

LD Test Selection Committee

Minutes of Meeting of 10/23/09
(Corrected & Approved 11/19/09)

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

Car Trouble

Tony and Vickey had car trouble in Beaver and were delayed. They arrived late but safely.

Kaufman Test of Educational Achievement: Second Edition (KTEA-II) / Wechsler Individual Achievement Test: Second Edition (WIAT-II)

Toward the end of September the committee received email from Carol Evans of the Davis District regarding the KTEA-II. She pointed out that the Written Language Composite Standard Score had been approved but not the Written Expression Standard Score. The former incorporates the Spelling subtest, while the latter does not. This, Ms. Evans was concerned, might inflate the composite score for some students. The committee also noted that for the WIAT-II both the Written Expression Standard Score and the Written Language Composite Standard Score (which includes the spelling subtest) were approved.

Mary moved and Pam seconded that for both the KTEA-II and the WIAT-II that both the Written Expression and Written Language Composite Standard Scores be approved as measures of written language for previously approved ages. The motion passed.

Wechsler Individual Achievement Test: Third Edition (WIAT-III)

Tony reviewed the WIAT-III. It was standardized on a national sample that reflected the October 2005 census and included 100+ subjects at each age level from 4 to 17-19. Reliabilities ranged from good to marginal.

Tony moved and Vickey seconded that the WIAT-III Listening Comprehension Standard Score be approved as a measure of listening comprehension for ages 4:0 – 15:11. The motion passed (3/1).

Tony moved and Vickey seconded that the WIAT-III Early Reading Skills Standard Score be approved as a measure of basic reading skills for ages 4:0 – 9:11. The motion passed (4/0).

Tony moved and Vickey seconded that the WIAT-III Reading Comprehension Standard Score be approved as a measure of reading comprehension for ages 6:0 – 15:11 and 17:0 – 19:11. The motion passed (4/0).

Mary moved (without a second) that the WIAT-III Reading Comprehension Standard Score be approved as a measure of reading comprehension for 16. The motion failed (1/2/1).

Tony moved and Mary seconded that the WIAT-III Math Problem Solving Standard Score be approved as a measure of mathematics problem solving for ages 4:0 – 19:11. The motion passed (4/0).

Tony moved and Mary seconded that the WIAT-III Alphabet Writing Fluency Standard Score be approved as a measure of written expression for ages 4:0 – 9:11. The motion failed (0/4).

Tony moved and Mary seconded that the WIAT-III Sentence Composition Standard Score be approved as a measure of written expression for ages 6:0 – 19:11. The motion failed (0/4).

Due to time constraints, further discussion of the WIAT-III was tabled until the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 11/19/09.