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START Project

POSITIVE STUDENT PROFILE

Purpose: A Positive Student Profile can be completed by the family to provide information about the strengths, challenges and successes of the child. The templates provided can be adapted to fit your individual family needs. Headings and categories may be changed to include the information that you feel is most important to share with people working and interacting with your child. The idea is to help people to see the strengths and positive attributes that your child comes to school with.

How and When to Use a Positive Student Profile: A Positive Student Profile is a great way to introduce your child to new teachers at the beginning of the school year. It can also be shared with everyone who comes in contact with your child to provide them a great "snapshot" of who your child is (e.g., the school nurse, paraprofessionals, related service personnel, etc.).

Teachers can ask parents to complete the form at the beginning of the school year to gain valuable insight into the students they will be working with from the perspective of the parents. A new profile can be completed each year as the child grows and changes.

Two blank profiles are provided for your use. You may want to make a copy of the blank profiles to use in the future and to share with your child's teachers.

Source: Creating Meaningful IEP's: Tools for Teachers Supporting Students in General Education. (2004 Edition). New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities.

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CHILD'S NAME:

My child's strengths, abilities and interests (academic and social):

Insert Picture Here

What my child has learned this year (in school and outside of school):

My child's interests and activities outside of school:

What is difficult for my child to do in school:

What helps my child learn:

My goals for my child for the next school year:

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My questions or concerns:

ALL ABOUT ME
Name: Grade: Grade:
Strengths and Interests • What are all the things you are good at (including home, school and community)?
 What have you done that you are has made you feel really proud?
 What is your favorite subject in school? Why?
 When you are learning something new, how do you learn best?
Challenges and Concerns • What kind of support do you need to be successful in school?
 What is your most challenging subject in school? Why?
 What do concerns do you have about school?
Activities Outside of School • What type of activities do you participate in outside of school?
 What is your favorite free time activity at home?
• What kind of chores are you responsible for at home (trash, dishes, lawn, help with child care, etc.)?
Looking into the Future: Picture yourself as an adult • Where will you be living?
• What kind of job will you have?
• What will you do in your spare time?
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