

Child's Name: _____
 Observer's Name: _____
 Date: _____

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Scale for Teachers' Assessment of Routines Engagement

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Directions: Observe the child for 10 minutes in each of the following routines. First, rate the amount of time the child is engaged overall. Second, rate the amount of time with adults, peers, and materials. Third, rate the complexity of the child's engagement.

Arrival	Almost none of the time	Little of the time	Half of the time	Much of the time	Almost all of the time
Overall Engagement	1	2	3	4	5
With Adults	1	2	3	4	5
With Peers	1	2	3	4	5
With Materials	1	2	3	4	5
Complexity*	Nonengaged 1	Unsophisticated 2	Average 3	Advanced 4	Sophisticated 5

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Circle Time	Almost none of the time	Little of the time	Half of the time	Much of the time	Almost all of the time
Overall Engagement	1	2	3	4	5
With Adults	1	2	3	4	5
With Peers	1	2	3	4	5
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Centers/Free Play	Almost none of the time	Little of the time	Half of the time	Much of the time	Almost all of the time
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Teacher-Directed Activity	Almost none of the time	Little of the time	Half of the time	Much of the time	Almost all of the time
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Snack/Lunch (Circle One)	Almost none of the time	Little of the time	Half of the time	Much of the time	Almost all of the time
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Outside	Almost none of the time	Little of the time	Half of the time	Much of the time	Almost all of the time
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