you do “math” then you have “snack”.

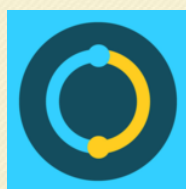
### Using apps for visual schedules rather than paper versions can be an even better option:

- Saves time- no more, printing, cutting, laminating, etc.
- Changing an activity is much easier on an app... a quick online search for a new photo
- Older students will appear to be "checking their phones" during transitions like many of their peers are likely doing.

Check out these apps and see if any may work for your students and classroom:



Choiceworks



Children with Autism:  
A Visual Scheduler



First Then Visual  
Schedule HD

For more information about helpful apps, visit [BridgingApps.org](http://BridgingApps.org), a program of Easter