Direct Behavior Rating

A brief overview for use in your school

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.

For more information, visit our website at www.directbehaviorratings.org

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