

Student Information Guide

SECTION 6

Reading

1. The Student Demonstrates the Following Literacy Skills.

(Check all that apply. Add comments to clarify)

- Engages in joint attention with adult caregiver to activities (e.g. songs, stories, games and/or toys)
- Shows an interest in books and stories with adult
- Shows an interest in looking at books independently
- Associates pictures with spoken words when being read to
- Realizes text conveys meaning when being read to
- Recognizes connection between spoken words and specific text when being read to
- Pretend writes and “reads” what he or she has written, even if it is scribbles
- Recognizes and reads environmental print
- When asked to spell a word, gets first consonant correct, 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 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 correct
- Applies phonics rules when attempting to decode printed words
- Sound blends words
- Reads and understands words in context
- Uses inventive spelling most of the time
- Uses conventional spelling most of the time
- 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

2. Student’s Performance Is Improved by (Check all that apply.)

- Smaller amount of text on page
- Word wall to refer to
- Graphics to communicate ideas
- Bold type for main ideas
- Additional time
- Spoken text to accompany print
- Increased spacing between words/lines
- Symbol or Rebus supports to text
- Enlarged print
- Pre-teaching concepts
- Text rewritten at lower reading level
- Reduced length of assignment
- Being placed where there are few distractions
- Color overlay or colored text/background
(List color _____)
- Other _____

3. Reading Assistance Used

Please describe the non-technology based strategies and accommodations that have been used with this student

4. Assistive Technology Used

The following have been tried. (Check all that apply. Add comments for clarification.)

- Highlighter, marker, template, or other self-help aid in visual tracking
- Colored overlay to change contrast between text and background
- Tape recorder, taped text, or talking books to “read along” with text
- Digital Audio files (Mp3, iPod, etc.)
- Talking dictionary or talking spell checker to pronounce single words
- Hand held pen scanner to read difficult words or phrases
- Electronic text from
- internet publisher scanned text other _____
- Computer with text to speech software to
- Speak single words Speak sentences Speak paragraphs Read entire document
- Handheld device to read electronic books
- Electronic books from Bookshare or other digital source

Explain what seemed to work or not work with 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 (Check all that apply. Add comments for clarification.)

Student has difficulty physically accessing the following.

- Single sheets of paper Books

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Student has difficulty understanding written language based on

- English Language Learner
- Limited background experiences

Student has sensory difficulties with

- Visual clutter
- Fluorescent lighting
- Background noise
- Personal Space
- Other _____

Student has difficulty decoding the following.

- Worksheets
- Content Textbooks
- Trade Books
- Tests
- Websites or other digital text
- Modified Curriculum _____
- Recreational text

Student has difficulty comprehending the following.

- Worksheets
- Content Textbooks
- Trade Books
- Tests
- Websites or other digital text
- Modified Curriculum _____
- Recreational text

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 day

For the following purposes _____

Summary of Student’s Abilities and Concerns Related to Reading
