Referral/Question Identification Guide

Student's Name_____ Date of Birth _____

Age_____ School_____ Grade_____

School Contact Person_____ Phone (_____)_____

Person Completing Guide_____ Date_____

Parent(s) Name_____ Phone _____

Address_____

Student's Primary Language_____ Family's Primary Language _____

Disability (Check all that apply.)

❒ Speech/Language ❒ Significant Developmental Delay ❒ Specific Learning Disability
❒ Cognitive Disability ❒ Other Health Impairment ❒ Hearing Impairment
❒ Traumatic Brain Injury ❒ Autism ❒ Vision Impairment
❒ Emotional/Behavioral Disability
❒ Orthopedic Impairment – Type_____

Current Age Group

❒ Birth to Three ❒ Early Childhood ❒ Elementary
❒ Middle School ❒ Secondary

Classroom Setting

❒ Regular Education Classroom ❒ Resource Room ❒ Self-contained
❒ Home ❒ Other_____

Current Service Providers

❒ Occupational Therapy ❒ Physical Therapy ❒ Speech Language
❒ Other(s)_____

Medical Considerations (Check all that apply.)

❒ History of seizures ❒ Fatigues easily
❒ Has degenerative medical condition ❒ Has frequent pain
❒ Has multiple health problems ❒ Has frequent upper respiratory infections
❒ Has frequent ear infections ❒ Has digestive problems
❒ Has allergies to_____
❒ Currently taking medication for_____
❒ Other – Describe briefly_____

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Other Issues of Concern_____

Assistive Technology Currently Used (Check all that apply.)

- ❒ None
- ❒ Manual Communication Board
- ❒ Low Tech Vision Aids
- ❒ Environmental Control Unit/EADL
- ❒ Manual or Power Wheelchair
- ❒ Voice Recognition
- ❒ Low Tech Writing Aids
- ❒ Augmentative Communication System
- ❒ Amplification System
- ❒ Computer – Type (platform)_____
- ❒ Tablet/mobile devices – Type_____
- ❒ Word prediction
- ❒ Adaptive Input - Describe_____
- ❒ Adaptive Output - Describe_____
- ❒ Other_____

Assistive Technology Tried

Please describe any other assistive technology previously tried, length of trial, and outcome (how did it work or why didn't it work.)

Assistive Technology	Number and Date of Trials	Outcome

REFERRAL QUESTION

What task(s) does the student need to do that is currently difficult or impossible, and for which assistive technology may be an option? _____

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Based on the referral question, select the sections of the Student Information Guide to be completed. (Check all that apply.)

- ❒ Section 1 Seating, Positioning and Mobility
- ❒ Section 2 Communication
- ❒ Section 3 Computer Access
- ❒ Section 4 Motor Aspects of Writing
- ❒ Section 5 Composition of Written Material
- ❒ Section 6 Reading
- ❒ Section 7 Mathematics
- ❒ Section 8 Organization
- ❒ Section 9 Recreation and Leisure
- ❒ Section 10 Vision
- ❒ Section 11 Hearing
- ❒ Section 12 General

WATI Student Information Guide
SECTION 2
Communication

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. #_____
❒ 2-word utterances ❒ 3-word utterances
❒ Semi intelligible speech, estimate % intelligible:_____
❒ Communication board ❒ Tangibles ❒ Photos ❒ Symbols ❒ Visual Scenes
❒ Combination symbols/words ❒ Words
❒ 2 symbol combinations- list examples _____
❒ 3 or more symbol combinations – list examples _____
❒ Communication book/binder – number of pages in book/binder _____
Does student navigate to desired page/message independently? ❒ yes ❒ no
❒ Schedule board(s) – list examples _____
❒ Speech Generating device(s) - please list_____
❒ Communication apps on tablet/mobile device – please list _____
❒ Multiple overlays or levels – list examples _____
❒ Partner Assisted Scanning – please describe strategies and communication system _____
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❒ Intelligible speech ❒ Writing ❒ Other_____
Comments about student's present means of communicating _____
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Purposes of Communication- Does the student communicate:

❒ Wants/Needs – list examples_____
❒ Social interactions – list examples_____
❒ Social etiquette - list examples_____
❒ Denials/rejections – list examples_____
❒ Shared information, including joint attention – list examples _____

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

	Most of the time	Part of the time	Rarely	Not Applicable
Strangers	❒	❒	❒	❒
Teachers/therapists	❒	❒	❒	❒
Peers	❒	❒	❒	❒
Siblings	❒	❒	❒	❒
Parent/Guardian	❒	❒	❒	❒

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. _____

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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._____

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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

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Does the student (check best descriptor)

	Always	Frequently	Occasionally	Seldom	Never
Turn toward speaker	❒	❒	❒	❒	❒
Get other's attention	❒	❒	❒	❒	❒
Interact with peers	❒	❒	❒	❒	❒
Show awareness of listener's attention	❒	❒	❒	❒	❒
Initiate interactions	❒	❒	❒	❒	❒
Ask questions	❒	❒	❒	❒	❒
Respond to communication interaction	❒	❒	❒	❒	❒
Request clarification from communication partner	❒	❒	❒	❒	❒
Repair communication breakdowns	❒	❒	❒	❒	❒
Require verbal prompts	❒	❒	❒	❒	❒
Require physical prompts	❒	❒	❒	❒	❒
Maintain communication exchange	❒	❒	❒	❒	❒
Terminate communication	❒	❒	❒	❒	❒

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

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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

❒ Requires scanning

❒ Requires auditory preview

❒ One reliable switch site ❒ More than one reliable switch site

❒ 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.) Number of symbols _____

❒ Yes ❒ No Auditory discrimination of sounds

❒ Yes ❒ No Auditory discrimination of words, phrases

❒ Yes ❒ No Selects initial letter of word

❒ Yes ❒ No Follows simple directions

❒ Yes ❒ No Sight word recognition Number of words _____

❒ Yes ❒ No Recognizes environmental print

❒ Yes ❒No Puts two symbols or words together to express an idea

List any other reading or pre-reading skills that support communication _____

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

- ❒ Maintains fixation on stationary object
- ❒ Visually recognizes people
- ❒ Visually recognizes common objects
- ❒ Visually recognizes photographs
- ❒ Visually recognizes symbols or pictures
- ❒ Needs additional space around symbol
- ❒ Requires high contrast symbols or borders
- ❒ Looks to right and left without moving head
- ❒ Scans matrix of symbols in a grid
- ❒ Scans line of symbols left to right
- ❒ Visually shifts horizontally
- ❒ Visually shifts vertically
- ❒ Looks at communication partner
- ❒ Benefits from "zoom" feature

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, white on black, or a specific color combination for figure/ground discrimination?_____

Explain anything else you think is significant about the communication system the student currently uses or his/her needs (Use an additional page if necessary)_____

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9. Sensory Considerations:

Does the student have sensitivity to:

- ❒ Velcro
- ❒ Synthesized (computer generated) voices
- ❒ Volume
- ❒ Switch feedback (clicking noise)
- ❒ Tactile sensations
- ❒ Other

Explain student's reaction to any of the checked items _____

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What are the communication expectations for the student in different environments?

School (regular and special ed., with peers, formal and informal- such as lunch room settings)

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Home _____

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Community (stores, restaurants, church, library, etc.) _____

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Summary of Student's Abilities and Concerns Related to Communication including past AT used to support student's communication_____

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