# How Intelligence Tests have Influenced Diversity in Gifted Programs

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# The Goals for Today

- Recognition of Drs. Ford, Brulles, and Lansdowne contributions to this session
- The American Psychological Association released an apology for the role psychology and APA itself has played in promoting racism
  - I will review this apology which many have rightfully criticized see: "Time Will Tell: Three Black Scholars Ponder APA's Apology for Silence and Complicity in Perpetuating Racism (Pope-Davis, Moore, Ford, 2021)
- · How many students of color are currently excluded
- · What is it about IQ tests that has led to under-representation
- · What research can guide our decision-making
- · We CAN and we MUST follow the science

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### **American Psychological Association Apology**

- 'APA recognizes the roles of psychology in promoting...racism, and the harms that have been inflicted on communities of color ...'
- 'Psychologists created and promoted the widespread application of psychological tests that have been used to disadvantage many communities of color'
- 'APA and its leadership failed to take action in response to calls from Black psychologists for an end to the misuse of tests developed by psychologists that perpetuated racial inequality... and the ways measurement of intelligence has been systemically used to create the ideology of White supremacy'



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CONFRONTS

American
Psychological
Association
Apology

- Throughout the 1900s prominent psychologists involved in IQ test development supported eugenics and called for sterilization for unfit and inferior races
- In 1916 Lewis Terman created the Stanford-Binet and advocated an educational system which separated white children from Blacks, Mexicans and Native Americans
- 1933 Raymond Cattell (CHC & WJ) spoke out against race mixing and he lobbied to overturn the 1954 Brown v. Board Education

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### IQ Tests Role in Promoting Racism

 Lewis Terman – promoter of eugenics (Greek for good birth) and author of the Stanford-Binet (1916) wrote that his test would reveal "significant racial differences in general intelligence...which cannot be wiped out by any culture"

 identification of low-intelligence children and adults who would be involuntarily institutionalized and sterilized would improve society. (p. 68, Brookwood, 2021)

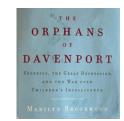
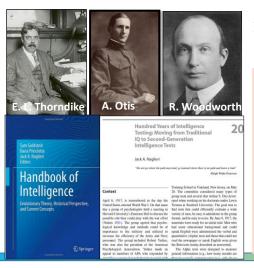


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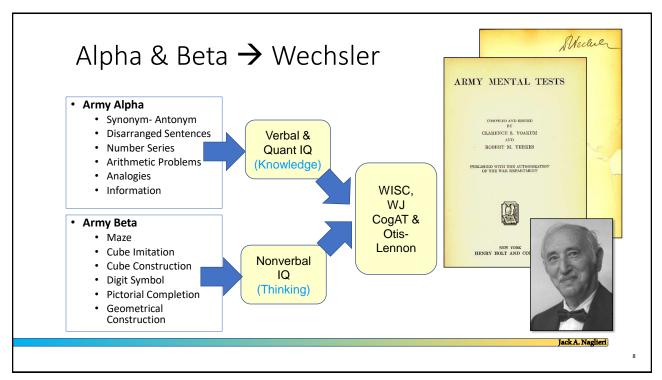
### Origins of Traditional IQ Tests

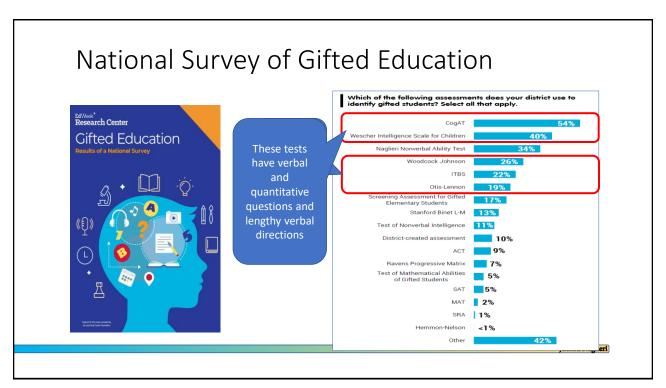


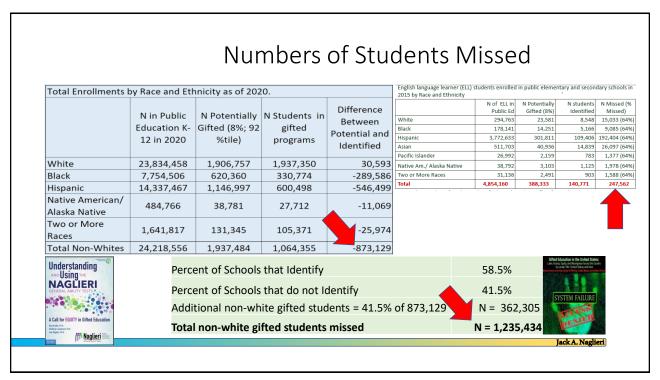
- A group of psychologists met at Harvard in April of 1917 to construct an ability test to help the US military evaluate recruits (WWI)
- ➤ By July 1917 their research showed that the Army Alpha (Verbal & Quantitative) and Beta (Nonverbal) tests could "aid in segregating and eliminating the mentally incompetent, classify men according to their mental ability; and assist in selecting competent men for responsible positions" (p. 19, Yerkes, 1921).
- This was the foundation of the Wechsler Scales – Verbal, Performance (Nonverbal) and Quantitative subtests as well as the Otis-Lennon and CogAT

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# The Problem with Traditional IQ Tests

The measurement of intelligence is CONFOUNDED by knowledge

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### Traditional IQ and Achievement Tests

- When I started working as a school psychologist in 1975...I noticed that parts of the intelligence tests we used were VERY similar to parts of the achievement tests
  - In fact the Achievement Test had a General Information and Arithmetic subtests JUST LIKE THE WISC!
- THAT DID NOT MAKE SENSE



1975 Charles Champagne Elementary, Bethpage, NY

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# How and Why...

 First job as assistant professor at Northern Arizona University - 1979



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### 1981

### Test Results and Interpretations:

On the WISC-R, Amanda earned a Performance IQ of 95±7 which falls in the average range of intelligence and at the 37th percentile rank in comparison to the children her age in the standardization sample. In contrast to this score of average non-verbal intelligence was her Verbal IQ of 52±7. This score is quite low and indicates that her level of facility with the English language falls at about the 1st percentile rank. This score can NOT be considered an estimate of verbal intelligence because Amanda speaks mostly Supai and little English. Due to the large difference between these scores,

Within the WISC-R a clear pattern emerged: Amanda performed well on tasks that required little or no English language comprehension or expression, and poorly on all tasks which did require these linguistic skills. In fact, even if a task was visual and non-verbal, but required English language comprehension of instructions, she performed more poorly.

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## The US Army Alpha Test (Verbal)

tobacco 1. Bull Durham is the name of

fruit 2. The Mackintosh Red is a kind of

typewriter 3. The Oliver is a

Mogul 4. A passenger locomotive type is the

engineers

5. Stone & Webster are well know 6. The Brooklyn Nationals are called

Superbas fabric

7. Pongee is a

corn

8. Country Gentleman is a kind of

Mckinley cigarette

9. The President during the Spanish War was

10. Fatima is a make of

From: Psychological Examining the United States Army (Yerkes, 1921, p. 213)

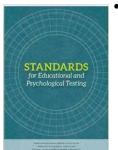
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# Knowledge is Included in "Ability" Tests

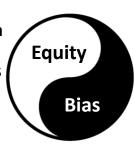
<ul> <li>Verbal</li> <li>Knowledge</li> <li>Quantitative Reasoning</li> <li>Verbal Comprehension</li> <li>Quantitative Reasoning</li> <li>Vocabulary, Similarities, Information &amp; Comprehension Analogies</li> <li>Fluid Reasoning Figure Weights, Arithmetic</li> <li>Arithmetic</li> <li>Comprehension Knowledge:</li> <li>Vocabulary &amp; General Information</li> <li>Fluid Reasoning:</li> <li>Number Series &amp; Concept</li> <li>Formation</li> <li>Auditory</li> <li>Processing:</li> <li>Phonological Processing</li> </ul> <li>Verbal</li> <li>Following directions</li> <li>Verbal Reasoning</li> <li>Verbal Reasoning</li> <li>Verbal Reasoning</li> <li>Verbal Scale</li> <li>Number Series Wanditory</li> <li>Processing:</li> <li>Phonological Processing</li>	Stanford- Binet-5	WISC-V	WJ-IV	KABC-II	OLSAT	CogAT
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### Test Bias vs Test Equity

According to the *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing* (AERA, APA, NCME, 2014) Psychometric TEST BIAS and EQUITY are two different ways of measuring test fairness.



 ... if a person has had limited opportunities to learn the content in a test of intelligence, that test may be considered unfair (because it penalizes students for not knowing the answers) even if the norming data do not demonstrate test bias.



Evidence of EQUITY is examined by test
 content and mean score differences

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# Test Content and Race Differences

- When English is required in a vocabulary test of general ability this disadvantages students with limited educational opportunity.
- Matarazzo (1972) wrote about the Wechsler Scales
  - "...Vocabulary is necessarily influenced by ... education and cultural opportunities (p. 218)"
  - when referring to the Arithmetic subtest, "...its merits are lessened by the fact that it is influenced by education (p. 203)."

BLACK CHILDREN : SOUTHEAST

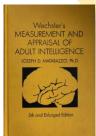
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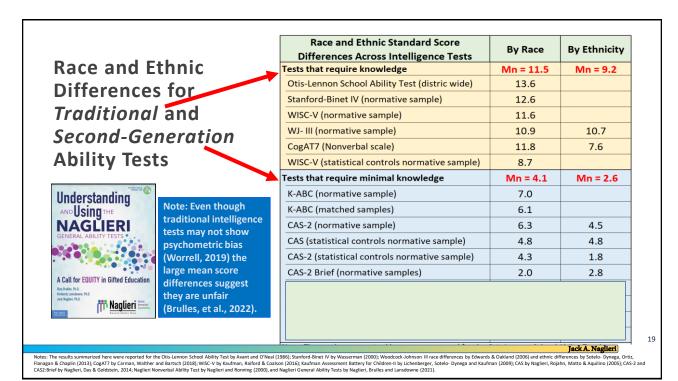
WHITE CHILDREN : ALL USA

Midpoints of 10 intervals





Even though the role of education was known, psychologists still attributed IQ test differences to the **people** instead of the **test**.





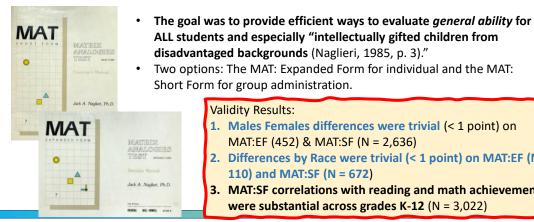
# How Intelligence can be Measured More Efficiently

Use test questions that measure THINKING in a way that is not dependent upon KNOWING

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### Naglieri's Nonverbal Tests: 1985 to Present

### First and Second Versions



Validity Results:

- 1. Males Females differences were trivial (< 1 point) on MAT:EF (452) & MAT:SF (N = 2,636)
- 2. Differences by Race were trivial (< 1 point) on MAT:EF (N = 110) and MAT:SF (N = 672)
- 3. MAT:SF correlations with reading and math achievement were substantial across grades K-12 (N = 3,022)

MAT Short and Expanded Forms 1985

# Naglieri's Nonverbal Tests: 1985 to Present

### Third Version of the Naglieri Nonverbal Tests



MAT Short and Expanded Forms 1985

Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test 1997

The MAT was rebranded as the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test Multilevel (NNAT) and released as a group administered test.

- **Initial Research Findings:**
- Naglieri, J. A., & Ronning, M. E. (2000). The Relationships between General Ability Using the NNAT and SAT Reading Achievement. Journal of Psychoeducational Assessment, 18, 230-239. STRONG CORRELATION WITH ACHIEVEMENT
- Naglieri, J. A., & Ronning, M. E. (2000). Comparison of White, African-American, Hispanic, and Asian Children on the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test. Psychological Assessment, 12, 328-334. TRIVIAL DIFFERENCES BY RACE AND ETHNICITY
- Naglieri, J., & Ford, D. Y. (2003). Addressing Under-representation of Gifted Minority Children Using the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT). Gifted Child Quarterly, 47, 155-160. SIMILAR % OF BLACK, WHITE & HISPANICS FOUND USING THE NNAT

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# Naglieri's Nonverbal Tests: 1985 to Present

### Fourth Version of the Naglieri Nonverbal Tests



**Expanded Forms** 



NNAT -Individual (2003) for oneon-one testing and two forms

### The NNAT individual Validity:

- Similar scores by race, ethnicity and ELL status and students with hearing impairment
- Strong correlation with the **Ravens Progressive Matrices** (.78), TONI-3 (.63), WISC-IV Matrix Reasoning (r = .62)

# Naglieri's Nonverbal Tests: 1985 to Present

Fifth Version of the Naglieri Nonverbal Tests



**MAT Short and Expanded Forms** 1985



Naglieri Nonverbal NNAT -Individual, 2003 Ability Test 1997



### The NNAT2 Validity:

- · Strong correlation with OLSAT8 (r = .67, N = 592)
- Strong correlation with Reading & Math (SAT10) (r = .65. N = 2.552)
- **Small differences between** race/ethnicity and ELL and matched samples)
- Strong correlation with the Wechsler Nonverbal Scale (r = .74) for gifted students.

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# Naglieri's Nonverbal Tests: 1985 to Present

Sixth Version of the Naglieri Nonverbal Tests



Naglieri Nonverbal MAT Short and Expanded Forms Ability Test 1997



NNAT -Individual, 2003





The NNAT3 (2016) was created to provide

new items and updated norm group

### The NNAT3 Validity:

- · No difference between online & paper
- · The NAI scores correlated with the **OLSAT 8 suggesting** that the two tests measure general ability.

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### Can a Nonverbal Test Identify Gifted Students?

- The research on the NNAT is very strong and suggests:
- NNAT is a nonverbal test of intelligence that WILL identify those gifted students who may not YET be talented
- NNAT is strongly correlated with academic skills
   BUT...
- Can measures of general ability using VERBAL and QUANTITATIVE test questions be constructed that do not demand academic knowledge?

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# Measuring General Ability Equitably Using the Naglieri General Ability Tests: Verbal, Nonverbal and Quantitative

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# Naglieri General Ability Tests 🎁 Naglie



- We explicitly made tests for equitable identification of students from diverse cultural, linguistic, or socioeconomic backgrounds
- We used the traditional Verbal, Nonverbal and Quantitative formats to **measure general ability** using:
  - Test questions that do not require academic knowledge,
  - Verbal and Quantitative test questions that can be solved using any language,
  - Animated instructions remove the need for comprehension of directions,
  - A multiple-choice response removes the need for verbal expression.
  - Online (and paper) administration for group or individual assessment
  - Universal assessment using local and national norms

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## Solution: Measure Thinking not Knowledge

- What does the student have to know to complete a task?
  - This is dependent upon educational opportunity



- > How does the student have to think to complete a task?
  - This is dependent on the brain



# Naglieri General Ability Test — Verbal (Naglieri & Brulles)

The Naglieri–V measures general ability using pictures of objects representing verbal concepts. The items are comprised of universally recognized pictures that do not rely on knowledge acquired in academic settings.

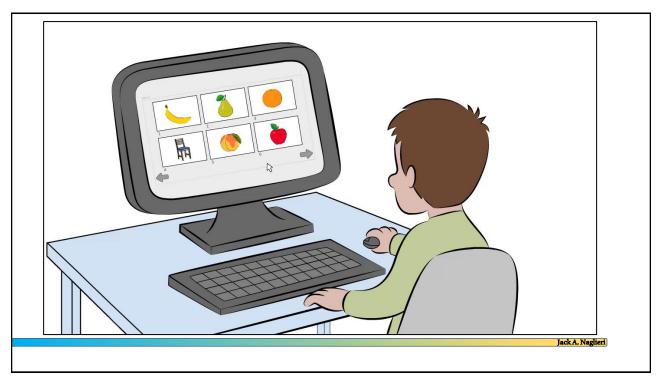
The student's task is to identify which of the six pictures does *not* represent the verbal concept shared by the other five.

The test items require close examination of the relationships among the pictures.



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# Naglieri General Ability Test — Quantitative (Naglieri & Lansdowne)

The Naglieri–Q **measures general ability** using numbers and/or symbols. Students must decipher the logic behind *the relationships among the numbers and symbols* to identify the answer.

Items require the student to determine equivalency of simple quantities, analyze a matrix of numbers and solve mathematical sequences,

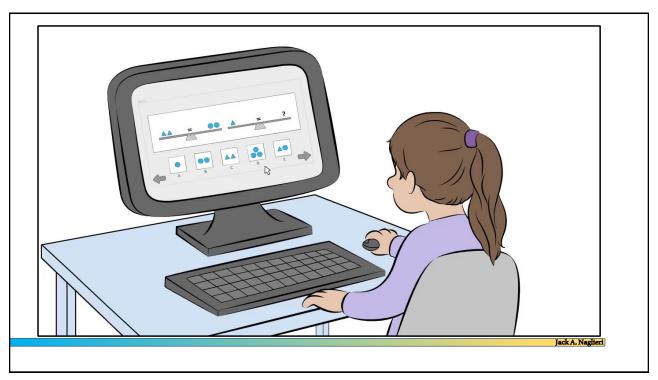
Items require minimal academic knowledge, and the calculation requirements are simple.

The items have no verbal requirements (i.e., no math word problems) so that they can be solved regardless of the language used by the student.



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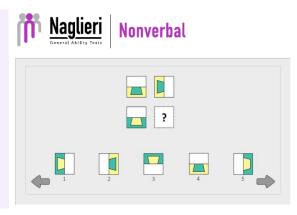


# Naglieri General Ability Test - Nonverbal

The Naglieri–NV measures general ability using questions that require a student to recognize the relationships among the shapes.

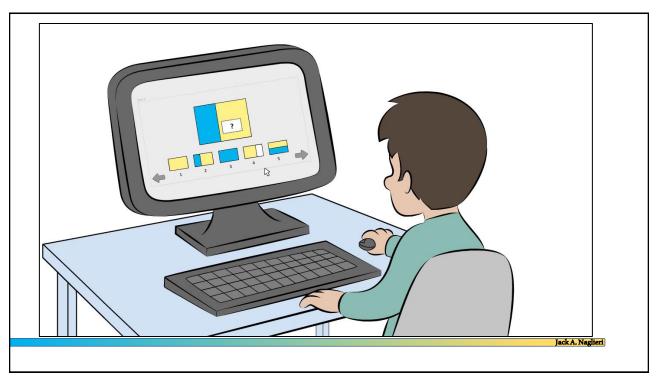
The structure of the items varies, but all items require that the student decipher the logic behind *the relationships among the shapes*, sequences, spatial orientations, patterns, and other distinguishing characteristics.

This nonverbal test is conceptually similar to the NNAT3 but it contains many NEW kinds of items not included before.



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## Three Research Studies (2022)

Selvamenan, M., Paolozza, A., Solomon, J., Naglieri, J. A., & Schmidt, M. T. (submitted for publication, 2022). Race, Ethnic, Gender, and Parental Education Level Differences on Verbal, Nonverbal, and Quantitative Naglieri General Ability Tests: Achieving Equity.

### VERBAL SAMPLE

 2,482 That closely matches the US population on key demographics

### GENDER

 No differences between males and females for raw score across all forms

### RACE/ETHNICITY

No differences among White, Black, & Hispanic for raw score across all forms

### PARENTAL EDUCATION LEVEL

 No differences among five education levels (No high school diploma; High School graduate; Some college/Associate's degree; Bachelor's degree; Graduate/professional degree) for raw score across all forms

### NONVERBAL SAMPLE

 3,630 That closely matches the US population on key demographics

### GENDER

 No differences between males and females for raw score across all forms

### RACE/ETHNICITY

 No differences among White, Black, & Hispanic for raw score across all forms

### PARENTAL EDUCATION LEVEL

 No differences among five education levels (No high school diploma; High School graduate; Some college/Associate's degree; Bachelor's degree; Graduate/professional degree) for raw score across all forms

### QUANTITATIVE SAMPLE

2,841 That closely matches the US population on key demographics

### GENDER

 No differences between males and females for raw score across all forms

### RACE/ETHNICITY

 No differences among White, Black, & Hispanic for raw score across all forms

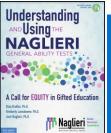
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# Race and Ethnic Differences for Traditional and Second-Generation Ability Tests



Note: Even though traditional intelligence tests may not show psychometric bias (Worrell, 2019) the large mean score differences suggest they are unfair (Brulles, et al., 2022).

Race and Ethnic Standard Score Differences Across Intelligence Tests	By Race	By Ethnicity		
Tests that require knowledge	Mn = 11.5	Mn = 9.2		
Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (distric wide)	13.6			
Stanford-Binet IV (normative sample)	12.6			
WISC-V (normative sample)	11.6			
WJ- III (normative sample)	10.9	10.7		
CogAT7 (Nonverbal scale)	11.8	7.6		
WISC-V (statistical controls normative sample)	8.7			
Tests that require minimal knowledge	Mn = 4.1	Mn = 2.6		
K-ABC (normative sample)	7.0			
K-ABC (matched samples)	6.1			
CAS-2 (normative sample)	6.3	4.5		
CAS (statistical controls normative sample)	4.8	4.8		
CAS-2 (statistical controls normative sample)	4.3	1.8		

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Notes: The results summarized here were reported for the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test by Avant and O'Neal (1986); Stanford-Binet IV by Wasserman (2000); Woodcock-Johnson III race differences by Edwards & Oakland (2006) and ethnic differences by Sotelo-Dynega, Ortiz, Flanagan & Chaplin (2013); CogAT7 by Carman, Walther and Bartsch (2018); MCSCV by Naufman, Raiford & Coabson (2016); Kaufman Assessment Bastery for Children-I by Lichenberger, Sotelo-Dynega and Kaufman (2009); CAS by Naglieri, Rojahn, Matto & Aquilino (2005); CAS-2 and CAS2-Brief by Naglieri, Dask & Goldstein, 2014; Naglieri Annoverbal Ability Test by Naglieri Gamenia Ability Tests by Naglieri Gamenia Ability Tests by Naglieri, Brief (2011).

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### **CAUTION!**

Using one fair test does NOT ensure an equitable assessment process.

To find ALL gifted students the entire assessment process must be equitable.

The U-46 case reminds us that **HOW** tests scores are used in the assessment process as important as **WHICH** tests are used.



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# How Scores are Combined

Main question: Does the District's gifted program unlawfully discriminate against Hispanic Students?

The district with 42% Hispanics but only 2% of students in gifted were Hispanic.

DANIEL, DINAH and DEANNA MCFADDEN, )
minors, by their parent and next friend, Tracy )
McFadden; KAREN, RODOLFO and KIARA )
TAPIA, minors, by their parent and next friend,

TAPIA, minors, by their parent and next friend, Mariela Montoya; JOCELYN BURCIAGA, minor, by her parent and next friend, Griselda Burciaga; and KASHMIR IVY, minors, by their parent and next friend, Beverly Ivy; KRISTIANNE SIFUENTES, minors, by her parent and next friend, Irma Sifuentes.

Plaintiffs,

BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46,

Defendant.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

Weighted matrix favored achievement and CogAT

Too little reliance on NNAT

No. 05 C 0760

Judge Robert W. Gettleman

On July 11, 2013, Judge Robert Gettlemen issued a decision holding that District U-

46 intentionally discriminated against Hispanic students specific in their gifted programming (placement), and found problems with policies and instruments for

screening and identification, (c) use of both verbal and math scores at arbitrary designated

levels for screening and for identification, (d) use of weighted matrix, as well as content  $% \left\{ \mathbf{r}^{\prime}\right\} =\left\{ \mathbf{r}^{\prime}\right\} =$ 

and criteria in weighted matrices that <u>favored achievement and traditional measures</u>, (e) too little reliance on a nonverbal test (Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test) for admission to

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### Equitable Process of Identification

- Begins with choosing EQUITABLE tests
- Tests can ONLY solve the problem if they are used correctly
- Universal testing of ALL students, not just those nominated by teachers or parents
- Use LOCAL norms as well as national norms
  - Norms by school can help achieve equity
- Adjust the curriculum to MATCH the students' needs
- See Brulles, Lansdowne and Naglieri (2022) for details

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# Your Thoughts and Questions...



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### Wall Street Journal - December 2003

- In kindergarten, he scored **141** on the *Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test*
- He was the only African-American at his school to qualify for gifted services
- But Devion was NOT getting good grades in school and was not considered GT
- He was bored and resistant to do silly work
- He appeared in the Wall Street Journal article, and was invited to Iles magnet school
- He started there January 5th, 2004
- WHAT HAPPENED SINCE THEN?



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### Devion Graduated High School and...







Change
Demands
Courage to
Think
Differently

Socially just identification of gifted students requires selfreflection and self-correction in response to current research

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