

Classroom Observation Checklist (Grades 5-8)

Students: _____ Grade: _____
 Class/location observed (include Teacher name): _____
 Observer: _____ Date of Observation: _____

Directions: First, identify the area(s) of concern in the box below. Your observation should focus on the identified area(s). During the observation, place a check mark next to the behaviors that are listed within each domain that correlates with the notes area(s) of concern. These checklists are not exhaustive, so you may want to make notes regarding other additional behavior observed, including strengths and behaviors which may interfere with the student's learning. In order to obtain a full and accurate picture of the student's performance, it may be necessary to observe the student more than once, possibly in different settings and at different times of the day.

Check Areas of Concern:					
	Oral Expression		Basic Reading	Reading Comprehension	Math Calculation
	Listening Comprehension		Reading Fluency	Written Expression	Math Problem Solving

Instructional Domain

Instructional Activities (i.e. individual seatwork, small group cooperative work, reading lesson math lesson, etc.)	Instructional Materials (i.e. worksheets, computers, projectors, manipulatives, calculators, etc.)	Manner of Presentation (i.e. teacher-directed, small group, new skill modeling, guided practice, whole group, etc.)

Place a check mark next to any observed weaknesses in the following skills when compared to other students in the class. Please document other observed weaknesses not listed.

Academic Skills

Language (Oral Expression, Listening Comprehension, Basic Reading, Phonemic Awareness) - Student:	
Has grade appropriate skills	Has difficulty re-telling what has just been said
Has difficulty modulating voice (e.g., too soft, too loud)	Inserts malapropisms into conversation
Difficulty naming people or objects	Difficulty with pronouncing words
Difficulty staying on topic	Poor grammar or misuses words in conversation
Has difficulty in explaining things (e.g., feelings ideas) due to use of imprecise language and limited vocabulary	Difficulty with pragmatic skills (e.g., understands the relationship between speaker and listener, staying on topic, making inferences)
Has difficulty understanding instructions or directions	Has slow/halting speech, using filler (e.g., uh, you know, um)

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Reading (Basic Reading, Reading Comprehension , Reading Fluency) -- Student has:		
	Grade appropriate skills	Difficulty retelling what has been read
	Difficulty reading grade level sight words	Difficulty with retention of new vocabulary
	Difficulty reading common words seen in school/community	Difficulty demonstrating literal comprehension of sentences/stories
	Difficulty when reading sentences; may frequently lose place, omit words, insert words, substitute words, guess from initial sounds, reverse words, make self-corrections	Difficulty demonstrating inferential comprehension of stories and connections between stories.
	Slow oral reading skills that may interfere with comprehension	

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Written Language (Written Expression) – Student has:		
	Grade appropriate skills	Difficulty proofreading and self-correcting work
	Messy and incomplete writing, with many cross-outs and erasures	Poor inconsistent spelling
	Uneven spacing between letters and words, has trouble staying 'on the line'	Difficulty developing ideas in writing so written work is incomplete and too brief.
	Inaccurate copying skills (e.g., confuses similar-looking letters and numbers)	Difficulty completing written assignments
	Does not apply pre writing strategies	Difficulty constructing a cohesive paragraph

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Math (Math Calculation, Math Problem Solving) -- Student has:		
	Grade appropriate skills	Difficulty with comparisons (e.g., less, greater than)
	Difficulty counting by single digit number, 10's 100's	Difficulty telling time or conceptualizing the passage of time
	Difficulty aligning numbers resulting in computation errors	Difficulty solving word problems
	Difficulty estimating quantity (e.g., quantity, value)	Difficulty solving facts and longer operations
	Difficulty interpreting/creating charts and graphs	Difficulty understanding/applying measurement concepts

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Functional Skills

Social/ Emotional (All Aras) - - Student has:		
	Age appropriate skills	Difficulty with self-control when frustrated
	Difficulty 'joining in' and maintain positive social status in a peer group	Difficulty using other students as models to cue self on appropriate behavior
	Difficulty in 'picking up' on other people's moods/feelings	Difficulty knowing how to share/express feelings
	Difficulty detecting or responding appropriately to teasing	Difficulty dealing with group pressure, embarrassment and unexpected challenges
	Difficulty understanding the social hierarchy (students, teachers, administrators) of school	Difficulty in following directions – may be can't do (lack of vocabulary) or won't do problem
	Difficulty with 'getting to the point' (e.g., gets bogged down in details in conversation)	

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Attention - - Student has:		
	Age appropriate skills	Difficulty sustaining attention in work or play activities
	Difficulty organizing tasks and activities	Difficulty with losing things that are necessary for tasks
	Difficulty with remembering daily/routine activities	Difficulty by being easily distracted
	Difficulty paying attention to details or makes careless mistakes in school work or other activities	

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Gross and fine Motor Skills - - Student:		
	Has age appropriate skills	Has limited success with games and activities that demand eye-to-hand coordination (e.g., musical instruments, sports)
	Appears awkward and clumsy, dropping, spilling, or knocking things over	Grasps writing instruments awkwardly, resulting in poor handwriting, drawing

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Other Observed Behavior - - Student:		
	Confuses left and right	Is slow to learn new games and master puzzles
	Often loses things	Has difficulty generalizing or applying skills from one situation to another
	Finds it hard to judge speed and distance	Has trouble reading charts and maps
	Is disorganized and poor at planning	Has difficulty listening and taking notes at the same time

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Effort/Motivation -- Student:			
	Hesitance in beginning work		Carelessness in work
	An inability to start work without adult prompting		Eager to please
	Persistent effort		Apathetic/Indifferent
	Give up easily		Refused to work

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Summary of academic performance/behavior observed in area(s) of difficulty:

