Referral/Question Identification Guide

Student's Particulars

Student's Name		Date Of Birth		Age
School		Grade		
School Contact Person		Phone		
Person Completing Guide		Guide Completion	n Date	
Parent(s) Name			Parent(s) Phone	
Address				
Student's Primary Language		Family's Primary L	anguage	
Disability				
Speech/Language	Significant Developmen	nt Delay	Specific Le	earning Disability
Cognitive Disbility	Other Health Impairmen	•		npaierment
	Other Health Impairmen			mparerment
Current Age Group				
Birth to Three	Early Childhood		Elementar	у
Classroom Setting				
Regular Education Classroom	Resource Room		Self-conta	ined
Current Service Providers				
Occupational Therapy	Physical Therapy		Speech La	nguage
Other:				
Medical Considerations (Check a	ll that apply.)			
History of seizures		Fatigues easily		
Has degenerative medical condition		Has frequent pa	in	
Has multiple health problems		Has frequent up	per respiratory infecti	ons
Has frequent ear infections		Has digestive p	roblems	
Has allergies to:				
Currently taking medication for:				
Other – Describe briefly:				
Other Issues of Concern				
Assistive Technology Currently U	sed (Check all that apply.)			
None		Low Tech Writin	g Aids	
Manual Communication Board		Augmentative C	Communication System	1
Low Tech Vision Aids		Amplification Sy	vstem	
Environmental Control Unit/EADL		Manual Wheelc	hair	
Power Wheelchair		Voice Recognition	on	
Assistive Technology Tried				
Assistive Technology	Number of Trial(s)	Dates of Trial(s)		Outcome

What task(s) does the student need	to do that is currently difficult or impossib	ble, and for which assistive technology may be an option?
Based on the referral question, selec	ct the sections of the Student Information (Guide to be completed. (Check all that apply.)
Section 1 Fine Motor Related to	·	Section 8 Recreation and Leisure
Section 2 Motor Aspects of Written M		Section 9 Seating and Positioning
Section 3 Composing Written MSection 4 Communication	nateriai	Section 10 MobilitySection 11 Vision
Section 5 Reading		Section 12 Hearing
Section 6 Learning and Studying	g	Section 13 General
Section 1: F	ine Motor Rel	lated to Computer or Device
Access		
Current Fine Motor Abilities	;	
	nd pencil, typewriter, computer, switch, etc. ements using the following? (Check all that Right hand	Look at the movements as well as the activities and situations. Does the student have tapply.) Eye(s)
Left arm	Right arm	Head
Left leg	Right leg	Mouth
Left foot	Right foot	Tongue
Range of Motion		
Student has specific limitations	to range	
Describe the specific range in which	n the student has the most motor control	
Abnormal Reflexes and Mus	scle Tone	
Student has abnormal reflexes of	or abnormal muscle tone	
Describe briefly any abnormal reflex	x patterns or patterns of low or high muscle	le tone that may interfere with the student's voluntary motor control
Accuracy		/.
Student has difficulty with accur	racy	
Describe how accurate, reliable and	consistent the student is in performing a p	particular fine motor task
Fatigue		

Student fatigues easily			
Describe how easily the student becom	nes fatiqued		
Describe now easily the student become	ies raugueu.		
Assisted Direct Selection			
Voyayard		Head pointer/head stic	
KeyguardPointers, hand grips, splints etc.		Head pointer/head stick Light beam/laser	K
Other:		Light Scally laser	
Describe which seemed to work the be	st and why		
Size of Grid Student Is Able to	Access		
What is the smallest square the stude	ent can accurately access?		
What is the optimal size grid?			
Size of square	Numbe	r of squares across	Number of squares down
•		•	•
Scanning			
If student cannot direct select Step Automatic Inve		nning?	
Preferred control site (body site)			
Other possible control sites			
Type of Switch			
Touch (jellybean)	Light touch	Wobble	Rocker
Joystick	Lever	Head switch	Mercury (tilt)
Arm slot	Eye brow	Tongue	Sip/puff
Summary of Student's Abilities and Cor	ncerns Related to Computer	/Device Access	
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Section 2: Motor Aspects of Writing

Current Writing Ability (Check all that apply.)

Holds pencil, but does not write		Pretend writes
Scribbles with a few recognizable letters		Uses regular pencil
Uses pencil adapted with:		Copies simple shapes
Copies from book (near point)		Copies from board (far point)
Prints a few words		Writes on 1" lines
Prints name		Writes on narrow lines
Writes cursive		Uses space correctly
Writing is limited due to fatigue		Sizes writing to fit spaces
Writing is slow and arduous		Writes independently and legibly
Assistive Technology Used (Check all that	apply.)	
Paper with heavier lines	Paper with raised lines	Pencil grip
Special pencil or marker	Splint or pencil holder	Typewriter
Computer		
Other:		
Current Keyboarding Ability (Check all tha	t apply.)	
Does not currently type		Activates desired key on command
Types slowly, with one finger		Types slowly, with more than one finger
Accidentally hits unwanted keys		Performs 10 finger typing
Requires arm or wrist support to type		Accesses keyboard with head or mouth stick
Uses mini keyboard to reduce fatigue		Uses switch to access computer
Uses Touch Window		Uses alternative keyboard
Uses access software		Uses Morse code to access computer
Uses adapted or alternate keyboard, such as:		<u> </u>
Other:		
Computer Use (Check all that apply.)		
Has never used a computer	Uses computer at scho	ol Uses computer at home
Uses computer for games		Uses computer for word processing
Uses computer's spell checker		
Uses computer for a variety of purposes, such a	as:	
Has potential to use computer but has not used a	computer because	
Computer Availability and Use		
compater /wandomty and osc		
PC	Macintosh	Other:
Desktop	Laptop	
Location:		
The student uses a computer		
Summary of Student's Abilities and Concerns Related	to Writing	

Section 3: Composing Written Material

Typical of Student's Present Writing (Check	k all that apply.)		
Short words	Sentences		Multi-paragraph reports
Short phrases	Paragraphs of 2-5 senter	nces	Complex phrases
Longer paragraphs			
Other:			
Difficulties Currently Experienced by Stude	ent (Check all that apply	/.)	
Answering questions		Generating ideas	
Getting started on a sentence or story		Working w/peers to ge	enerate ideas and information
Adding information to a topic		Planning content	
Sequencing information		Using a variety of voca	abulary
Integrating information from two or more sources		Summarizing informat	ion
Relating information to specific topics		Determining when to k	begin a new paragraph
Other:			
Strategies for Composing Written Material	ls Student Currently Uti	lizes (Check all that a	apply.)
Story starters		Webbing/concept map	pping
Preset choices or plot twists		Outlines	
Templates to provide the format or structure (both	paper and electronic)		
Other:			
Aids/Assistive Technology for Composing	Written Materials Utiliz	ed by Student	
Word cards	Word book		Word wall/word lists
Prewritten words on cards or labels			
Dictionary	Electronic dictionary/spe	ell checker	
Whole words using software or hardware (e.g. Inte	elliKeys)		
Symbol-based software for writing (e.g. Writing wi	th Symbols 2000 or Pix Writer	·)	
Word processing with spell checker/grammar chec	cker		
Talking word processing			Abbreviation/expansion
Word processing with writing support			
Multimedia software			Voice recognition software
Other:			
Summary of Student's Abilities and Concerns Related t	to Computer/Device Access		
Section 4: Commi	unication		
Student's Present Means of Communication	on		
Changes in breathing patterns	Body position changes		Eye-gaze/eye movement
Facial expressions	Gestures		Pointing
Sign language approximations			
Sign language			
Туре			
# signs	# combinations		# signs in a combination
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Vocalizations, list examples	S:					
Vowels, vowel combination	ns, list examples:					
Single words, list examples	s & approx. #:					
Reliable no			Reliable yes			
2-word utterances			3-word utterand	ces		
Semi intelligible speech, es	stimate % intelligible:					
Communication board		Tangibles		Pictu	ires	
Combination pictures/words		Words				
Voice output AC device (na	ame of device):					
Intelligible speech			Writing			
Other:						
Those Who Understand St	tudent's Communic	cation Attempts (Ch	eck best descrip	otor.)		
	Most of the time	Part of the t	ime	Rarely		Not Applicable
Strangers			(
Teachers/therapists			(
Peers			(
Siblings			(
Parent/Guardian			(
Current Level of Receptive	e Language					
Age approximation						
If formal tests used, name	e and scores					
name				score		
If formal testing is not us	sed, please give an app	proximate age or develo	pmental level of fu	ınctioning. Expla	ain your ratio	nale for this estimate.
Current Level of Expressive	e Language					
Age approximation						
If formal tests used, nam	ne and scores					
name				score		

		an approximate age or de		,	
Communication Inte	raction Skills				
Desires to communicate To indicate yes and no the Shakes head	student Signs	Voca	ılizes Gestu	ıres Ey	e gazes
Points to board		word approximations	Does	not respond consistently	,
Can a person unfamiliar	with the student underst	and the response?			
	Always	Frequently	Occasionally	Seldom	Never
Turns toward speaker					
Interacts with peers					
Aware of listener's attention					
Initiates interaction					
Asks questions					
Responds to communication interaction					
Requests clarification from communication partner					
Repairs communication breakdown					
Requires frequent verbal prompts					
Requires frequent physical prompts					
Maintains communication exchange					
Describe techniques stude	nt uses for repair (e.g. ke	eps trying, changes messag	ge, points to first letter etc.).		

Walks	Uses wheelchai	r Carries device	e under 2 pounds		
Drops or throws things freque	ently Needs digitized	l (human) speech			
Needs device w/large number	of words and phrases				
Other:					
Pre-Reading and Reading	Skills Related to Communication (Che	eck all that apply.)			
Object/picture recognition	Symbol recognition ((tactile, Mayer-Johnson, Rebus, etc.)			
Auditory discrimination of sound	Auditory discrimination of words, phrases				
Selecting initial letter of word	rd Following simple directions				
Sight word recognition	Putting two symbols or	words together to express an idea			
Visual Abilities Related to	Communication (Check all that apply.)			
Maintains fixation on stational	ry object	Looks to right and left without moving he	ead		
Scans line of symbols left to ri	ght	Scans matrix of symbols in a grid			
Visually recognizes people		Visually recognizes common objects			
Visually recognizes photograp	phs	Visually recognizes symbols or pictures			
Needs additional space aroun	d symbol	Visually shifts horizontally			
Visually shifts vertically		Recognizes line drawings			
Is a specific type (brand) of sym	bols or pictures preferred?				
What size symbols or pictures a	re preferred?				
What line thickness of symbols i	is preferred? (inch)				
Does student seem to do better w	vith black on white, or white on black, or a specif	fic color combination for figure/ground discrim	ination?		
Explain anything else you think is	significant about the responses the student curr	rently uses or his/her need for augmenting com	nmunication		
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Section 5: I	Reading				
The Student Demonstrates	the Following Literacy Skills (Check	all that apply)			
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Engages in joint attention with	h adult caregiver to activities (e.g. songs, stories,	games and/or toys)			
Shows an interest in books an	d stories with adult				
Shows and interest in looking	at books independently				
Associates pictures with spoke	en words when being read to				
Realizes text conveys meaning	y when being read to				
Recognizes connection between	en spoken words and specific text when being r	ead to			
Pretend writes and "reads" wh	nat he or she has written, even if scribbles				
When asked to spell a word, g	gets first consonant correct, but not the rest of th	ne word			
Demonstrates sound man	nipulation skills including				
Initial and final sounds in w	vords Initial letter names/sounds				

Recognizes, names and prints the alphabet (if motor skills are limited, may use	e alternative means rather than printing to demonstrate knowledge of the		
alphabet)			
When asked to spell a word, gets first and last sounds correct			
Applies phonics rules when attempting to decode printed words			
Sound blends words			
Reads and understands words in context			
Spells words using conventional spelling in situations other than memorized s	spelling tests		
Reads and understands sentences			
Composes sentences using nouns and verbs			
Reads fluently with expression			
Reads and understands paragraphs			
Composes meaningful paragraphs using correct syntax and punctuation			
Student's Performance Is Improved by (Check all that apply.)			
Smaller amount of text on page	Enlarged print		
Word wall to refer to	Pre-teaching concepts		
Graphics to communicate ideas	Text rewritten at lower reading level		
Bold type for main ideas	Reduced length of assignment		
Additional time	Being placed where there are few distractions		
Spoken text to accompany print	Color overlay list color:		
Other:			
Reading Assistance Used			
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Student has difficulty in the following.

Worksheets	Reading Textbook
Subject Area Textbooks	Tests
Computer Availability and Use	
The student has access to the following computer(s)	
PC PC	Macintosh
The Student Uses a Computer:	
Rarely	Frequently
Daily for one or more subjects or periods	Every day, most of the day
Summary of Student's Abilities and Concerns Related to Re	ading
Section 6: Learning and	Studying
Difficulties Student Has Learning New Material or Studying	
Remembering assignments	Organizing information/notes
Remembering steps of tasks or assignments	Organizing materials for a report or paper
Finding place in textbooks	Turning in assignments
Taking notes during lectures	Reviewing notes from lectures
Other:	
Assistive Technology Tried (Check all that apply.)	
Print or picture schedule	
Low tech aids to find materials (e.g. index tabs, color coded folders)	
Highlighting text (e.g. markers, highlight tape, ruler)	
Recorded material	
Voice output reminders for assignments, steps of task, etc	
Electronic organizers	
Pagers/electronic reminders	
Hand held scanner to read words or phrases	
Software for manipulation of objects/concept development	
Software for organization of ideas and studying	
Palm computers	
Other:	
Strategies Used	
Please describe any adaptations or strategies that have been used to help th	nis student with learning and studying.
Summary of Student's Abilities and Concerns in the Area of Learning and Stu	udvina
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Section 8: Recreation and Leisure

Understanding cause and effect	Following complex directions
Understanding turn taking	Communicating with others
Handing/manipulating objects	Hearing others
Throwing/catching objects	Seeing equipment or materials
Understanding rules	Operating TV, VCR, etc.
Waiting for his/her turn	Operating computer
Following simple directions	Other:
Activities Student Especially Enjoys	
Adaptations Tried to Enhance Participation in Recreation and I	oicuro.
Adaptations med to Elinance Participation in Recreation and t	Leisure
How did they help?	
Assistive Technology Tried	
Toys adapted with Velcro®, magnets, handles etc.	
Toys adapted for single switch operation	
Adaptive sporting equipment, such as lighted or beeping ball	
Universal cuff or strap to hold crayons, markers, etc.	
Modified utensils, e.g. rubber stamps, rollers, brushes	
Ergo Rest or other arm support	
Electronic aids to control/operate TV, VCR, CD player, etc.	
Software to complete art activities	Games on the computer
Other computer software	Other:
Summary of Student's Abilities and Concerns in the Area of Re	ecreation and Leisure

Section 9: Seating and Positioning

Current Seating and Positioning of Student (Check all that apply.)

Sits in regular chair w/ feet on floor
Sits in regular chair w/ pelvic belt or foot rest
Sits in adapted chair
Sits in seat with adaptive cushion that allows needed movement
Sits in wheelchair part of day
Sits comfortably in wheelchair most of day
Wheelchair in process of being adapted to fit
Spends part of day out of chair due to prescribed positions
Spends part of day out of chair due to discomfort
Enjoys many positions throughout the day, based on activity
Has few opportunities for other positions
Uses regular desk
Uses desk with height adjusted
Uses tray on wheelchair for desktop
Uses adapted table
Description of Seating
Seating provides trunk stability
Seating allows feet to be on floor or foot rest
Seating facilitates readiness to perform task
There are questions or concerns about the student's seating
Student dislikes some positions
Student has difficulty using table or desk
There are concerns or questions about current wheelchair.
Student has difficulty achieving and maintaining head control, best position for head control is
Number of minutes student can maintain head control in this position
Summary of Student's Abilities and Concerns Related to Seating and Positioning

Section 10: Mobility

Mobility (Check all that apply.)

	Crawls, rolls, or creeps independently
	Is pushed in manual wheelchair
	Uses wheelchair for long distances only
	Uses manual wheelchair independently
	Is learning to use power wheelchair
	Uses power wheelchair
	Needs help to transfer in and out of wheelchair
	Transfers independently
	Has difficulty walking
	Walks with assistance
	Has difficulty walking up stairs
	Has difficulty walking down stairs
	Needs extra time to reach destination
	Walks independently
	Walks with appliance
	Uses elevator key independently
Со	ncerns About Mobility (Check all that apply.)
	Student seems extremely tired after walking, requires a long time to recover
	Student seems to be having more difficulty than in the past
	Student complains about pain or discomfort
	Changes in schedule require more time for travel
	Changes in class location or building are making it more challenging to get around
	Transition to new school will require consideration of mobility needs
	Other:
Sui	mmary of Student's Abilities and Concerns Related to Mobility
S	ection 11: Vision
	sion specialist should be consulted to complete this section.
Vis	ion Information
D	ate of Last Vision Report
Rep	ort indicates (please address any field loss, vision condition, etc.)
VIS	ual Abilities (Check all that apply.)

F	Read standard textbook print							
	Read text if enlarged to (indicate size in inches):							
	Requires specialized lighting such as:							
	Requires materials tilted at a certain angle (indicate angle):							
	Can read using optical aids, list:							
	Currently uses the following screen enlargement device:							
	Currently uses the following screen enlargement software:	Currently uses the following screen enlargement software:						
	Recognizes letters enlarged to:		pt. type on computer screen					
	Recognizes letters enlarged to : ,	pt. type for ,	minutes without eye fatigue.					
	Prefers							
	Black letters on white White on black	~						
	Prefers: (color) on							
	Filts head when reading							
	Uses only one eye:							
	Right eye Left eye							
	Uses screen reader:: ,	pt. type for ,	minutes without eye fatigue.					
F	Requires recorded material, text to speech, or Braille materials							
Alte	ernative Output							
	Slate and stylus							
	Falking calculator							
	Braille calculator							
	Braille notetaker							
	Electric Brailler							
	Refreshable Braille display							
	Tactile images							
	Screen reader							
Δlte	Braille translation software:							
	Writes using space correctly	Writes on line						
	Writes appropriate size	Reads own handwriting						
	Reads someone else's writing	Reads hand printing						
	Reads cursive	Skips letters when copying Requires softer lead pencils						
	Requires bold or raised-line paper Requires solered pencils Requires softer lead pencils							
	Requires colored pencils, pens, or paper							
	Requires felt tip pen							
	Thin point Thick point							

Section 12: Hearing									
A hearing specialist should be consulted to complete this section.									
Audiol	ogical Information								
Date of Last Vision Report									
Right E	Ear Hearing loss identified		eft Ear Hearing loss identified						
Onset	of hearing loss	E	Etiology						
Unaide	ed Auditory Abilities (Check all	that apply.)							
Attends to sounds									
H	ligh pitch Low pitch Voice	Background noises							
Student's Eye Contact and Attention to Communication Check best descriptor Poor Inconsistent Good Excellent									
Communication Used by Others Indicate the form of communication generally used by others in each of the following environments. (Check all that apply.)									
		School	Home	Community					
	Body language								
	Tangible symbols								
	Gestures								
	Speech								
	Cued speech								
	Picture cues								
	Written messages								
	Signs and speech together								
	Signed English								
	Contact (Pidgin) sign language								

American Sign Language (ASL)