

Figure 1.3Checklist for Identifying Potential SLIFE during Intake

Records <input type="checkbox"/> complete records <input type="checkbox"/> partial records <input type="checkbox"/> no records
Prior Schooling <input type="checkbox"/> never attended school <input type="checkbox"/> missed at least 2 years of school <input type="checkbox"/> evidence of poor attendance in last school <input type="checkbox"/> math skills are at least 2 years below age-appropriate grade level
Language and Literacy <input type="checkbox"/> not familiar with reading or writing in any language <input type="checkbox"/> reads in home or official language of home country/refugee camp at least 2 years below age-appropriate grade level

Figure 1.4Checklist for Identifying Potential SLIFE after Enrollment

School Conventions <input type="checkbox"/> unfamiliar with basic routines, such as sitting at a desk, using a dictionary, raising a hand <input type="checkbox"/> inappropriate behavior, such as talking and calling out, moving around the room during a lesson
Academics <input type="checkbox"/> frequent absences, tardiness <input type="checkbox"/> frequently unprepared for class; homework not completed or poorly done <input type="checkbox"/> not able to participate in class <input type="checkbox"/> missing foundational knowledge in content areas <input type="checkbox"/> reading and writing difficulties beyond doing so in a new language

Figure 1.5

Sample Questions for Family Members for Initial Assessment
of Prior Educational Experiences

1. What language(s) do you speak at home?
 2. Can [Name of Student] read or write in that language or in any other?
 3. How many years did [Name of Student] attend school?
 4. Did [Name of Student] ever miss school for more than one week? If yes, why?
 5. How did [Name of Student] get to school? How long did it take?
 6. What language did the teachers use in the school?
 7. How long was the school day?
 8. How many students were in a class?
 9. What subjects did [Name of Student] study?
 10. What does [Name of Student] like to read?
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Figure 1.6

Sample Student Questions Regarding Prior Schooling

1. How many years did you go to school in your home country?
 2. Did you go to school anywhere else? *If yes:* Where? How long?
 3. Have you ever missed any school for more than 1 week? *If yes:* Tell me about it.
 4. Was your school close to your home?
 5. How did you get to school and how long did it take?
 6. How many days a week did you go to school??
 7. How long was your school day?
 8. What language did your teachers speak in school?
 9. What subjects did you study? Did you study them every day?
 10. What are some of the things you did in class?
 11. What kinds of school books did you have?
 12. Tell me about a book that you liked reading.
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