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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent-

We look forward to seeing you and your child at \_\_\_\_\_ for an educational-medical evaluation. We have set aside 30-60 minutes so please be on time.

Do not over prepare your child for the visit. Your child should by now recognize that you are concerned about his or her progress at school. Tell them that they are going to get a check-up to see if the doctor can help them with their school difficulties. Let them dress comfortably (gym clothes with or without sweats are ideal). Tell them not to expect shots.

Complete information greatly improves the quality of our evaluation so old records are of great value. All of the following are frequently of benefit in analyzing your child's needs:

- \*Medically related birth records from the child's doctor at birth
- \*Past medical records
- \*Special evaluations (child development teams, neurologists, psychologists, education specialists, etc.)
- \*Report cards
- \*Teacher comments

There are four pages attached that we would like you to complete before your visit; the EDUCATIONAL EVALUATION FORM and the parent Vanderbilt checklist.

We are also enclosing a checklist for your child's teacher(s) to complete. If the school is suggesting the referral, we would also appreciate their filling out the attached referral form. We would appreciate you taking this to school and having them fax it back to us. Please make copies if there is more than one appropriate teacher involved.

We will be happy to help you file your charges with your insurance company. Some companies provide coverage only if these services are provided by a mental health professional. You can come to your pediatrician and pay out of pocket if you choose this option. We will be happy to credit any usual benefit (checkup) toward the overall fee. Speak to our office manager if you have questions.

A report of our evaluation can be sent to your child's school at your request. If there is any information you wish withheld from the school, please specify that in your request. We look forward to seeing you.

# NICHQ Vanderbilt Assessment Scale—PARENT Informant

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

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Each rating should be considered in the context of what is appropriate for the age of your child.  
When completing this form, please think about your child's behaviors in the past 6 months.

Is this evaluation based on a time when the child ☐ was on medication ☐ was not on medication ☐ not sure?

Symptoms	Never	Occasionally	Often	Very Often
1. Does not pay attention to details or makes careless mistakes with, for example, homework	0	1	2	3
2. Has difficulty keeping attention to what needs to be done	0	1	2	3
3. Does not seem to listen when spoken to directly	0	1	2	3
4. Does not follow through when given directions and fails to finish activities (not due to refusal or failure to understand)	0	1	2	3
5. Has difficulty organizing tasks and activities	0	1	2	3
6. Avoids, dislikes, or does not want to start tasks that require ongoing mental effort	0	1	2	3
7. Loses things necessary for tasks or activities (toys, assignments, pencils, or books)	0	1	2	3
8. Is easily distracted by noises or other stimuli	0	1	2	3
9. Is forgetful in daily activities	0	1	2	3
10. Fidgets with hands or feet or squirms in seat	0	1	2	3
11. Leaves seat when remaining seated is expected	0	1	2	3
12. Runs about or climbs too much when remaining seated is expected	0	1	2	3
13. Has difficulty playing or beginning quiet play activities	0	1	2	3
14. Is "on the go" or often acts as if "driven by a motor"	0	1	2	3
15. Talks too much	0	1	2	3
16. Blurts out answers before questions have been completed	0	1	2	3
17. Has difficulty waiting his or her turn	0	1	2	3
18. Interrupts or intrudes in on others' conversations and/or activities	0	1	2	3
19. Argues with adults	0	1	2	3
20. Loses temper	0	1	2	3
21. Actively defies or refuses to go along with adults' requests or rules	0	1	2	3
22. Deliberately annoys people	0	1	2	3
23. Blames others for his or her mistakes or misbehaviors	0	1	2	3
24. Is touchy or easily annoyed by others	0	1	2	3
25. Is angry or resentful	0	1	2	3
26. Is spiteful and wants to get even	0	1	2	3
27. Bullies, threatens, or intimidates others	0	1	2	3
28. Starts physical fights	0	1	2	3
29. Lies to get out of trouble or to avoid obligations (ie, "cons" others)	0	1	2	3
30. Is truant from school (skips school) without permission	0	1	2	3
31. Is physically cruel to people	0	1	2	3
32. Has stolen things that have value	0	1	2	3

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 Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Symptoms (continued)	Never	Occasionally	Often	Very Often
33. Deliberately destroys others' property	0	1	2	3
34. Has used a weapon that can cause serious harm (bat, knife, brick, gun)	0	1	2	3
35. Is physically cruel to animals	0	1	2	3
36. Has deliberately set fires to cause damage	0	1	2	3
37. Has broken into someone else's home, business, or car	0	1	2	3
38. Has stayed out at night without permission	0	1	2	3
39. Has run away from home overnight	0	1	2	3
40. Has forced someone into sexual activity	0	1	2	3
41. Is fearful, anxious, or worried	0	1	2	3
42. Is afraid to try new things for fear of making mistakes	0	1	2	3
43. Feels worthless or inferior	0	1	2	3
44. Blames self for problems, feels guilty	0	1	2	3
45. Feels lonely, unwanted, or unloved; complains that "no one loves him or her"	0	1	2	3
46. Is sad, unhappy, or depressed	0	1	2	3
47. Is self-conscious or easily embarrassed	0	1	2	3

Performance	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Somewhat of a Problem	Problematic
48. Overall school performance	1	2	3	4	5
49. Reading	1	2	3	4	5
50. Writing	1	2	3	4	5
51. Mathematics	1	2	3	4	5
52. Relationship with parents	1	2	3	4	5
53. Relationship with siblings	1	2	3	4	5
54. Relationship with peers	1	2	3	4	5
55. Participation in organized activities (eg, teams)	1	2	3	4	5

**Comments:**

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Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 1–9: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 10–18: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Symptom Score for questions 1–18: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 19–26: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 27–40: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 41–47: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total number of questions scored 4 or 5 in questions 48–55: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Average Performance Score: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RE: Evaluation**\_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Teacher-

We have been asked to assist with the evaluation of difficulties your student is suspected of having in school. Your help in providing objective information is of great value.

Enclosed are forms we use for this purpose. We ask that you complete these forms. If you wish to make additional comments, please feel free to do so.

The forms and any additional information you provide should be faxed to us at (804) 751-4815

We sincerely appreciate your assistance.

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Name/Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_.

Is this evaluation based on a time when the child ☐ was on medication ☐ was not on medication ☐ not sure?

Symptoms	Never	Occasionally	Often	Very Often
1. Fails to give attention to details or makes careless mistakes in schoolwork	0	1	2	3
2. Has difficulty sustaining attention to tasks or activities	0	1	2	3
3. Does not seem to listen when spoken to directly	0	1	2	3
4. Does not follow through on instructions and fails to finish schoolwork (not due to oppositional behavior or failure to understand)	0	1	2	3
5. Has difficulty organizing tasks and activities	0	1	2	3
6. Avoids, dislikes, or is reluctant to engage in tasks that require sustained mental effort	0	1	2	3
7. Loses things necessary for tasks or activities (school assignments, pencils, or books)	0	1	2	3
8. Is easily distracted by extraneous stimuli	0	1	2	3
9. Is forgetful in daily activities	0	1	2	3
10. Fidgets with hands or feet or squirms in seat	0	1	2	3
11. Leaves seat in classroom or in other situations in which remaining seated is expected	0	1	2	3
12. Runs about or climbs excessively in situations in which remaining seated is expected	0	1	2	3
13. Has difficulty playing or engaging in leisure activities quietly	0	1	2	3
14. Is "on the go" or often acts as if "driven by a motor"	0	1	2	3
15. Talks excessively	0	1	2	3
16. Blurts out answers before questions have been completed	0	1	2	3
17. Has difficulty waiting in line	0	1	2	3
18. Interrupts or intrudes on others (eg, butts into conversations/games)	0	1	2	3
19. Loses temper	0	1	2	3
20. Actively defies or refuses to comply with adult's requests or rules	0	1	2	3
21. Is angry or resentful	0	1	2	3
22. Is spiteful and vindictive	0	1	2	3
23. Bullies, threatens, or intimidates others	0	1	2	3
24. Initiates physical fights	0	1	2	3
25. Lies to obtain goods for favors or to avoid obligations (eg, "cons" others)	0	1	2	3
26. Is physically cruel to people	0	1	2	3
27. Has stolen items of nontrivial value	0	1	2	3
28. Deliberately destroys others' property	0	1	2	3
29. Is fearful, anxious, or worried	0	1	2	3
30. Is self-conscious or easily embarrassed	0	1	2	3
31. Is afraid to try new things for fear of making mistakes	0	1	2	3

The recommendations in this publication do not indicate an exclusive course of treatment or serve as a standard of medical care. Variations, taking into account individual circumstances, may be appropriate.

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Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Name/Period: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Symptoms (continued)	Never	Occasionally	Often	Very Often
32. Feels worthless or inferior	0	1	2	3
33. Blames self for problems; feels guilty	0	1	2	3
34. Feels lonely, unwanted, or unloved; complains that "no one loves him or her"	0	1	2	3
35. Is sad, unhappy, or depressed	0	1	2	3

Performance				Somewhat	
Academic Performance	Excellent	Above Average	Average	of a Problem	Problematic
36. Reading	1	2	3	4	5
37. Mathematics	1	2	3	4	5
38. Written expression	1	2	3	4	5

				Somewhat	
Classroom Behavioral Performance	Excellent	Above Average	Average	of a Problem	Problematic
39. Relationship with peers	1	2	3	4	5
40. Following directions	1	2	3	4	5
41. Disrupting class	1	2	3	4	5
42. Assignment completion	1	2	3	4	5
43. Organizational skills	1	2	3	4	5

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Fax number: (804) 751-4815

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Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 29-35: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of questions scored 4 or 5 in questions 36-43: \_\_\_\_\_

Average Performance Score: \_\_\_\_\_

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