

Direct Behavior Rating

A brief overview for use in your school

User's guide

What is DBR?

DBR is a tool that combines elements of a direct observation and a rating scale

How can I use DBR?

DBR can be used as a tool in assessment (screening and progress monitoring), intervention, and home-school communication across all Response to Intervention (RTI) tiers



Which behaviors can I rate with DBR?

You can rate the 3 "big" classroom behaviors (academically engaged, respectful, and disruptive) or you may operationally define another behavior of interest

How do I complete the ratings?

The rater estimates the percentage of time a student displayed a particular behavior during a specified observation period.



Who completes DBR ratings?

Anyone can complete DBR ratings, but usually it is the lead teacher. A student should be rated by the same rater at all times.

How easy is it to use DBR?

Ratings can be completed in less than a minute. Teachers using DBR report it to be easily integrated into existing routines.



Is there any training I can access?

Yes! There is the DBR Online Training Module available on our website. It has been shown to improve rater accuracy.