Records Review

Student	Reviewer	Date

Data Source	What to look for	Why?	Notes
Attendance History	Patterns of absences and total number of absences	May give clues about antecedents for problem behaviour and possible skill deficits from lack of opportunity to receive instruction.	
Standardised test scores	Current and historical results of standardised testing	May indicate academic subjects and activities that are most difficult for the student (skill deficits) and may be helpful for identifying at what age/yr. level the deficits became more pronounced (useful for planning curriculum based measurements)	
Report Cards	Grades: patterns, strengths, low skills. Teacher commentary	Learn student strengths and needs; history of success or failure in academic/classroom activities; teacher views and concerns - present behaviors now or longstanding?	

Medical history	Vision and hearing problems as well as other problems that may be related to school performance (e.g. motor difficulties, head traumas, long-term illnesses, current medication use)	Helpful for identifying conditions that may exacerbate existing problematic behaviour or increase the likelihood of other problematic behaviours.	
Social history	Frequent changes in address, foster home placement, recent occurrence of stressful events (e.g. divorce, remarriage of parent, death, number of schools attended)	Points to possible establishing operations or setting events that may be impacting school behaviour.	
Disciplinary history	Types of problematic behaviours, times and locations in which they occurred, disciplinary penalty imposed, and increase/decrease in frequency/intensity of problem behaviour. {e.g., Office Disc Reports, RTC, Buddy Rooms}	Helps to identify patterns of behaviour (antecedents), effective and ineffective disciplinary strategies, and possible maintaining consequences, and helps chart the progression of problematic behaviour.	

	Other assessments that	Possible changes in
Previous	have been conducted	function of behaviour,
related	that focus on academic	previous antecedents,
assessment	skills, behavioural	history of behaviour and
results	functioning, language	interventions, and
	skills, etc.	programming decisions.
	Formal and informal	Identify interventions
	interventions that are	that have been
	documented in some	successful or
	way.	unsuccessful and why
Previous		they were or were not
Individually		successful: if successful,
developed		why are they not
interventions		currently being used;
		likewise, why are
		unsuccessful
		interventions continuing
		to be applied?
	Instructional goals and	Provides information on
IEP or current BSP	objectives, how/if they	the degree to which the
	are being taught, how/if	behaviours of concern
	they are being	are being addressed in
	monitored, and other	the classroom and on
	data supporting student	the extent to which the
	performance	teacher collects and
		records behavioural
		data.