

LD Test Selection Committee

Minutes of Meeting of 9/24/09
(Corrected & Approved 11/19/09)

Present: Pam Plant, Mary Griffin, Tony Loveless, Dick Baer

Cross Battery Assessment

Copies of Flanagan, Ortiz, Alfonso (2007). Essentials of Cross-Battery Assessment: Second Edition were distributed to committee members.

Review of Minutes

Minutes of the committee's June and August 2009 minutes were reviewed and corrected.

Test of Silent Word Reading Fluency (TOSWRF)

Pam reviewed the TOSWRF. The authors describe the test as a screening test not to be used as the sole test for making eligibility or placement decisions. **SCREENING TESTS ARE NOT APPROPRIATE FOR IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES.**

Test of Silent Contextual Reading Fluency (TOSCRF)

Pam reviewed the TOSCRF. The authors describe the test as a screening test designed to identify poor readers. Once low scorers are identified, more comprehensive testing is indicated. **SCREENING TESTS ARE NOT APPROPRIATE FOR IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES.**

Stanford Binet Intelligence Scales for Early Childhood: Fifth Edition (Early SB5)

Mary reviewed the Early SB5. The test is a subset of the full SB5. It consists of 10 subtests that yield Nonverbal IQ, Verbal IQ, and Full Scale IQ scores. Standardization was on 4800 subjects 1400 of whom were below 6 years of age. The sample was matched to the 2001 census. Reliability coefficients for the NVIQ, VIQ, and FSIQ scores ranged from .94 - .98. For ages 6 and 7 the test is described as a routing test for gifted students.

Mary moved and Tony seconded that the Early SB5 NVIQ, VIQ, and FSIQ scores be approved as measures of aptitude for ages 3:0 – 5:11. The motion passed.

Estimator Homepage

It was noted that Brad Althouse had made many of the changes requested by the committee. Still to be worked on:

- Some committee members did not remember receiving the frequently asked questions document emailed by Dick. He was asked to resend it.
- The WIAT-II Written Language Composite Score needs to be added and the Written Expression score deleted.
- Committee members:
 - Mary's degree is an MS
 - Pam now works for Canyons District
 - Pam thinks Fulvia is a NCSP
 - Vickey's last name is spelled Carlson

Committee Standards

The introduction to the committee's standards was reviewed and edited. Work on this document needs to continue.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2009.