

SymbolStix PRIME Implementation Guide

What is SymbolStix PRIME?

SymbolStix provides a comprehensive symbol library designed to support communication, literacy, vocabulary development, and accessible instruction. Symbols can be used to create differentiated, visually supported materials for students across ability levels. This guide will help you start using SymbolStix effectively in your classroom.

Initial Set Up

This section walks you through everything you need to get started, from licensing and registration to managing students and configuring your instructional tools.

Accept your License

- [How to Register](#)

Manage your Roster

- [How to Add Existing Students](#)
- [Create New Students](#)
- [Seat a Student](#)
- [Drop a Student](#)
- [Ways to Assign Content to Students](#)

Configure Student Dashboard

Instruction Using SymbolStix

Utilize SymbolStix to create symbol-supported materials aligned to your curriculum in your classroom.

Where to begin:

- [Searching and finding symbols](#)
- [Downloading a single symbol](#)
- [Board Wizard redesign](#)

Activities and Boards

Here are some resources to walkthrough how to create resources in SymbolStix:

- [How to create an activity](#)
- [Downloading a Board](#)
- [Adding your own images/pictures](#)
- [How to change the skin tone of a symbol](#)

Examples of resources you can create include vocabulary symbol cards, communication boards, skills practice activities, and extension activities with visual supports.

Customizing Collections

SymbolStix allows you the flexibility to create customizations specific for your classroom and student needs.

Resources include:

- [Creating a custom collection](#)
- [Creating a collection from News2you or Unique Learning System](#)
- [Downloading symbols from My Collection](#)

Assigning Materials to Students

Teachers can send SymbolStix content directly to students through the Planner tool.

Set up your Planner

- [What is the Planner?](#)
- [How to Add Classes in the Planner](#)
- [How to Add and Move Assignments to Classes in the Planner](#)
- [Planner & Learning Pathways](#)

From the Planner, you can assign:

- Communication boards
- Skill-building activities and extension resources

Assignments appear on each student's dashboard, allowing for differentiated, independent access.

4-Week Rollout Plan

Week 1: Orientation & Routines

Focus: Introduce core visual support.
 Daily Routine: Begin each day with a visual schedule.
 Introduce symbol-supported core vocabulary (4-5 words).
 Establish consistent visual support across activities.

Week 2: Building Comprehension

Read symbol supported passages as a class.
 Use WH- and yes/no questions with symbol supports.
 Complete vocabulary matching and sentence building tasks.
 Introduce scaffolded writing prompts with visual sentence frames (e.g. "I learned that...").

Week 3: Increasing Independence

Focus: Leveled access and communication support.
 Provide differentiated reading versions with varied symbol support.
 Use interactive writing templates with decreasing symbol prompts.
 Encourage students to use symbol boards to respond independently.

Week 4: Cross-Curricular Integration

Integrate symbols into life skills activities.
 Compare two adapted articles using visual Venn diagrams.
 Create art or SEL projects supported by symbol-based directions.
 Develop class news using symbol-supported writing templates.

Resources

- [Smart Start](#)
- [FAQs](#)