

Chapter: Rules for State-Operated Programs and Facilities	Effective Date: 10/1/15
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Rule: Positive Reinforcement and Privilege System	Replaces: GAP.380.9502, 9/1/09
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RULE

(a) **Purpose.**

This rule establishes a system of rewards, incentives, and positive reinforcement designed to strengthen and expand positive behavior.

(b) **Applicability.**

This rule applies to residential facilities operated by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD).

(c) **Definitions.**

The following terms, as used in this rule, have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (1) **Privilege**--an activity or possession that a youth earns by complying with behavioral expectations and progressing in the rehabilitation program.
- (2) **Stage**--has the meaning assigned under [§380.8501](#) of this title.
- (3) **Multi-disciplinary team**--has the meaning assigned under §380.8501 of this title.

(d) **General Provisions.**

- (1) Each facility must establish a system for assigning privileges based on the youth's stage. In addition to the stage-based privileges, the system must allow youth to earn additional privileges based on positive behavior.
- (2) The specific privileges offered may vary between facilities due to local opportunities or limitations. The positive reinforcement and privilege system must be developed in a manner that considers youth interests and includes age-appropriate, gender-responsive, and gender-neutral options.
- (3) Youth are provided daily feedback using a system that rates youth performance in following the five basic performance expectations:
 - (A) show respect for others;
 - (B) follow directions;
 - (C) participate in activities;
 - (D) be in the right place at the right time; and
 - (E) accept consequences.
- (4) The daily feedback is recorded on the appropriate activity log.
- (5) Youth with a performance rating below expectations or who engage in specific rule violations are subject to a loss of privileges, as described in [§380.9503](#) of this title.
- (6) Provisions in this rule may be restated or otherwise adapted to accommodate a particular program. All adapted or restated provisions must remain consistent with the general provisions in this rule.