

# Employability/Life Skills Assessment

## Parent Form

### Ages 14-21 years

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#### CHILD'S INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

#### RATIONALE

Employability skills are those personal social behaviors and daily living habits that have been identified by employers and young entry-level workers as essential for obtaining employment and for success in the work place. These are life skills that must be taught with the same rigor as basic skills. The development of such skills is a life long process, with performance being relative to a child's ability and age. Parents have the responsibility to teach and expect employability skills from children of all ages.

#### GENERAL DIRECTIONS

This criterion-referenced checklist may be used yearly, beginning at the age of 14, to assess child's level of performance in the twenty-four critical employability skill areas identified by Ohio's Employability Skills Project. Three descriptors are provided for each skill. **Child performance should be rated using the following scale: 3 = usually, 2 = sometimes, 1 = seldom, 0 = never.**

#### EXAMPLE (for a 14 year old child)

##### I. SELF HELP SKILLS

- A. *Demonstrates personal hygiene and grooming by:*
- meeting parent expectation for cleanliness.
  - meeting parent expectation for good grooming (hair combed, shirt tucked in, etc.
  - meeting parent expectation for consistent, independent personal hygiene and grooming.

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- B. *Dresses appropriately by:*
- choosing and wearing clothes that are appropriate for the weather/activity/social custom.
  - identifying when clothes should not be worn (dirty, ill fitting, etc.).
  - wearing clothes that are in good condition, clean and pressed with detail given to appearance.

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Scores for each descriptor are added, provided a value that can be recorded on the Child Profile of Employability Skills. When completed, the profile yields a graphic representation of employability skills performance that will help in planning instruction.

SCORE	SELF-HELP SKILLS				WORK HABITS			TASK RELATED		WORK QUANTITY			WORK QUALITY			RELATIONS: SUPERVISOR			RELATIONS: PEERS			WORK ATTITUDES			SCORE	AGE
	HYGIENE: GROOMING	DRESSES APPROPRIATELY	TRAVELS INDEPENDENTLY	COMMUNICATES EFFECTIVELY	ATTENDS: ON TIME	STAYS ON TASK	WORKS INDEPENDENTLY	CARES FOR TOOLS, ETC.	PRACTICES SAFETY	COMPLETES WORK	EXHIBITS STAMINA	ADAPTS TO DEMANDS	CHOICES DECISIONS	CORRECTS MISTAKES	ACCEPTS CRITICISM	FOLLOWS DIRECTIONS	SEEKS HELP	WORKS COOPERATIVELY	SHOWS RESPECT	LANGUAGE, MANNERS	PERSONAL GOALS	SHOWS INITIATIVE	VALUES, REWARDS	PRIDE IN WORK		
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**I. SELF HELP SKILLS**

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A. *Demonstrates personal hygiene and grooming by:*

- meeting parent expectation for cleanliness.
- meeting parent expectation for good grooming (hair combed, shirt tucked in, etc.)
- meeting parent expectation for daily independent personal hygiene and grooming.

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C. *Demonstrates mobility skills by:*

- walking or riding in the neighborhood, following safety rules.
- getting around the neighborhood and when on outings, public buildings.
- getting around the community.

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D. *Communicates effectively by:*

- demonstrating effective listening skills, including eye contact.
- expressing self, answering and asking questions.
- demonstrating expected conversational skills (turn taking, choice of appropriate topic, etc.).

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**II. GENERAL WORK HABITS**

A. *Demonstrates awareness of time by:*

- being ready for school on time.
- being on time for scheduled family/leisure activities.
- following family rules for reporting when delayed.

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B. *Stays on task by:*

- meeting parent expectations regarding length of time on task.
- completing a task without being distracted.
- returning to task if distracted.

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C. *Works independently by:*

- locating materials.
- beginning work promptly.
- asking family members/peers questions about a given task at the appropriate time.

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**III. TASK RELATED SKILLS**

A. *Cares for work and living area by:*

- meeting expectations for the use of work materials and belongings.
- locating and returning work materials and belongings to the proper storage area.
- maintaining and caring for work and living area.

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B. *Uses tools and materials by:*

- using proper caution around stove, electricity, water, stairs, etc.
- using tools and materials only for their specified purpose.
- demonstrating correct safety procedures in simulated emergency situations.

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**IV. QUANTITY OF WORK**

A. *Completes tasks on time by:*

- completing tasks on time with parent prompts.
- completing tasks on time with-out parent prompts.
- working at an acceptable speed for a given task.

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B. *Exhibits stamina by:*

- finishing age-appropriate tasks without a break.
- maintaining an acceptable level of speed without tiring.
- completing/learning new tasks without diminishing the level of performance of former tasks.

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C. *Adapts to increased demands in workload by:*

- responding to additional tasks with parent prompts.
- attempting new tasks without demonstrating frustration.
- responding to additional tasks without parent prompts.

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**V. QUALITY OF WORK**

A. *Makes appropriate choices and decisions by:*

- choosing an appropriate solution when given options.
- making age-appropriate decisions without parent intervention.
- responding to a problem situation with reasonable alternative solutions.

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B. *Recognizes and corrects mistakes by:*

- checking to see if task is correct before considering it complete.
- using self-check methods to evaluate tasks.
- making corrections once an error has been identified.

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**VI. RELATIONSHIP TO PARENT/ADULT**

A. *Accepts constructive criticism from parent/adult by:*

- listening to constructive criticism without making inappropriate gestures or comments.
- making specified changes based on constructive criticism.
- identifying that changes have been made and that performance has improved.

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B. *Follows directions from parent/adult by:*

- correctly completing tasks following verbal directions.
- correctly completing tasks following written directions
- communicating and accepting consequences for not following directions.

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C. *Seeks help when needed by:*

- identifying when help is needed.
- asking for assistance when help is needed.
- using requested information to remedy the problem.

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**VII. RELATIONSHIP TO PEERS**

A. *Cooperates with peers by:*

- getting along well with others.
- seeking help from peers.
- directing peers without being overbearing.

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B. *Shows respect for the rights and property of others by:*

- taking turns.
- asking permission to use another's property.
- treating borrowed property with respect.

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C. *Uses appropriate language and manners with peers by:*

- using everyday manners (please, thank you).
- avoiding teasing/ridiculing others.
- using language appropriate for a given situation.

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**VIII. WORK ATTITUDES**

A. *Develops and seeks personal goals by:*

- demonstrating short term personal goals such as completing daily tasks.
- explaining planned activities for after school, weekend or vacation.
- seeking and developing personal goals that are viable and consistent with ability level.

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B. *Shows initiative by:*

- beginning a task as soon as requested to do so.
- beginning a task without prompting.
- asking for additional work or directions once a task is completed.

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C. *Accepts societal values and rewards by:*

- acknowledging various types of rewards for work well done.
- recognizing when good work has been done.
- responding appropriately when praised for doing a good job.

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D. *Takes pride in working by:*

- sharing accomplishments with others.
- striving for situations requiring improvement and/or expansion in skills.
- contributing to the common good of the family.

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# CHILD PROFILE OF EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

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