Antecedent Behaviour Consequence (ABC) DATA RECORDING CHART

An ABC Data Recording Chart is used to collect information about behaviours that are occurring within a student's environment. An ABC Data Recording Chart is used to organize information over several observations by recording the target behaviour(s) observed and the events that precede and follow the behaviour. Observing and recording ABC data assists the team in identifying trends or patterns around a specific behaviour and forming a hypothesis statement that assists in determining appropriate intervention strategies and in evaluating the success of intervention. It is critical to understand the function of the behaviour (or why a behaviour occurs) to offer strategies tailored to individual needs. ABC Data Recording Charts are an integral part of this process. It is also an important tool in communicating with parents/guardians, community agency support services, school administration, and TDSB services.

An ABC Recording Data Chart can be used to track any type of behaviour—from mild, inappropriate behaviours such as social skills (e.g., interrupting others) to more severe inappropriate behaviours that may lead to a risk of injury to self and/or others and may require physical intervention by staff.

An ABC Data Chart contains seven sections:

Time of the Incident:

* Date/Time the incident occurred
* Time

Location:

* Where the incident occurred

People/Person Involved:

* Name of staff member(s) involved or present and completing and recording in the ABC Chart.

**A**ntecedent/Trigger:

* Record what was happening *immediately* prior to the student demonstrating the behaviour and what occurrence(s) triggered the behaviour.

**B**ehaviour:

* Record the details of the behaviour (e.g., a description of what the student did)

**C**onsequence or Outcome of the Behaviour:

* Record what events and/or actions happened ***immediately*** after the behaviour
* This may be a positive or negative outcome

Comments:

* Fill out, if applicable.

**Behaviour Analysis Tool (Form 699Kii)**

After collecting ABC data, the Behaviour Analysis Tool (699Kii) should be used to look for trends and determine the potential function of a challenging behaviour as well as strategies for prevention, teaching, and response.

**ABC Data Recording Chart**

**Student First Name/Last Initial: Staff Name:**

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| **Time** | **Location** | **People/Person Involved** | **ANTECEDENT**  What happened ***immediately*** before the behaviour | **BEHAVIOUR**  Describe what happened… | **CONSEQUENCE**  What events and/or actions happened ***immediately*** after the behaviour | **Comments** |
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