

SPEED / WATI Student Information Guide

SECTION 4

Communication

Student: _____ Referring Person: _____ Date: _____

1. Student's Present Means of Communication

(Check all that are used. Circle the primary method the student uses.)

- Changes in breathing patterns Body position changes Eye-gaze/eye movement
- Facial expressions Gestures Pointing
- Sign language approximations Sign language (Type _____ # signs _____
combinations _____ # signs in a combination _____)
- Vocalizations, list examples _____
- Vowels, vowel combinations, list examples _____
- Single words, list examples & approx. # _____
- Reliable no Reliable yes
- 2-word utterances 3-word utterances
- Semi intelligible speech, estimate % intelligible: _____
- Communication board Tangibles Pictures Combination pictures/words Words
- Voice output AC device (name of device) _____
- Intelligible speech Writing Other _____

2. Those Who Understand Student's Communication Attempts (Check best descriptor.)

	Most of the time	Part of the time	Rarely	Not Applicable
Strangers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teachers/therapists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Siblings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parent/Guardian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Current Level of Receptive Language

Age approximation _____

If formal tests used, name and scores _____

If formal testing is not used, please give an approximate age or developmental level of functioning. Explain your rationale for this estimate. _____

4. Current Level of Expressive Language

Age approximation: _____

If formal tests used, name and scores _____

If formal testing is not used, please give an approximate age or developmental level of functioning. Explain your rationale for this estimate. _____

5. Communication Interaction Skills

Desires to communicate Yes No

To indicate *yes* and *no* the student

- Shakes head Signs Vocalizes Gestures Eye gazes
 Points to board Uses word approximations Does not respond consistently

Can a person unfamiliar with the student understand the response? Yes No

	Always	Frequently	Occasionally	Seldom	Never
Turns toward speaker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interacts with peers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aware of listener's attention	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiates interaction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asks questions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responds to communication interaction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requests clarification from communication partner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Repairs communication breakdown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires frequent verbal prompts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires frequent physical prompts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintains communication exchange	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Terminates communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Describe techniques student uses for repair (e.g. keeps trying, changes message, points to first letter etc.).

6. Student's Needs Related to Devices/Systems (Check all that apply.)

- Walks Uses wheelchair Carries device under 2 pounds
 Drops or throws things frequently Needs digitized (human) speech
 Needs device w/large number of words and phrases
 Other _____

7. Pre-Reading and Reading Skills Related to Communication (Check all that apply.)

- Yes No Object/picture recognition
- Yes No Symbol recognition (tactile, Mayer-Johnson, Rebus, etc.)
- Yes No Auditory discrimination of sounds
- Yes No Auditory discrimination of words, phrases
- Yes No Selecting initial letter of word
- Yes No Following simple directions
- Yes No Sight word recognition
- Yes No Putting two symbols or words together to express an idea

8. Visual Abilities Related to Communication (Check all that apply.)

- Maintains fixation on stationary object
- Scans line of symbols left to right
- Visually recognizes people
- Visually recognizes photographs
- Needs additional space around symbol
- Visually shifts vertically
- Looks to right and left without moving head
- Scans matrix of symbols in a grid
- Visually recognizes common objects
- Visually recognizes symbols or pictures
- Visually shifts horizontally
- Recognizes line drawings

Is a specific type (brand) of symbols or pictures preferred? _____

What size symbols or pictures are preferred? _____

What line thickness of symbols is preferred? _____ inches

Does student seem to do better with black on white, or white on black, or a specific color combination for figure/ground discrimination? _____

Explain anything else you think is significant about 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 Concerns Related to Communication _____
