

## COOPER-FARRAN BEHAVIOR RATING SCALES

The Cooper-Farran Behavior Rating Scale is composed of 37 items in two subscales. The Interpersonal Skills subscale (IPS) includes 21 items and the Work-Related Skills (WRS) subscale includes 16 items. The IPS subscale measures how well children get along with peers and the teacher. The WRS subscale includes items about independent work, compliance with instructions, and memory for instructions. Items are rated on a 1-7 scale with descriptive phrases to “anchor” points 1, 3, 5, and 7.

- Example item for Interpersonal Skills:

**EFFECT ON OTHER CHILDREN**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Does not purposefully annoy anyone		Teases others but stops short of actual annoyance		Occasionally tries to get attention by playful but annoying behavior		Repeatedly irritates others by hostile touching, poking, verbal insulting, etc.

- Example item for Work-Related Skills:

**RELEVANT PARTICIPATION IN GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Often contributes original ideas; relevant and responsive to others' comments and interests		Makes an occasional relevant comment; attentive		Inattentive to others; quiet but uninvolved		Makes irrelevant remarks; interrupts the flow

- For more information see: Cooper, D., & Farran, D. C. (1988). Behavioral risk in kindergarten. *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, 3, 1-20.