

Annual Autism Milestone Assessments

Providers and Staff Checklist

(For teachers, therapists, case managers, and service providers)

Before the Meeting:

✓ Review the Child's Progress:

- Gather data on academic, behavioral, and social progress.
- Review previous goals, IEP (if applicable), and therapy reports.
- Identify strengths, areas of improvement, and ongoing challenges.

✓ Collaborate with Other Team Members:

- Gather input from speech, occupational, and behavioral therapists.
- Communicate with special and general education teachers.
- Align on recommendations and potential goal updates.

✓ Prepare Documentation & Reports:

- Current IEP or 504 Plan (if applicable).
- Progress monitoring reports and assessment results.
- Behavioral observation notes and accommodations/modifications.

✓ Plan for New Goals & Adjustments:

- Assess whether previous goals were met and if adjustments are needed.
- Propose new, achievable goals for the next year.
- Ensure all recommendations are evidence-based and student-focused.

✓ Ensure Meeting Logistics Are Set:

- Confirm meeting date, time, and location.
- Send reminders to all attendees (including parents).
- Prepare handouts or digital slides for discussion points.



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During the Meeting:

✓ Start with a Positive Approach:

- Highlight the child's strengths and progress.
- Acknowledge parents' insights and concerns.

✓ Discuss Present Levels of Performance (PLOP):

- Go over academic, social, emotional, and behavioral development.
- Address sensory, communication, or executive functioning needs.

✓ Review and Update Goals & Services:

- Present data-driven recommendations for new or modified goals.
- Ensure accommodations align with the child's current needs.

✓ Encourage Parent Involvement & Feedback:

- Provide time for questions and concerns.
- Discuss home strategies to support school interventions.

✓ Clarify Next Steps & Action Items:

- Finalize agreed-upon changes.
- Assign follow-ups (e.g., additional evaluations, therapy referrals).
- Ensure parents leave with a copy of the plan and resources.

