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Individual Bathroom Pass

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Each one of my kids has their own individual pass. (A 3 by 5 card with a sticker and their name on it.) They keep this at their desk. I have one of those little library pockets on each child's desk for their passes. On my door I've listed our hall procedure and have two slots--one for boys and one for girls. They can use their pass without permission as long as we are not having direct instruction. They lose their pass if they are not following classroom procedures. (They have to change their behavior for a significant amount of time and ask me to get their pass back. Everyone starts with the pass at the beginning of the day.)If they don't have their pass or I'm teaching and they have to go, then they need to ask for my permission. I generally don't have a problem with that unless they are asking to go right after a break. (In that case, I let them go, but there is always some kind of penalty. Sometimes they will choose not to go and that's their choice. But if they really need to, I let them. I can't imagine requring a doctor's note!)One thing I've started this year since a few seemed to be overusing their pass was to give each child two popsicle sticks with their name on it. (Kept in the pocket with their pass) They have to turn in a stick each time they use their pass. That seemed to curb the problem with the couple that abused the system.

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