

Externalizing Behavior Problems Rank-Order Form (SAMPLE)

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

Externalizing refers to all behavior problems that are directed outward by the student, toward the external social environment. Externalizing behavior problems usually involve behavioral excesses (i.e., too much behavior) and are considered inappropriate by teachers and other school personnel.

Examples include:

- Acting aggressive toward objects or persons
- Arguing
- Forcing the submission of others
- Defying the teacher
- Getting out of their seat
- Not complying with teacher instructions or directives
- Having tantrums
- Being hyperactive
- Disturbing others
- Stealing
- Not following teacher- or school-imposed rules

Non-examples include:

- Cooperating, sharing
- Working on assignments
- Listening to the teacher
- Interacting appropriately with peers
- Following directions
- Attending to tasks
- Complying with teacher requests
- Exhibiting appropriate emotional responses

| List Externalizers (Student Names) | | Rank Order | |
|------------------------------------|---|------------|-------|
| | 1 | | Most |
| | 2 | | |
| | 3 | | |
| | 4 | | |
| | 5 | | Least |

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Review the definition of externalizing behavior, and then review a list of all the students in your class.
2. In the first column, enter the names of five students whose characteristic behavior patterns most clearly match the externalizing behavior definition.
3. In the second column, rank order the students listed in the first column from “most” to “least” externalizing behavior problems.
4. Turn in completed form to district behavior specialist.