

LD Test Selection Committee

Minutes of Meeting of May 29, 2009

Present: Janet Gibbs, Phil Fast, Mary Griffin, Pam Plant, Fulvia Franco, Dick Baer

Test to Review

The Committee developed the following list of tests to review:

- Riverside
 - Test of Reading Comprehension: Fourth Edition (TORC-4)
 - Test of Written Language: Fourth Edition (TOWL-4)
 - Comprehensive Test of Nonverbal Intelligence: Second Edition (CTONI-2)
 - Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scales for Early Childhood: Fifth Edition (Early SB-5)
 - Primary Test of Nonverbal Intelligence (P-TONI)

- Pearson
 - Wechsler Individual Achievement Test: Third Edition (WIAT-III, coming in August)
 - Test of Language Development - Intermediate: Fourth Edition (TOLD-I:4)
 - Test of Language Development - Primary: Fourth Edition (TOLD-P:4)
 - Detroit Test of Learning Aptitude – Primary: Third Edition (DTLA-P-3)

- ProEd
 - Pictorial Test of Intelligence: Second Edition (PTI-2)
 - Test of Silent Word Reading Fluency (TOSWRF)
 - Test of Silent Contextual Reading (TOSCRF)

Naglieri Non-Verbal Ability Test (NNAT)

Mary reviewed the NNAT. The test can be given individually or to a group. It was standardized on 1585 individuals that reflected the U.S. population. Split-half reliabilities ranged from .89-.91.

As the test was reviewed, it was noticed that at young ages low raw scores resulted in a relatively high standard scores. For example, at age five a raw core of 0 equals a standard score of 69 while a raw score of 1 equals a standard score of 73. This generated an extensive discussion of floor effects and whether or not the committee needed to develop rules regarding floor effects. Richard Keene was called for advice but was unavailable. Phil was assigned to follow up with a call to Richard.

Several way to state a floor effect rule were suggested:

- Pam & Fulvia: The number of points (items) correct need to establish a basal vs. the equaling the number of items correct needs to be equal to a standard score below 70. For example, If a basal is 4, then the youngest age approved would be where a raw score of 4 results in a standard score of less than 70.
- Dick: If the IQ score, based on the number of items needed to establish a basal, is not below 70 then the test should not be approved for that age.

Mary moved that the review be tabled until more information is received from Richard Keene. It was also suggested that the committee check to see how the issue was handled with the TONI.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2009.