

# Overview of Autism

## Autism Characteristics



**Instructions:**

- During a classroom observation, look for students exhibiting any of the characteristics associated with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Record the observations on the form below and indicate any strategies you observed the staff using to manage the behavior.

Autism Characteristic	Describe Observed Behavior	Strategies Observed (To manage behavior)
<b>Restricted Patterns of Behavior</b>		
<b>Difficulty with Communication (Note students having difficulty with talking AND understanding)</b>		
<b>Social/Play Challenges</b>		
<b>Unusual Response to Sensory Information</b>		
<b>Difficulties with Functional Routines</b>		

Materials Needed	Coach / Trainer Responsibility	Personal Reflection	Group Discussion
None	Provide access to an appropriate classroom.	Write down any questions you have about the student's behavior or strategies being used to manage the behavior.	Discuss your observations.