Latency Recording Form

Directions:
1. Decide if you are going to use a clock, timer, or a stopwatch.
2. Record the time (or start the stopwatch or timer) when the prompt is given.
3. Record the time when the desired behavior begins (check time on clock or stop the stopwatch/timer)
4. Calculate the amount of time between when the prompt is given and the desired behavior begins.

Student: _____ **Date:** _____

Class/Teacher: _____ **Observer:** _____

Time of day: _____ **Length of observation:** _____

Behavior observed: _____

Teacher Prompt	Time of prompt/cue	Time student initiates behavior	Latency
Total/Average =			

Notes

Tips
- Latency data is used to measure how much time it takes a student to begin a task (e.g., beginning independent seat work, following a teacher's directions).
- This data collection method is not used for how long a student is engaged in a task.
- Remember, a clock, timer, or a stopwatch can be used to collect data; a stopwatch, though, is suggested because it allows for an accurate collection of time and for you to focus on the behavior.