

LD Test Selection Committee

Minutes of Meeting of 6/26/09 (corrected 9/24/09)

Present: Janet Gibbs, Phil Fast, Fulvia Franco, Mary Griffin, Maggie Yebra,
Chris Fritz, Dick Baer

Riverside Publishing

Chris Fritz and Maggie Yebra, Riverside consultants, attended the meeting.

1. Some suggested resources:
 - a. Dehn, Milton J. - Principles of Processing Assessment, Riverside
 - b. Kevin McGrew's website
 - c. Mather, Nancy – Intervention Essentials Book, Riverside
2. Test of Written Language: Fourth Edition (TOWL-4)
 - a. Some new pictures were added
 - b. New norms were collected
 - c. Ages 9:0-17:11
3. Test of Reading Comprehension: Fourth Edition (TORC-4)
 - a. Same five tests as the previous version
 - b. New norms
4. Primary Test of Nonverbal Intelligence (PTONI)
 - a. Maggie considers this a screening test
5. Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scales for Early Childhood: Fifth Edition (Early SB-5)
 - a. This is a portion of the full Binet extended for younger children.
6. Riverside offers webinars on some of their test. They can be expensive but Maggie might be able to work something out.
7. Maggie likes the Battelle. Thinks we should reconsider.

Floor Rules for Intelligence Test

Richard Keene joined the group by phone for this discussion. Several suggestions were made for factors to consider in formulating rules:

1. Basal rules
2. Being able to score low enough for mental retardation to be considered

3. The standard error of measurement.

The committee will have to keep working on this.

Test Review Assignments

1. Mary
 - a. TOWL-4
 - b. Early SB-5
 - c. PTONI
2. Phil
 - a. TORC-4

New Members

There was brief discussion of adding new members. Fulvia nominated a school psychologist from the Granite district who is interested. Phil reminded us of the need to diversify adding teachers and speech pathologists. Janet indicated its hard to get such people released to attend a meeting. The committee will need to take this issue up again.

Scheduling

The committee will not meet in July. The next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2009.