

The Basic 5 Behavior Benchmarks

Dark = Stop (do something different)

Medium = Caution (intervention recommended)

Light = Keep going (keep doing what you're doing)

Benchmark	Dark	Medium	Light	Form to use
Time on Task (academic engagement)	Less than 80%	81–90%	91–100%	Academic Engagement Monitoring Form (5.4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-minute recording time • Use during teacher-guided instruction • Use for classwide monitoring
Opportunities to Respond (per 10-minute interval)	Fewer than 10	10–40	More than 40	Opportunities to Respond Monitoring Form (5.5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-minute recording time • Use during teacher-guided instruction • Use for individual or classwide monitoring
Ratio of Interactions (positive to negative)	Less than 1:1 OR less than 1 interaction per minute	At least 1:1 consistently	At least 3:1 consistently	Ratio of Interactions Monitoring Form (5.6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20-minute recording time • Any activity • Use for individual or classwide monitoring
Disruptions (per 10-minute interval)	More than 10	5–10	Fewer than 5	Misbehavior Monitoring Form (5.7a or 5.7b) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use for duration of one activity or entire period • Any activity • Use for classwide monitoring
Alignment with Expectations	Mostly 1s & 2s	Mostly 2s & 3s	Mostly 4s & 5s	Expectations Versus Daily Reality Scale (5.8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use for duration of one activity or entire period • Any activity • Use for classwide monitoring