Student's Name

student's IEP.



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. What task is it that we want this student to do, that s/he is unable to d	do at a level that reflects his/her skills/abilities (writing, reading,	

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2. Is the student currently able to complete tasks with special strategies or accommodations? If yes, describe in Column A for each checked task.

communicating, seeing, hearing)? Document by checking each relevant task below. Please leave blank any tasks that are not relevant to the

- 3. Is there available assistive technology (either devices, tools, hardware, of software) that could be used to address this task? (If none are known, review WATI's AT Checklist.) If any assistive technology tools are currently being used (or were tried in the past), describe in Column B.
- 4. Would the use of assistive technology help the student perform this skill more easily or efficiently, in the least restrictive environment, or perform successfully with less personal assistance? If yes, complete Column C.

Task	A. If currently completes task with special strategies / accommodations, describe.	B. If currently completes task with assistive technology tools, describe.	C. Describe new or additional assistive technology to be tried.
☐ Motor Aspects of Writing			
☐ Computer Access			
☐ Composing Written Material			
☐ Communication			
☐ Reading			
☐ Learning/ Studying			





Task	A. If currently completes task with special strategies /	B. If currently completes task with assistive technology tools, describe.	C. Describe new or additional assistive technology to be tried.
	accommodations, describe.		
☐ Math			
☐ Recreation and Leisure			
☐ Activities of Daily Living ADLs)			
☐ Mobility			
☐ Environmental Control			
☐ Positioning and Seating			
☐ Vision			
☐ Hearing			
	al assistance on its operation or use, or tra	luation of need for assistive technology, adap aining of student, staff, or family) that this stu	
Persons Present:			Date:



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	Date Completed	Comment	
Team Members			
Student	Grade		
School District/Agency	School		

Gathering Information:

Step 1: Team Members Gather Information

Review existing information regarding child's abilities, difficulties, environment, and tasks. If there is missing information, you will need to gather the information by completing formal tests, completing informal tests, and/or observing the child in various settings. The WATI Student Information Guide and Environmental Observation Guide are used to assist with gathering information. Remember, the team gathering this information should include parents, and if appropriate, the student.

Step 2: Schedule Meeting

Schedule a meeting with the team. Team includes: parents, student (if appropriate), service providers (e.g. spec. ed. teacher, general ed. teacher, SLP, OT, PT, administrator), and any others directly involved or with required knowledge and expertise.

Decision Making:

Step 3: Team Completes Problem Identification Portion of AT Planning Guide at the Meeting.

(Choose someone to write all topics where everyone participating can see them.)

The team should move quickly through:

Listing the student's **abilities/difficulties** related to tasks (5-10 minutes).

Listing key aspects of the **environment** in which the student functions and the student's location and positioning within the environment (5-10 minutes).

Identifying the **tasks** the student needs to be able to do is important because the team cannot generate AT solutions until the tasks are identified (5-10 minutes).

(Note: The emphasis in problem identification is identifying tasks the student needs to be able to do and the relationship of the student's abilities/difficulties and characteristics of the environment of the child's performance of the tasks.)

Date Completed

Comments

Step 4: Prioritize the List of Tasks for Solution Generation

Identify critical task for which the team will generate potential solutions. This may require a redefining or reframing of the original referral question, but is necessary so that you hone in on the most critical task

Step 5: Solution Generation

Brainstorm all possible solutions.

Note: The specificity of the solutions will vary depending on the knowledge and experience of the team members; some teams may generate names of specific devices with features that will meet the child's needs, other teams may simply talk about features that are important, e.g. "needs voice output," "needs to be portable," "needs few (or many) messages," "needs input method other than hands," etc. Teams may want to use specific resources to assist with solution generation. These resources include, but are not limited to: the AT Checklist, the ASNAT Manual, the Tool Box in *Computer and Web Resources for People with Disabilities, Closing the Gap Resource Directory*, and/or AT Consultant.

Step 6: Solution Selection

Discuss the solutions listed, thinking about which are most effective for the student. It may help to group solutions that can be implemented 1) immediately, 2) in the next few months, and 3) in the future. At this point list names of specific devices, hardware, software, etc. If the team does not know the names of devices, etc., use resources noted in Step 5 or schedule a consultation with a knowledgeable resource person (that is the part of the decision-making that should require the most time. Plan on 20-30 minutes here).

Step 7: Implementation Plan

Develop implementation plan (including trials with equipment) – being sure to assign specific names and dates, and determine meeting date to review progress (follow-up Plan).

Reminder: Steps 3-7 occur in a meeting with all topics written where all participants can see them. Use a flip chart, board or overhead during the meeting, because visual memory is an important supplement to auditory memory. Following the meeting, ensure that someone transfers the information to paper for the child's file for future reference.

Trial Use:

Step 8: Implement Planned Trials Step 9: Follow Up on Planned Date

Review trial use. Make any needed decisions about permanent use. Plan for permanent use.



Referral/Question Identification Guide

Student's Name	Date of Birth				
School	Grade				
School Contact Person	Phone				
Persons Completing Guide					
Date					
Parent(s) Name		Phone			
Address					
	Family's Primary				
Disability (Check all that apply.) ☐ Speech/Language ☐ Cognitive Disability ☐ Traumatic Brain Injury ☐ Emotional/Behavioral Disability ☐ Orthopedic Impairment – Type	☐ Significant Developmental Delay☐ Other Health Impairment☐ Autism	☐ Hearing Impairment☐ Vision Impairment			
Current Age Group					
☐ Birth to Three	☐ Early Childhood	☐ Elementary			
☐ Middle School	☐ Secondary				
Classroom Setting ☐ Regular Education Classroom ☐ Home	☐ Resource Room ☐ Other	☐ Self-contained			
Current Service Providers					
☐ Occupational Therapy ☐ Other(s)	☐ Physical Therapy	☐ Speech Language			
Medical Considerations (Check a	all that apply.)				
☐ History of seizures	☐ Fatigues easily	7			
\square Has degenerative medical condition					
☐ Has multiple health problems		pper respiratory infections			
Has frequent ear infections	☐ Has digestive p	problems			
☐ Currently taking medication for_					
Other Issues of Concern					



Assistive Technology Currently Used (Ch	eck all that apply.)
☐ Adaptive Output - Describe ☐ Other Assistive Technology Tried	□ Low Tech Writing Aids □ Augmentative Communication System □ Amplification System □ Manual Wheelchair □ Computer – Type (platform) □ Word Prediction gy previously tried, length of trial, and outcome (how did it
Assistive Technology	Number and Dates of Trial(s)
Outcome	
Assistive Technology	Number and Dates of Trial(s)
Outcome	
Assistive Technology	Number and Dates of Trial(s)
Outcome	
assistive technology may be an option?	nat is currently difficult or impossible, and for which
completed. (Check all that apply.)	sections of the Student Information Guide to be
☐ Section 1 Fine Motor Related to Computer or Device Access	☐ Section 8 Recreation and Leisure
☐ Section 2 Motor Aspects of Writing	☐ Section 9 Seating and Positioning
☐ Section 3 Composing Written Material	☐ Section 10 Mobility
☐ Section 4 Communication	☐ Section 11 Vision
☐ Section 5 Reading	☐ Section 12 Hearing
☐ Section 6 Learning and Studying ☐ Section 7 Math	☐ Section 13 General



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WATI Student Information Guide SECTION 1 Fine Motor Related to Computer (or Device) Access

1. Current Fine Moto	r Abilities	
	d situations. Does the student have ve	puter, switch, etc. Look at the movements oluntary, isolated, controlled movements
☐ Left hand	☐ Right hand	\square Eye(s)
☐ Left arm	☐ Right arm	☐ Head
☐ Left leg	☐ Right leg	☐ Mouth
☐ Left foot	☐ Right foot	☐ Tongue
\square Finger(s)	☐ Eyebrows	Other
Describe briefly the acti	vities/situations observed	
•	itations to range. □Yes □No nge in which the student has the mos	st motor control
3. Abnormal Reflexes	and Muscle Tone	
	eflexes or abnormal muscle tone.	Yes □No
		low or high muscle tone that may interfere
	ntary motor control.	
——————————————————————————————————————	tary motor control.	
4. Accuracy		
Student has difficulty w	rith accuracy. Tyes No	

Describe how accurate, reliable and consistent the student is in performing a particular fine motor task.



5. Fatigue Student fatigues easily.	. □Yes □No				
Describe how easily the		atigued.			
6. Assisted Direct Sele	ection				
What type of assistance	e for direct selection	has bee	n tried? (Check a	ll that apply.)
☐ Keyguard			☐ Head pointer	head stick	
☐ Pointers, hand grips, s	splints etc.		☐ Light beam/la	aser	
Other:					
Describe which seemed	d to work the best a	nd why			
		·			
7. Size of Grid Studen			1 0 = 411	- 2" - 2	
What is the smallest sq				$\square 2$ " $\square 3$	' 山 4"
What is the optimal siz			2		
		_	cross		
	Number of s	quares d	own		
8. Scanning					
If student cannot direct	select, does the stu	dent use	scanning?		
□ No				= 0.1	
☐ Yes, if yes ☐ St	•				
Preferred control site Other possible contro					
9. Type of Switch					
The following switches work the best.)	s have been tried. (C	Check all	that apply. Circle	the one or	two that seemed to
☐ Touch (jellybean)	☐ Light touch		□ Wobble		Rocker
☐ Joystick	☐ Lever		☐ Head switch		Mercury (tilt)
☐ Arm slot	☐ Eye brow		☐ Tongue		J Sip/puff
☐ Tread	Other				
Summary of Student'	s Abilities and Cor	ncerns R	elated to Compu	ter/Device A	Access



WATI Student Information Guide SECTION 2 Motor Aspects of Writing

1.	Current Writing Ability (Chec	k all that apply.)			
	Holds pencil, but does not write			Pretend writes	
	Scribbles with a few recognizable	letters		Uses regular per	ncil
	Uses pencil adapted with			Copies simple sl	hapes
	Copies from book (near point)			Copies from boa	ard (far point)
	Prints a few words			Writes on 1" lin	es
	Prints name			Writes on narro	w lines
	Writes cursive			Uses space corre	ectly
	Writing is limited due to fatigue			Sizes writing to	fit spaces
	Writing is slow and arduous			Writes independ	lently and legibly
2.	Assistive Technology Used (Ch	eck all that apply.)			
	Paper with heavier lines	☐ Paper with rais	ed l	ines	☐ Pencil grip
	Special pencil or marker	☐ Splint or penci	l ho	lder	☐ Typewriter
	Computer	☐ Other			
	Accidentally hits unwanted keys Requires arm or wrist support to ty Uses mini keyboard to reduce fatig Uses Touch Window Uses access software Uses adapted or alternate keyboard Other	rpe gue I, such as		Types slowly, we Performs 10 find Accesses keyboo Uses switch to a Uses alternative Uses Morse code	ard with head or mouth stick access computer keyboard le to access computer
	Computer Use (Check all that ap				
	Has never used a computer	☐ Uses computer			☐ Uses computer at home
	Uses computer for games	☐ Uses computer	for	word processing	
_	Uses computer's spell checker	_			
	Has potential to use computer but l	nas not used a comp	oute	r because	
_					



5. Computer Availability and Use							
The student has access to the following computer(s)							
□ PC	☐ Macintosh	☐ Other					
☐ Desktop	☐ Laptop						
Location:							
The student uses a compute	er						
☐ Rarely ☐ Frequently	☐ Daily for one or more s	ubjects or periods	☐ Every day, all day				
Summary of Student's 	Abilities and Concerns R	elated to Writing					



WATI Student Information Guide SECTION 3 Composing Written Material

_	Short words	☐ Sentences		☐ Multi-paragraph reports
	Short phrases	☐ Paragraphs of	f 2-5 sentences	☐ Other
	Complex phrases	☐ Longer parag	raphs	
2.	Difficulties Currently Experie	nced by Studen	t (Check all that a	apply.)
	Answering questions		☐ Generating	ideas
	Getting started on a sentence or sto	ory	□ Working w/	peers to generate ideas and information
	Adding information to a topic		☐ Planning co	ntent
	Sequencing information		Using a vari	iety of vocabulary
	Integrating information from two	or more sources	☐ Summarizin	ng information
	Relating information to specific to	pics	☐ Other	
	Determining when to begin a new	paragraph	-	
•	C44	44 N/I-4	Y4	U-1142 (Cl. 1 114 (1)
		iten Materiais S		tly Utilizes (Check all that apply.)
	Story starters		☐ Webbing/co	oncept mapping
	Preset choices or plot twists		Outlines	
	Templates to provide the format of (both paper and electronic)	r structure	Other	
	Aids/Assistive Technology for (Check all that apply.)	Composing Wr	itten Materials	Utilized by Student
	Word cards	l book	☐ Word wall/v	word lists
	Prewritten words on cards or label	S		
	Dictionary	ronic dictionary/s	pell checker	
	Whole words using software or ha	rdware (e.g. Intell	iKeys)	
	Symbol-based software for writing	g (e.g. Writing wit	h Symbols 2000 o	r Pix Writer)
	Word processing with spell checked	er/grammar check	er	
	Talking word processing		☐ Abbreviatio	on/expansion
\Box	Word processing with writing sup	port		
_	Multimedia software		☐ Voice recog	gnition software
	Other			



WATI Student Information Guide SECTION 4 Communication

1. Student's Present M (Check all that are		nunication e primary method the stu	ıdent uses.)	
☐ Changes in breathing patterns		Body position changes	☐ Eye-gaze/e	eye movement
	_	Gestures	☐ Pointing	
☐ Sign language approx	imations	Sign language (Type		# signs
		# combinations	# signs in a comb	ination)
☐ Vocalizations, list ex	amples			
		mples		
☐ Single words, list exa	amples & approx.	#		
☐ Reliable no	Reliable y	es		
☐ 2-word utterances				
		telligible:		
☐ Communication board	d Tangibles	☐ Pictures ☐ Combi	nation pictures/words	□ Words
☐ Voice output AC dev	ice (name of devi	ce)		
☐ Intelligible speech	□ Writing	☐ Other		
2. Those Who Unders	stand Student's	Communication Attem	pts (Check best descr	riptor.)
	Most of the time	Part of the time	Rarely	Not Applicable
Strangers				
Teachers/therapists				
Peers				
Siblings				
Parent/Guardian				
3. Current Level of R	eceptive Langu	ıage		
Age approximation				
If formal tests used, nam	e and scores		_	
If formal testing is not us	sed, please give a	n approximate age or develo	pmental level of funct	tioning. Explain your
rationale for this estimate	ð.			
4. Current Level of E	xpressive Lang	uage		
Age approximation:				
If formal tests used, nam	e and scores			
If formal testing is not us	sed, please give a	n approximate age or develo	pmental level of funct	tioning. Explain your
rationale for this estimate	2.			



5. Communic	ation Interaction Skills					
Desires to com	municate					
To indicate yes	and no the student					
☐ Shakes head	l □ Signs	□ Vocalizes	☐ Gestu	ires (☐ Eye gaze	es
☐ Points to bo	ard	mations	Does	not respond co	nsistently	
Can a person un	nfamiliar with the student unde	erstand the response	?	□ No		
		Always	Frequently	Occasionally	Seldom	Never
Turns toward sp	oeaker					
Interacts with p	eers					
Aware of listen	er's attention					
Initiates interac	tion					
Asks questions						
Responds to con	mmunication interaction					
Requests clarifi	cation from communication pa	artner \square				
Repairs commu	nication breakdown					
Requires freque	ent verbal prompts					
Requires freque	ent physical prompts					
Maintains comm	nunication exchange					
Terminates com	nmunication					
□ Walks□ Drops or the□ Needs device	Needs Related to Devices/S Uses wheeld to Uses whe	chair E d phrases	Carries de	vice under 2 po itized (human) s		_
7. Pre-Readi	ng and Reading Skills Rela	ated to Communic	cation (Che	ck all that apply	y.)	
☐ Yes ☐ No	Object/picture recognition		`	11 2		
□ Yes □ No	Symbol recognition (tactile,	, Mayer-Johnson, Re	ebus, etc.)			
☐ Yes ☐ No	Auditory discrimination of	•	. ,			
☐ Yes ☐ No	•					
☐ Yes ☐ No	Selecting initial letter of wo	-				
□ Yes □ No	Following simple directions					
☐ Yes ☐ No	Sight word recognition					
☐ Yes ☐No	Putting two symbols or wor	ds together to expre	ss an idea			



8. Visual Abilities Related to Communication	(Check all that apply.)
☐ Maintains fixation on stationary object	Looks to right and left without moving head
☐ Scans line of symbols left to right	☐ Scans matrix of symbols in a grid
☐ Visually recognizes people	☐ Visually recognizes common objects
☐ Visually recognizes photographs	☐ Visually recognizes symbols or pictures
☐ Needs additional space around symbol	☐ Visually shifts horizontally
☐ Visually shifts vertically	☐ Recognizes line drawings
Is a specific type (brand) of symbols or pictures pref	erred?
What size symbols or pictures are preferred?	
What line thickness of symbols is preferred?	inches
figure/ground discrimination?	
Explain anything else you think is significant about to	the responses the student currently uses or his/her need for
augmenting communication (Use an additional page	if necessary)
Summary of Student's Abilities and Concern	s Related to Communication



WATI Student Information Guide SECTION 5 Reading

ı.	The Student Demonstrates the Following Liter	acy Skills. (Check all that apply.)			
	Engages in joint attention with adult caregiver to acti	vities (e.g. songs, stories, games and/or toys)			
	Shows an interest in books and stories with adult				
	Shows and interest in looking at books independently				
	Associates pictures with spoken words when being re	ead to			
	Realizes text conveys meaning when being read to				
	Recognizes connection between spoken words and sp	pecific text when being read to			
	Pretend writes and "reads" what he or she has writter	n, even if scribbles			
	When asked to spell a word, gets first consonant corr	ect, but not the rest of the word			
	Demonstrates sound manipulation skills including:				
	☐ Initial and final sounds in words	☐ Initial letter names/sounds			
	Recognizes, names and prints the alphabet (if motor s	skills are limited, may use alternative means rather than			
	printing to demonstrate knowledge of the alphabet)	·			
	When asked to spell a word, gets first and last sounds	s correct			
	Applies phonics rules when attempting to decode prin	nted words			
	Sound blends words				
	Reads and understands words in context				
	Spells words using conventional spelling in situations	s other than memorized 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 synta	ax and punctuation			
2.	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				
2	D 1. A				
	Reading Assistance Used				
Ple	ease describe the non-technology based strategies and	accommodations that have been used with this student			
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4. Assistive Technology Used					
The following have been tried. (Check all that apply.)					
☐ Highlighter, marker, template, or other self-help aid in visual tracking ☐ Colored overlay to change contrast between text and background					
Hand held scanner to pronounce difficult words or phrases					
☐ Computer with text to speech software to					
☐ Speak single words ☐ Speak sentences ☐ Speak paragraphs ☐ Read entire document					
Explain what seemed to work about any of the above assistive technology that has been tried.					
5. Approximate Age or Grade Level of Reading Skills					
6. Cognitive Ability in General					
☐ Significantly below average ☐ Below average					
☐ Average ☐ Above average					
7. Difficulty					
Student has difficulty decoding the following. (Check all that apply.)					
☐ Worksheets ☐ Reading Textbook ☐ Subject Area Textbooks ☐ Tests					
Student has difficulty comprehending the following. (Check all that apply.)					
☐ Worksheets ☐ Reading Textbook ☐ Subject Area Textbooks ☐ Tests					
8. Computer Availability and Use					
The student has access to the following computer(s):					
□ PC □ Macintosh					
9. The Student Uses a Computer:					
☐ Rarely ☐ Frequently ☐ Daily for one or more subjects or periods ☐ Every day, most of the da					
For the following purposes					
Summary of Student's Abilities and Concerns Related to Reading					
Summary of Student's Abilities and Concerns Related to Reading					



WATI Student Information Guide SECTION 6 Learning and Studying

1.	Difficulties Student Has Learning New Mater	ial	or Studying (Check all that apply.)	
	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		Other	
	Reviewing notes from lectures			
2.	Assistive Technology Tried (Check all that apply	v.)		
	Print or picture schedule			
	Low tech aids to find materials (e.g. index tabs, colo	r co	oded folders)	
	Highlighting text (e.g. markers, highlight tape, ruler))		
	Recorded material			
	Voice output reminders for assignments, steps of tas	k, e	tc.	
	Electronic organizers			
	Pagers/electronic reminders			
	Hand held scanner to read words or phrases			
	Software for manipulation of objects/concept develo	pm	ent	
	Software for organization of ideas and studying			
	Palm computers			
	Other			
	Strategies Used ease describe any adaptations or strategies that have be	een	used to help this student with learning and studying.	
Su	mmary of Student's Abilities and Concerns in	the	e Area of Learning and Studying	



WATI Student Information Guide SECTION 7 Math

1. Difficulties Student Has with Math (Check all that ap	ply.)
☐ Legibly writing numerals	☐ Understanding math related language
☐ Understanding meaning of numbers	☐ Understanding place values
☐ Understanding money concepts	☐ Completing simple addition and subtraction
☐ Completing multiplication and division	☐ Completing complex addition and subtraction
☐ Understanding units of measurement	☐ Understanding tables and graphs
☐ Creating graphs and tables	☐ Understanding time concepts
☐ Understanding fractions	☐ Working with fractions
☐ Converting to mixed numbers	☐ Understanding decimals /percents
☐ Solving story problems	☐ Understanding geometry
☐ Graphing	☐ Understanding the use of formulas
☐ Understanding and use of trigonometry functions	☐ Checking work
☐ Other	
2. Assistive Technology Tried	
□ Abacus	☐ Talking calculator
☐ Math line	☐ Braille calculator
☐ Enlarged math worksheets	☐ Alternative keyboards (e.g., IntelliKeys)
☐ Low-tech alternatives for answering	☐ Math "Smart Chart"
☐ Recorded material	☐ Tactile math devices (ruler, clock, etc.)
☐ Voice output reminders for assignments, steps of task, etc.	☐ Electronic organizers
☐ Pagers/electronic reminders	☐ Single word scanners
☐ Software for manipulation of objects/concept development	☐ On screen scanning calculator
☐ Talking or Braille watch	☐ Software for organization of ideas and studying
☐ Palm computers	
☐ Other	
3. Strategies Used	
Please describe any strategies that have been used to help)
Summary of Student's Abilities and Concerns Related	l to Math
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WATI Student Information Guide SECTION 8 Recreation and Leisure

1. Difficulties Student Experiences Participat	ing in Recreation and Leisure (Check all that apply.)			
☐ 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			
2. Activities Student Especially Enjoys				
3. Adaptations Tried to Enhance Participatio	n in Recreation and Leisure			
How did they help?				
4. Assistive Technology Tried (Check all that ap □ Toys adapted with Velcro®, magnets, handles etc □ Toys adapted for single switch operation □ Adaptive sporting equipment, such as lighted or leading to the Universal cuff or strap to hold crayons, markers, □ Modified utensils, e.g. rubber stamps, rollers, brue □ Ergo Rest or other arm support □ Electronic aids to control/operate TV, VCR, CD □ Software to complete art activities	beeping ball etc. ushes player, etc. Games on the computer			
☐ Other computer software	□ Other			
Summary of Student's Abilities and Concerns	summary of Student's Abilities and Concerns in the Area of Recreation and Leisure			



WATI Student Information Guide SECTION 9 Seating and Positioning

1.	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
2.	Description of Seating (Check all that apply.)
	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 student¹s seating
	Student dislikes some positions, often indicates discomfort in the following positions
	How is the discomfort communicated?
	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
	Where are their hips?
	Can maintain head control for minutes in this position.
	ummary of Student's Abilities and Concerns Related to Seating and Positioning



WATI Student Information Guide SECTION 10 Mobility

1.	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
2.	Concerns 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
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Su	mmary of Student's Abilities and Concerns Related to Mobility



WATI Student Information Guide Section 11 Vision

A vision specialist should be consulted to complete this section.

1. Date of Last Vision Report		
Report indicates (please address any field loss, vision condition, etc.)		
2. Visual Abilities (Check all that apply.)		
☐ 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		
☐ Recognizes letters enlarged to pt. type on computer screen		
☐ Recognizes letters enlarged to pt. type forminutes without eye fatigue.		
☐ Prefers ☐ Black letters on white ☐ White on black ☐(color) on		
☐ Tilts head when reading		
☐ Uses only one eye: ☐ Right eye ☐ Left eye		
☐ Uses screen reader:		
☐ Requires recorded material, text to speech, or Braille materials		
3 Alternative Output		
Currently uses (Check all that apply.)		
□ Slate and stylus		
☐ Talking calculator		
☐ Braille calculator		
☐ Braille notetaker		
□ Electric Brailler		
☐ Refreshable Braille display		
☐ Tactile images		
□ Screen reader		
☐ Braille translation software:		



Level of proficiency (Check the one that most of	closely describes the student.)
☐ Requires frequent physical prompts	Requires frequent verbal cues
☐ Needs only intermittent cues	Uses device to complete tasks independently
☐ Trouble-shoots problems related to device	
4. Writing/Handwritten Materials (check al	l that apply)
☐ 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 bold or raised-line paper	☐ Requires softer lead pencils
☐ Requires colored pencils, pens, or paper	☐ Requires felt tip pen ☐ Thin point ☐ Thick poin
Summary of Student's Abilities and Concer	rns Related to Vision



WATI Student Information Guide SECTION 12 Hearing

A hearing specialist should be consulted to complete this section.

1. Audiological Inf	formation			
Date of last audiolog	ical exam			
Hearing loss identifie	ed			
Right Ear Left Ear	☐ Mild ☐ Mild	ModerateModerate	☐ Severe ☐ Severe	
Onset of hearing loss		Etio	logy	
2. Unaided Audito	ry Abilities (Check	all that apply.)		
☐ Attends to sounds☐ Discriminates env☐ Turns toward sou☐ Hears some speed☐ Understands synth	vironmental vs. non-e nd ch sounds	☐ High pitch 〔		Voices Background noise
3. Student's Eye C	Contact and Attent	ion to Communi	cation (Check bes	t descriptor.)
□ Poor	☐ Inconsistent	☐ Limited	☐ Good	☐ Excellent
4. 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 La	anguage (ASL)			
5. Level of Receptive Proficiency in Each Environment School Home Community				
☐ Understands sing	le words			
☐ Understands shor				
☐ Understands major communications	•			



6. Student Communicates wit	•		
□ Speech	☐ American Sign L		Body language
☐ Signs and speech together			Written messages
☐ Signed English	☐ Picture cues	Ц	Contact (Pidgin) sign language
☐ Other	_		
Level of expressive communicat	ion:		
☐ Single words	☐ Combination of v	words \square P	Proficient
7. Is There a Discrepancy Bet	ween Recentive and F	'vnressive Ahilities?	
☐ Yes ☐ No	ween Receptive and L	Apressive Homnes.	
If yes, describe further.			
8. Services Currently Used (C	Check all that apply)		
☐ Audiology	■ Note taker		
☐ Educational interpreter using:_	ASL	☐ Transliterating	☐ PSE ☐ Oral
9. Equipment Currently Used	(Chack all that annly)		
☐ Hearing aids	Cochlear implant	_t пт	Telecaption decoder
-	-		-
☐ Vibrotactile devices	☐ Classroom ampli	•	TTY/TDD
☐ FM system	☐ Other		
10. Present Concerns for Comm	nunication, Writing, a	nd/or Educational M	laterials
☐ Cannot hear teacher/other stud	_	☐ Cannot respond to em	
☐ Cannot participate in class disc		-	educational videos/programs
☐ Displays rec./exp. language de		☐ Cannot use telephone	
Displays rec./exp. language de	lays L	2 Cannot use telephone	to communicate
11. Current communication fur	nctioning (Check all that	t apply)	
☐ Desires to communicate			
☐ Initiates interaction			
☐ Responds to communication re	equests		
☐ Reads lips	•		
☐ Appears frustrated with curren	t communication function	ning	
☐ Requests clarification from con	mmunication partners ("V	Vould you please repeat	that?")
☐ Repairs communication break	lown (Keeps trying, char	nges message)	
12. Current Reading Level			
Summary of Hearing Abilitie	s and Concerns		



WATI Student Information Guide Section 13 General

Are there any behaviors (both positive and negative) that significantly impact the student's performance?
Are there significant factors about the student's strengths, learning style, coping strategies or interests that the team should consider?
Are there any other significant factors about the student that the team should consider?
Does student fatigue easily or experience a change in performance at different times of the day?



Environmental Observation Guide

Student's name:	
School:	
Observer:	
Date of Observation:	
Type of class:	
Directions : Complete this Environmental Assessment Ch	ecklist before beginning
Describe the environment: Record short responses in the	space provided.
Special or general education classroom?	
Specialty classroom (Specify: e.g., P.E., computer lab)	
Therapy room? (Specify)	
Number of teachers in class?	
Number of aides in class?	
Number of volunteers in class?	
Number of students in the class?	
How many days per week is the program?	
How many hours/day?	
Is the atmosphere busy or quiet?	
Are there large open areas or small divided sections?	
How are the desks arranged?	
Is the furniture sized for children?	
Are materials accessible, appropriate, varied, interesting?	
Is special equipment available (i.e., chairs with arm	
supports)?	
Where is the classroom located in relationship to the	
cafeteria, therapy, outdoor play areas, etc.?	
Are bathrooms located in or outside the classroom?	

Sensory Stimulation: Judge the level of sensory stimulation and record it with a check in the corresponding box. Enter comments or notes that clarify your responses if needed.

	Excessive	Balanced	Reduced	N/A	Comments
Auditory					
Hallway					
Street					
Other classrooms					
Other students					
Instructional media					
Teacher aides/volunteers					
Other (specify):					



Sensory Stimulation: continued

	Excessive	Balanced	Reduced	Comments
Visual				
Color				
Clutter/busy				
Art/decorations				
Visual information				
Lighting				
Other (specify):				

Persons Present During Observation: For each person on the list, put a check in the appropriate column indicating their level of participation.

Persons	Participating	Observing	Not Present
Student			
Special Educator			
General Educator			
Peer Tutors (How many?)			
Instructional Assistant #1			
Instructional Assistant #2			
Instructional Assistant #3			
Personal Attendant			
Speech-Language Pathologist			
Occupational Therapist			
Physical Therapist			
School Psychologist			
Parent			
Volunteer			
Administrator			
AT Specialist			
Other (specify):			

Notes:



Access to Assistive Technology: Record the presence or absence of **EACH TYPE** of assistive technology by placing a check in the corresponding box. Record the AT found in the classroom as a whole, not just the AT used by the target student.

Types	Present-Not Used	Present-Used	Not Present
Communication cards/boards			
Digitally recorded communication			
devices			
Electronic communication devices			
AT for activities of daily living			
Adjustable seating (not a wheelchair)			
Positioning equipment			
Amplification			
Visual signaling devices			
Brailler/brailled materials			
Magnifiers			
Notetaking devices/keyboards			
Speech output devices/computers			
Handwriting aids			
Alternate/adapted keyboards			
Alternate/adapted mouse			
Computer switch interface			
Touch window			
Talking word processor/word			
prediction/abbreviation & expansion			
Transfer aids - Hoists/lifts			
Mobility aids (not wheelchairs)			
Adapted environment (e.g., doors,			
fixtures, furniture)			
Electronic equipment for instruction			
(calculator, e-books)			
Adapted instructional materials			
Instructional software			
Computer stations			
Adapted art/craft materials			
Adapted sports/recreation equipment			
Adapted toys			
Other (specify):			



Environmental Observation Summary

Activity/Task(s) observed:
Ways that typical students participated:
ways that typical students participated.
Ways the target student participated:
Barriers to target student's participation:
Barriers to target student's participation.

Adapted from:

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WATI Assistive Technology Decision Making Guide

Referral Question_			
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PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

Student's Abilities/Difficulties	Environmental Considerations	Tasks
Writing/Use of Hands Communication Reading/Academics Mobility Vision Hearing Behavior Other	e.g. Classroom Playground Lunch Room Home, etc. In Each: Technology Equipment Available Room Arrangement, Lighting Sound Activities, etc.	e.g. Produce legible written material Produce audible speech Read text Complete math problems Participate in recreation/leisure Move independently in the school environment
		i.e. Specific task identified for solution generation
SOLUTION GENERATION	Solution Selection	Implementation Plan
Brainstorming Only No Decision	Discuss & Select Idea from Solution Generation	AT Trials/Services Needed: Date Length Person Responsible
		Follow-Up Plan
		Who & When Set specific date now.

Important: It is intended that you use this as a guide. Each topic should be written in large print where everyone can see them, i.e. on a flip chart or board. Information should then be transferred to paper for distribution, file, and future reference.



WATI Assistive Technology Checklist

COMPUTER ACCESS	READING, STUDYING, AND MATH
☐ Keyboard using accessibility options	Reading
 □ Word prediction, abbreviation/expansion to reduce keystrokes □ Keyguard □ Arm support □ Track ball/track pad/joystick with on-screen keyboard 	 ☐ Standard text ☐ Predictable books ☐ Changes in text size, spacing, color, background color ☐ Book adapted for page turning (e.g. page fluffers, 3-ring binder)
☐ Alternate keyboard ☐ Mouth stick/head mouse with on-screen keyboard ☐ Switch with Morse code ☐ Switch with scanning ☐ Voice recognition software ☐ Other: WRITING	 ☐ Use of pictures/symbols with text ☐ Talking electronic device/software to pronounce challenging words ☐ Single word scanners ☐ Scanner w/OCR and text to speech software ☐ Software to read websites and emails ☐ Other:
Motor Aspects of Writing	Learning/Studying
 □ Regular pencil/pen □ Pencil/pen with adaptive grip □ Adapted paper (e.g. raised line, highlighted lines) □ Slantboard □ Use of prewritten words/phrases □ Portable word processor to keyboard instead of write □ Computer with word processing software □ Portable scanner with word processing software □ Voice recognition software to word process □ Other: 	 □ Print or picture schedule □ Low tech aids to find materials (e.g. index tabs, color coded folders) □ Highlight text (e.g. markers, highlight tape, ruler, etc.) □ Recorded material (books on tape, taped lectures with number coded index, etc.) □ Voice output reminders for assignments, steps of task, etc. □ Electronic organizers □ Pagers/electronic reminders □ Hand-held scanners
Composing Written Material	☐ Software for concept development/manipulation of
 □ Word cards/word book/word wall □ Pocket dictionary/thesaurus □ Writing templates □ Electronic/talking electronic dictionary/thesaurus/spell checker 	objects – may use alternate input device, e.g. switch, ☐ Touch Window ☐ Software for organization of ideas and studying ☐ Palm computers ☐ Other:
☐ Word processing with spell checker/grammar checker	Math
☐ Talking word processing ☐ Abbreviation/expansion ☐ Word processing with writing supports ☐ Multimedia software ☐ Voice recognition software ☐ Other:	□ Abacus/Math Line □ Enlarged math worksheets □ Low tech alternatives for answering □ Math "Smart Chart" □ Money calculator and Coinulator □ Tactile/voice output measuring devices
COMMUNICATION Communication board/book with pictures/objects/ letters/words Eye gaze board/frame communication system Simple voice output device Voice output device w/levels Voice output device w/icon sequencing Voice output device w/dynamic display	☐ Talking watches/clocks ☐ Calculator/calculator with printout ☐ Calculator with large keys and/or large display ☐ Talking calculator ☐ Calculator with special features (e.g. fraction translation) ☐ On-screen/scanning calculator ☐ Alternative keyboard ☐ Software with cueing for math computation (may use
☐ Device w/speech synthesis for typing ☐ Other:	adapted input methods) ☐ Other:



RECREATION AND LEISURE	VISION
☐ Toys adapted with Velcro, magnets, handles, etc.	☐ Eye glasses
☐ Toys adapted for single switch operation	☐ Optical aids
☐ Adaptive sporting equipment (e.g. lighted or beeping	☐ Large print materials
ball)	☐ Auditory materials
☐ Universal cuff/strap to hold crayons, markers, etc.	☐ Dictation software (voice input)
☐ Modified utensils (e.g. rubber stamps, brushes, etc.)	☐ CCTV (closed circuit television)
☐ Ergo Rest or other arm support for drawing/painting	☐ Screen magnifier (mounted over screen)
☐ Electronic aids to control/operate TV, VCR, CD player,	☐ Screen magnification software
etc.	☐ Screen color contrast
☐ Software	☐ Screen reader, text reader
☐ Completion of art activities	☐ Braille notetaker
☐ Games on the computer	☐ Braille translation software
☐ Other computer software	☐ Braille embosser
☐ Other:	☐ Enlarged or Braille/tactile labels for keyboard
	☐ Alternate keyboard
ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING (ADLS)	☐ Other:
☐ Non slip materials to hold things in place	
☐ Universal cuff/strap to hold items in hand	HEARING
☐ Color coded items for easier locating and identifying	☐ Pen and paper
☐ Adaptive eating utensils (e.g. foam handles, deep sides)	☐ Computer/portable word processor
☐ Adaptive drinking devices (e.g. cup with cut-out rim)	☐ TDD for phone access with or without relay
☐ Adaptive dressing equipment (e.g. button hook, elastic	☐ Signaling device (e.g. flashing light or vibrating pager)
shoelaces, Velcro instead of buttons, etc.)	☐ Closed captioning
☐ Adaptive devices for hygiene (e.g. adapted toothbrush,	☐ Real Time captioning
raised toilet seat, etc.)	☐ Computer aided note taking
Adaptive bathing devices	☐ Screen flash for alert signals on computer
☐ Adaptive equipment for cooking	☐ Phone amplifier
☐ Other:	☐ Personal amplification system/hearing aid
	☐ FM or loop system
MOBILITY	☐ Infrared system
□ W-11	Other:
□ Walker	
☐ Grab bars and rails	
☐ Manual wheelchair including sports chair	COMMENTS
☐ Powered mobility toy (e.g. Cooper Car, GoBot)	
Powered scooter or cart	
☐ Powered wheelchair w/ joystick or other control	
☐ Adapted vehicle for driving	
Other:	
POSITIONING AND SEATING	
☐ Non-slip surface on chair to prevent slipping (e.g.	
Dycem)	
☐ Bolster, rolled towel, blocks for feet	
☐ Adapted/alternate chair, sidelyer, stander	
☐ Custom fitted wheelchair or insert	
☐ Other:	



WATI Assistive Technology Trial Use Guide

AT to be tried:					
Student's Name: Meeting Date:]	DOB:	Age:_
School/Agency: Grade/Placement:		_			
Contact Person(s):					
School/Agency Phone:			Address	S:	
Persons Completing Guide: _					
Parent(s) Name:		Phone:			
Parent(s) Address: Goal for AT use: ACQUISITION					
Source(s)		Person Responsible	Date(s) Available	Date Received	Date Returned
Person primarily responsible	to learr	n to operate this AT:			
Person(s) to be trained	Tra	Training Required			Date Completed
				Begun	



MANAGEMENT/SUPPORT

Location(s)	Support to be provided (e.g. set up, trouble shoot, recharge, program, etc.)	Person Responsible

Student Use

Date	Time Used	Location	Task(s)	Outcome(s)



WATI Assistive Technology Trial Use Summary

tudent's Name:			Age:	Date Completed:
Person(s) Completin	ng Summary:			
Task Being Addres	sed During	Trial		
Criteria for Succes	s			
AT Tried	Dates Used	Criteria Met?		vantages, disadvantages, es, performance)
			-	-
)	for IED.			
Recommendations	10F 1EF:			



W.A.T.I. Assessment Forms

Assistive Technology

S S E S

The WATI Assistive Technology Assessment is a process based, systematic approach to providing a functional evaluation of the student's need for assistive technology in their customary environment.

(Please note: This is <u>not</u> a test protocol. There is no scoring involved.)

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