

Opportunity Recording

When to Use:

 When a situation creates an opportunity for the student to behave and the teacher wishes to assess the degree to which the student engages in an appropriate behavior across opportunities.

How to Use:

- Define opportunity and behavior and observe for opportunity.
- When opportunity occurs note whether behavior was correct.
- If yes, record +, if no, record 0.
- Add up all + marks at the end and divide by + and 0 total.

Examples:

- Percent of opportunities in which student responds verbally when asked a question.
- Percent of opportunities in which student raises his/her hand rather than yell out an answer.
- Percent of opportunities in which student walked during hallway transition.

Advantages:

- Controls for behaviors that are driven by opportunities.
- Minimizes continuous observation.

Disadvantages:

- Only appropriate when an opportunity must precede behavior
- One opportunity occurs there must be continuous observation

Materials:

• Some manner of counting opportunities and behavior.

Considerations:

• If the teacher can control the opportunities (e.g., teacher questions to student) then the teacher can control when monitoring will occur.

Data Label:

• The percentage of opportunities in which behavior occurred.

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