

## Positive Student Profile

**Purpose:** A *Positive Student Profile* can be completed by the family to provide information about the strengths, challenges and successes of the child. The templates provided can be adapted to fit your individual family needs. Headings and categories may be changed to include the information that you feel is most important to share with people working and interacting with your child. The idea is to help people to see the strengths and positive attributes that your child comes to school with.

**How and When to Use a Positive Student Profile:** A *Positive Student Profile* is a great way to introduce your child to new teachers at the beginning of the school year. It can also be shared with everyone who comes in contact with your child to provide them a great “snapshot” of who your child is (e.g., the school nurse, paraprofessionals, related service personnel, etc.).

Teachers can ask parents to complete the form at the beginning of the school year to gain valuable insight into the students they will be working with from the perspective of the parents. A new profile can be completed each year as the child grows and changes.

A completed “example” profile and two blank profiles are provided for your use. You may want to make a copy of the blank profiles to use in the future and to share with your child’s teachers.

**Source:** *Creating Meaningful IEP’s: Tools for Teachers Supporting Students in General Education*. (2004 Edition). New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities.