

## Observation Checklist for Pre-academic/Academic Areas of Concern Pre-school / Kindergarten

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Observer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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 noted area(s) of concern. These checklists are not exhaustive, so you may want 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. If a child is less than school age or out of school (e.g. drop-out, suspended, expelled) observations should be conducted in an environment appropriate for his/her age.

Check area(s) of concern			
<input type="checkbox"/> Oral Expression	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Reading	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading Comprehension	<input type="checkbox"/> Math Calculation
<input type="checkbox"/> Listening Comprehension	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading Fluency	<input type="checkbox"/> Written Expression	<input type="checkbox"/> Math Problem Solving

Instructional Domain		
Instructional Activities <small>(i.e. individual seatwork, small group cooperative work, reading lesson, math lesson, etc.)</small>	Instructional Materials <small>(i.e. worksheets, computers, overhead projector, manipulatives, calculator, etc.)</small>	Manner of Presentation <small>(i.e. teacher-directed, small group, new skill modeling, guided practice, whole group, etc.)</small>

### Academic Skills

Language (Oral Expression, Listening Comprehension, Basic Reading - Phonemic Awareness) During observation student demonstrated:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade appropriate skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty re-telling what has just been said
<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty modulating voice (e.g., too soft, too loud)	<input type="checkbox"/> Slow/halting speech, using fillers (e.g., uh, you know, um)
<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty naming people or objects	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty with pronouncing words
<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty staying on topic	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty rhyming
<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty in explaining things (e.g. feelings, ideas) due to lack of vocabulary, articulation, and/or grammar skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty with phonemic awareness tasks (e.g., saying initial sounds, saying sounds of words, saying words fast)
<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty understanding instructions or directions	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited interest in books or stories

Notes:

Reading (Basic Reading, Reading Comprehension, Reading Fluency) During observation student demonstrated:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade appropriate skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty reading short, irregular sight words
<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty identifying sounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty retelling what has been read
<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty blending sounds into words	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty with retention of new vocabulary
<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty reading short, regular words	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty demonstrating comprehension of sentences/stories

Notes:

Written Language (Written Expression) During observation student demonstrated:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade appropriate skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty with drawing familiar shapes
<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty with holding writing instruments	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty with naming, copying or writing letters
<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty copying / tracing	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequent letter, number, and symbol reversals



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<b>Math</b> (Math Calculation, Math Problem Solving)	
During observation student demonstrated:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade appropriate skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty in recognizing numbers
<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty counting aloud	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty in comparing relative size (e.g. numbers, objects)
<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty in one-to one correspondence when counting objects	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty in matching number symbol to corresponding objects

Notes:

### Functional Skills

<b>Social Emotional</b> (All Areas)	
During observation student demonstrated:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Age appropriate skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty with self-control when frustrated.
<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty 'joining in' and maintaining positive social status in a peer group.	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty using other students as models to cue self on appropriate behavior
<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty with sharing (e.g., objects, teacher's time)	

Notes:

<b>Attention</b> (All Areas)	
During observation student demonstrated:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Age appropriate skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty sustaining attention in work or play activities

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<b>Gross and Fine Motor Skills</b> (All Areas)	
During observation student demonstrated:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Age appropriate skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor ability to color or write 'within the lines'
<input type="checkbox"/> Awkward and clumsy motor skills (dropping, spilling, or knocking things over)	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing instruments awkwardly, resulting in poor handwriting, drawing
<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty with buttons, zippers, hooks, snaps and tying shoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty using small objects or items that demand precision (e.g., legos, puzzle pieces, scissors)
<input type="checkbox"/> Art work that is immature for age	

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<b>Effort/Motivation</b>	
During observation student demonstrated:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hesitance in beginning work	<input type="checkbox"/> Carelessness in work
<input type="checkbox"/> An inability to start work without adult prompting	<input type="checkbox"/> Eager to please
<input type="checkbox"/> Persistent effort	<input type="checkbox"/> Apathetic/Indifferent
<input type="checkbox"/> Gives up easily	<input type="checkbox"/> Refused to work

Notes:

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