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Date _____

Schoodles Legibility Rubric for Students

Circle the box that best fits your handwriting sample in each row and place the score in the score box at the end of the row. Add all the scores for an overall score.

Criteria	Excellent (4 points)	Good (3 points)	Fair (2 points)	Needs Improvement (1 point)	Score
Letter Formation	Letters are consistently formed correctly with clear starts and stops.	Most letters are formed correctly with minor variations in size or shape.	Some letters are not fully formed or have significant inconsistencies in size or shape.	Many letters are not fully formed or have significant inconsistencies in size or shape.	
Spacing	Consistent and even spacing between letters and words.	Good spacing with minor inconsistencies.	Some crowding or excessive space between letters and/or words.	Spacing is inconsistent, making reading difficult.	
Size and Consistency	Letters are consistently sized similarly to one another.	Minor variations in letter size, but generally consistent.	Significant variation in letter size, making reading difficult.	Most letters are not sized consistently.	
Line Alignment	Letters stay consistently on the line.	Minor deviations from the line but generally stays within the lines.	Frequent deviations from the line, making reading difficult.	Letters frequently stray off the line.	
Overall Readability	Writing is easy to read and understand with minimal effort.	Writing is generally easy to read with some minor distractions.	Writing requires some effort to read.	Writing is difficult to read and understand.	
Overall Score					

Interpretation of total score:

- **Excellent (16-20 points):** Congratulations! Your handwriting is clear and easy to read!
- **Good (12-15 points):** Your handwriting is good, but there are a few areas where you can improve.
- **Fair (8-11 points):** You can improve your handwriting by focusing on some basics.
- **Needs Improvement (4-7 points):** Let us work together to improve your handwriting skills.

Circle areas that need improvement:

Letter Formation Spacing Size Line Alignment Readability Other



Therapist Tips for Using the Rubric:

- **Use the rubric with students grades 3 and up.**
- **Focus on specific examples:** When providing feedback, point to specific examples of strengths and areas for improvement within the student's writing.
- **Set realistic goals:** Work with students to set achievable goals for improving their handwriting.
- **Provide positive reinforcement:** Celebrate successes and encourage continued effort.
- **Use the rubric as a learning tool:** Help students understand the criteria and use the rubric to self-assess their handwriting.

This rubric provides a framework for evaluating legibility in a positive and supportive manner, helping students develop clear and effective handwriting skills using a top-down approach.