

Report Card / Cumulative Record Comments

Positive Descriptors

Instead of saying ...

Has a bad attitude
Is a bully
Gets into fights
Talks back
Has no friends
Won't talk
Refuses to participate
Talks too much
Plays too much
Runs around the classroom
Misses school too often
Is often late
Is messy
Doesn't complete assignments
Won't work
Can't write a sentence/paragraph
Can't read
Uses poor English

Doesn't know math facts
Is failing

Say ...

Is working to become a more positive learner
Can be assertive with other students
Has difficulty with self-control
Shows little or no respect for authority
Is learning to work cooperatively
Is very shy OR Is developing social skills
Has difficulty being an active participant
Is highly sociable
Is easily distracted
Has difficulty staying in his or her seat
Needs to improve attendance OR Has inconsistent attendance
Needs to improve punctuality OR Is working toward improved punctuality
Needs to improve neatness OR Is developing neatness
Has difficulty staying on task or completing class work
Demonstrates low motivation
Struggles with sentence/paragraph construction
Needs support with reading OR Is having difficulty with word attack skills
Needs to improve English language acquisition OR
Is working toward English language acquisition
Has not met grade-level standards for math facts (+ - × ÷)
Is not working at grade-level standards OR
Is working below grade-level standards

Positive Key Words

Respectful
Cooperative
Enthusiastic
Highly motivated
Outstanding
Excellent
Demonstrates understanding of ...
Is improving
Is doing well
Is working toward mastery of ...
Has mastered ...
Shows strength in ...

