

Parent Interview

Dear Family Member,

The purpose of this form is to gather information from parents/guardians on your observations about your child and other issues that may affect your child's school performance. The information you provide will be included as part of the assessment for your child. Your ideas and concerns are important to the assessment process and will be summarized in the Evaluation Report (ER).

Student Name _____ Grade _____

School _____ Date _____

Parents _____

Form Completed By _____

1. What is the student's current living situation?

2. Share the strengths and special abilities of your child.

3. Has anyone in your immediate or extended family had academic or educational problems?
 Yes No If yes, please explain:

4. Many learning problems in childhood are temporary and may be brought on by changes in the life of a child and his or her family. Indicate which of the following events have occurred in your family. (Check all that apply)

Event	Year	Explanation
<input type="checkbox"/> Move to a new home		
<input type="checkbox"/> Change of school		How many times in the year stated? How many times total?
<input type="checkbox"/> Serious illness in family		
<input type="checkbox"/> Death in family		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce/separation of parents		
<input type="checkbox"/> Change in hours parent(s) are home		
<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of job		
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent began work out of home		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brother or sister left home		
<input type="checkbox"/> New person joined family		Who?
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemical or alcohol use		
<input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness		
<input type="checkbox"/> Foster home placement		
<input type="checkbox"/> Court placement		
<input type="checkbox"/> Involvement with the law		
<input type="checkbox"/> Family member in counseling		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		

5. What are your child's current school problems?

6. Has repeating a grade ever been considered for your child?
 Yes No If yes, please explain:

7. Describe the way you've seen your child learn best. Give an example.

8. Describe something your child has learned easily in the last three months.

9. Describe something your child had difficulty learning in the last three months.

10. Does your child complete homework independently, or does your child need your assistance?

11. Do you feel your child's school problem(s) is (are) the result of a cultural or other misunderstanding?
 Yes No If yes, please explain:

12. Rate your child's performance at home or in the community on the following items:

Activity	Does very well	Occasionally requires parent assistance	Always requires parent assistance
Follows two- to three-step directions (S)			
Remembers (S)			
Organizes well (O)			
Uses planning skills (O)			
Understands what he or she reads (A)			
Understands what he or she sees (A)			
Understands what he or she hears (A)			
Learns a new game (A)			
Recalls events from the school day (R)			
Recalls specifics from a special event (R)			
Reads aloud (R)			
Knows basic math facts (R)			
Carries on a conversation (E)			
Handwrites (E)			
Problem solves (M)			
Explains something he or she learns (M)			
Assembles or repairs things (M)			
Demonstrates artistic ability (M)			