

Anecdotal Notes

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Date _____ Observer's Name _____

Current Investigation Title or Topic of Study _____

OBSERVATIONAL CONDITIONS

Circle one in each column.

Time Observed	Activity Initiation	Assistance Level	Experience Level
1–5 minutes	child-initiated	independent	new task
5–15 minutes	teacher-initiated	with adult guidance	familiar task
15 minutes or more	with peers		

OBJECTIVES EVIDENCED

Consult a Scope and Sequence or Teacher Guide to determine the objectives demonstrated by this observation. Record the objectives on the lines.

General Category

Circle all that apply.

Language Development	Creative Arts	Social Studies
Literacy	Social and Emotional Development	Technology
Mathematics	Approaches to Learning	
Science	Physical Health and Development	

Objectives

ANECDOTAL NOTES

Describe your observations of the child's learning in progress, including what the child did and said. Include information about your interaction with the child. Write on the back of this form if more room is needed.

PRESERVING INFORMATION

Attach these notes to relevant work samples, photos, audiotapes, or videotapes. Place the files in the child's portfolio for later analysis.