

# Social Communication Trickeries

Below is a list of actions and procedures that may need to be taught explicitly to students with social communication challenges. Be sure to include a discussion of WHY each rule is important.

Top 20 Unspoken Rules	Hidden Curriculums
	<i>*note this may change from year to year or teacher to teacher</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing</li> <li>2. Face the door when standing in an elevator</li> <li>3. Don't fall asleep in class</li> <li>4. If you borrow something return it in the same or better condition</li> <li>5. Hold the door open for others</li> <li>6. Respect people in authority</li> <li>7. Turn off the lights after you leave a room</li> <li>8. Wash your hands after you go to the bathroom</li> <li>9. Do not burp or pass gas in public</li> <li>10. Do not take your shoes off in public</li> <li>11. Do not go anywhere with strangers</li> <li>12. Do not interrupt people when they are talking</li> <li>13. Do not insist on your own way</li> <li>14. Don't be the person who talks the most in the group</li> <li>15. Say "hello/goodbye" when entering/leaving a room and beginning and ending a phone conversation</li> <li>16. Don't eat too much</li> <li>17. Get enough sleep</li> <li>18. Don't watch TV or be in a computer/iPad/video games all day</li> <li>19. Leave your location cleaner than how you found it</li> <li>20. Don't be in the same location as someone who is doing something you know is wrong</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How to pass out papers</li> <li>2. How and when to sharpen pencils</li> <li>3. How to ask to go to the restroom and where they are located</li> <li>4. How and when to turn in homework</li> <li>5. How to organize your desk and backpack</li> <li>6. How to line up</li> <li>7. How to walk down the hall with your class</li> <li>8. How to get ready to go home</li> <li>9. What to do in free or unstructured time</li> <li>10. How to navigate the cafeteria</li> <li>11. How to proceed through afternoon dismissal</li> <li>12. The policy on absences and tardies</li> <li>13. How to ask for help</li> <li>14. Morning procedures/routines</li> <li>15. Any slang terms for parts of the building</li> <li>16. Short cuts in the building</li> <li>17. How to check out a book</li> <li>18. What to do if you feel sick</li> <li>19. What areas are off limits</li> <li>20. How to use a locker</li> </ol>