

# NICHQ Vanderbilt Assessment Scale: Teacher Informant

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Name/Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Each rating should be considered in the context of what is appropriate for the age of the child you are rating and should reflect that child's behavior since the beginning of the school year. Please indicate the number of weeks or months you have been able to evaluate the behaviors: \_\_\_\_\_.

Symptoms	Never	Occasionally	Often	Very Often
1. Fails to give attention to details or makes careless mistakes in schoolwork	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Has difficulty sustaining attention to tasks or activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Does not seem to listen when spoken to directly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Does not follow through on instructions and fails to finish schoolwork (not due to oppositional behavior or failure to understand)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Has difficulty organizing tasks and activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. Avoids, dislikes, or is reluctant to engage in tasks that require sustained mental effort	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. Loses things necessary for tasks or activities (school assignments, pencils, books)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. Is easily distracted by extraneous stimuli	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. Is forgetful in daily activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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10. Fidgets with hands or feet or squirms in seat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. Leaves seat in classroom or in other situations in which remaining seated is expected	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. Runs about or climbs excessively in situations in which remaining seated is expected	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13. Has difficulty playing or engaging in leisure activities quietly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14. Is "on the go" or often acts as if "driven by a motor"	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15. Talks excessively	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16. Blurts out answers before questions have been completed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17. Has difficulty waiting in line	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18. Interrupts or intrudes in on others (eg, butts into conversations/games)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Symptoms (continued)	Never	Occasionally	Often	Very Often	
19. Loses temper	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
20. Activity defies or refuses to comply with adults' requests or rules	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
21. Is angry or resentful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
22. Is spiteful and vindictive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
23. Bullies, threatens, or intimidates others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
24. Initiates physical fights	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
25. Lies to obtain goods for favors or to avoid obligations (eg, "cons" others)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
26. Is physically cruel to people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
27. Has stolen items of nontrivial value	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
28. Deliberately destroys others' property	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	For Office Use Only 2 & 3s: 0 /10
29. Is fearful, anxious, or worried	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
30. Is self-conscious or easily embarrassed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
31. Is afraid to try new things for fear of making mistakes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
32. Feels worthless or inferior	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
33. Blames self for problems; feels guilty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
34. Feels lonely, unwanted, or unloved; complains that "no one loves him or her"	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
35. Is sad, unhappy, or depressed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	For Office Use Only 2 & 3s: 0 /7

Academic Performance	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Somewhat of a Problem	Problematic	
36. Reading	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
37. Mathematics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	For Office Use Only 4s: 0 /3
38. Written expression	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	For Office Use Only 5s: 0 /3

Classroom Behavioral Performance	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Somewhat of a Problem	Problematic	
39. Relationship with peers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
40. Following directions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
41. Disrupting class	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
42. Assignment completion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	For Office Use Only 4s: 0 /5
43. Organizational skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	For Office Use Only 5s: 0 /5

**Comments:**

Please return this form to: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 1–9:     0    

Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 10–18:     0    

Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 19–28:     0    

Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 29–35:     0    

Total number of questions scored 4 in questions 36–38:     0    

Total number of questions scored 5 in questions 36–38:     0    

Total number of questions scored 4 in questions 39–43:     0    

Total number of questions scored 5 in questions 39–43:     0    

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