

## Classroom Communication & AAC Goals

For Self-Contained Special Education and Augmentative Communication Users

Student Name	
Date of Assessment	
Assessment Team Members	
Methods of Communication	

## **Present Level of Performance:**

Academic Environment	Ability Skill Level-% of Goal Mastery			
Communicative Function	P- Presymbolic	1-Symbolic	2-Early	3-Language
	Communication	Communication	Language	Development
Wants & Needs				N/A
Social Exchanges				N/A
Information Exchanges				N/A
Language Development	7			
Academic Communication	2			

## Directions:

- 1. Consider each communication behavior. Check the box beside each behavior that describes how the student consistently communicates across all areas of the academic environment (mastered).
- 2. For each ability level, count the number of behaviors you checked off as mastered and divide this number by the total number of behaviors in that section only.
- 3. Put the percentage mastered in the left column box to describe the Goal Mastery at that level for that particular goal category.
- 4. Transfer these numbers to the above Present Level of Performance Chart.



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Ability Level	Communicative Behaviors For Expressing Wants & Needs
	Obtaining/Requesting When Engaged & Interested
	("Indicate" means reach, touch, give, directed gaze, activate switch)
L	☐ Orientation or eye gaze toward desired item
Level P-	☐ Reach, vocalize, move toward partner to request action/social routine (pick up, hugs)
Presymbolic	☐ Reach, vocalize toward desired item when available
Communication	☐ Indicate a choice from 2-3 desired objects available
	☐ Indicate a photo symbol to request desired object (1 option available)
	☐ Indicate a photo symbol to request desired object (2-3 choices available)
	☐ Reach, vocalize toward photo/picture symbol to request desired, tangible action (including early
	developing core words, "more," "stop," "go," "want")
Loude	☐ Indicate a choice given photo symbols given a choice of 4-12
Level 1-	☐ Indicate a choice given abstract symbols of objects, 4-12 choices
Early Symbolic	☐ Request action by indicating a picture symbol
Communication	☐ Requests action by indicating a picture symbol given a choice of 4-12 choices
	☐ Beginning to combine 2 or more symbols to request
	Consistently request using short phrases (pairing words, symbols)
	☐ Requesting using 2-3 word sentences
Level 2-	☐ Use of polite social language to obtain ("please")
Early Language	☐ Use of rote question reversals to obtain, "can I…"
	Use of multiple language tools to negotiate to obtain (polite forms, rephrasing, asking a question, "may I…")



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Ability Level	Communicative Behaviors for Social Exchanges
	Greeting & Social Exchanges (establishing & maintaining social relationships)
Level P-	☐ Indicate awareness and attention to partners through orientation, facial expression, gestures, touch
Presymbolic	☐ Initiate interaction/attention through orientation, facial expression, gestures, touch
Communication	☐ Uses conventional gestures- wave, high five etc to greet or say goodbye
	☐ Uses a single message switch/symbol to greet or say goodbye with cueing as needed
	☐ Initiates use of a single message for greetings with familiar partners (switch, picture symbol)
Level 1	☐ Uses an abstract symbol to interact with 2 options for "hello" and "goodbye"
Symbolic	☐ Beginning sequencing of rote social messages, for ex. "Hi," "How are you?" "fine" "goodbye"
Communication	☐ Use of more than 2 conversational turns for simple social exchanges using symbols
	☐ Beginning use of single message, general social commenting, ex: "that's cool," "that's good," "too bad"
	☐ Beginning use of single message, rote questions about immediately observable activities/objects or familiar routines (ex: "what's next?" "what's that?" "are we done yet?")
Level 2	<ul> <li>☐ Expands social exchange to include sharing simple, personally meaningful novel information</li> <li>☐ Expresses a message related to partner initiated topic of conversation</li> </ul>
Early Language	Asks single message, rote partner focused questions to continue conversation (ex: "How about you?" "What do you think?")

Ability Level	Communicative Behaviors for Social Information Exchanges
	Sharing Comments, Opinions & Information
Level P-	Express pleasure/displeasure through facial expression, orientation, vocalization, physical movement
Presymbolic	☐ Conventional acceptance/rejection behaviors (move item away, receive item, retract limbs,
Communication	reach toward, clapping, high fives, covering mouth)
	☐ Directs your attention to something through pointing, looking back and forth between you and
	the object, person or place
	☐ Offers an opinion, given a choice, about an immediately observable event/item/component of
Level 1-	item using picture symbols or auditory cues given choices by partner, "do you like or don't like
Symbolic	it?" Is it "good" or "bad"
Communication	☐ Directs your attention to something by labeling the concrete object/person/place using a single
	noun symbol/photo/sign language
	☐ Directs your attention to something using an abstract core symbol such as "look," "there"
	☐ Initiate a positive or negative comment about an immediately observable event/item/component using a single message, "good," "funny," "sick," "oh no!"
Level 2-	☐ Respond to information questions about recent, memorable personal experiences given a
Level 2-	selection of options (ex: "where did you go today?" partner shows the "school places" page on the
Early Language	AAC system; or offers verbally, "cafeteria, media center, P.E.?")
	☐ Offers an opinion about event/item/component of item not immediately observable given visual
	choices or auditory scan, "What do you think?" with options "Like," "don't like" or "good," "bad."
	☐ Answers an open-ended question without choices about immediately observable
	event/item/component "What did you do?" "What did you make?" etc.
	☐ Initiate sharing simple personal experiences and story telling, with simple sentences
	☐ Uses increased variety in descriptor choices, ex. "funny" "silly," "awful," "awesome," "cool," "terrible"



Student Name:		

Ability Level	Communicative Behaviors for Language Development
	Expressive language developmental progression
Level P- Presymbolic Communication	☐ Communicates through behaviors or other non-conventional methods ☐ Communicates through conventional, recognizable behaviors (waving, pointing, showing)
Level 1- Symbolic Communication	<ul> <li>☐ Functionally expresses a variety of common nouns in categories to include 5 examples in each of 7 categories</li> <li>☐ Functionally expresses observable abstract descriptive concepts (ex: wet/dry, hot/cold, big/little, all/some) with 2 examples of each category</li> <li>☐ Functionally expresses at least 5 observable action concepts</li> <li>☐ Expresses single core words for functional communication</li> </ul>
Level 2- Early Language	<ul> <li>☐ Functionally uses learned sentence constructions ("I see" "It's a" "I have" "I want")</li> <li>☐ Exhibits beginning creative word pairing a) without navigation of device/book b) navigating through pages of device/book (core word pairing, noun-verb, verb-object, actor-action, descriptor-object etc.)</li> <li>☐ Uses early word endings (plural "-s," verb tenses, "-ing")</li> <li>☐ Uses early factual based question words "who, what &amp; where?"</li> <li>☐ Beginning pronoun use with some confusion noted, "I," "me," "you," "he," "she" and "they"</li> </ul>
Level 3- Language Development	<ul> <li>□ Generates creative messages with correct word order and meaning more than 3 words</li> <li>□ Uses complex and compound sentences (for ex: phrases joined by "and," "because," "when," "if")</li> <li>□ Uses question reversals ("can I?" "will you?")</li> <li>□ Uses more advanced wh-questions ("when," "why," and "how")</li> <li>□ Uses carrier phrases to describe, compare and contrast categories of items (for ex: "These are all animals." "They are all red.")</li> <li>□ Uses regular past tense "-ed" endings (ex: jumped, played)</li> </ul>

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Ability Level	Communicative Behaviors for Academic Engagement
	Language & Literacy for Academic Access (R.L. < 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade)
Level P-	☐ Interacts by looking, touching, listening to single targeted academic word/concept presented in isolation using concrete objects (visual attention, touch, exploration)
Presymbolic Communication	☐ Interacts by looking, touching, listening to single targeted academic picture /concept presented in isolation using a photograph (visual attention, touch, exploration)
	<ul> <li>☐ Interacts by looking, touching, listening to a targeted academic picture/concept/text relevant to the current activity when presented with a distractor picture/concept (field of 2, interact with a picture/symbol related to the activity to the exclusion of the distractor item)</li> <li>☐ Expresses a targeted academic concept with a distractor picture/concept/text (field of 2, select related picture/concept), by directed touching, visual attention, or a "yes" indication from a visual display/auditory scan</li> </ul>
Level 1- Symbolic Communication	<ul> <li>☐ Self-selects familiar books, topics and events using symbols (including photos, text, drawings, text and auditorily presented series of choices to explore given a selection of predictably motivating topics and including a wide variety of open ended options</li> <li>☐ Expresses targeted academic words/concepts (ex: character, setting, event) given a selection of related vocabulary</li> </ul>
Level 2- Early Language	☐ Retells story, story concepts or academic experience/subject with key words/concepts using successive single words/symbols and visual/auditory cues ☐ Recalls information and respond to basic wh-questions about academic content ("who," "what," and "where")
	<ul> <li>☐ Uses descriptive words/symbols to talk about targeted academic concepts</li> <li>☐ Retells story, story concepts or academic experience/subject with key words/concepts using complete phrases and sentences</li> </ul>
Level 3-	☐ Retells story, story concepts or academic experience/subject with key words/concepts through short paragraphs (>3 sentences)
Language Development	☐ Recalls information and respond to advanced wh-questions involving comparison, inference and prediction about academic content ("why," "when," "what if")
Development	☐ Compares and contrasts elements of targeted academic concept with personal experiences or references



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