



# An Equitable Way to Identify All Gifted Students: Measure Thinking not Knowing

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# For 2E Assessment


- Gifted students who also have a disability such as ADHD, SLD or ASD

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This site was created to provide tools and resources for both psychologists and educators alike.

Jack A. Naglieri, PhD, has held faculty appointments at Northern Arizona University, The Ohio State University, and George Mason University. He is currently a Research Professor at the University of Virginia, Senior Research Scientist at the Devereux Center for Resilient Children, and Emeritus Professor of Psychology at George Mason University.


Dr. Naglieri has developed many tests used by psychologists and educators such as the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test, the Cognitive Assessment System, Autism Spectrum Rating Scales, Devereux Student Strength Assessment, Comprehensive Executive Function Inventory, and forthcoming Naglieri General Ability Tests: Verbal, Nonverbal and Quantitative. He is widely known for his efforts to increase participation of traditionally under-represented students in gifted education. He is also well known for the PASS Theory of Intelligence and its application using the CAS2 for identification of specific learning disabilities using the Discrepancy Consistency Method, fair and equitable assessment of diverse populations, and academic interventions related to PASS neurocognitive processes.

### NAGLIERI GENERAL ABILITY TESTS: VERBAL, NONVERBAL AND QUANTITATIVE




The Naglieri General Ability Tests: Verbal, Nonverbal and Quantitative provide equitable assessment of students for gifted educational programs.

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A webinar library that covers a variety of topics such as EF, Autism Assessment, and SLD. We have created this library to share and learn from each other while staying home and safe.

### EQUITY



xxx this section provides information about equity in the CAS and equity in gifted assessment. GNAT

### EXECUTIVE FUNCTION



xxx Comprehensive examination of executive function, its measurement, and intervention.

### HELPING CHILDREN LEARN



Helping Children Learn was written to give parents and teachers simple ways to make learning fun and easy for any child. Handouts

# Website

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Naglieri General Ability Tests website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT, FOR PARENTS, WEBINARS, PUBLICATIONS, IN THE NEWS, PODCASTS, and CONTACT. The main content area features a large banner with the text "EQUITABLE ASSESSMENT OF GIFTED STUDENTS USING THE Naglieri General Ability Tests: Verbal, Nonverbal & Quantitative". Below the banner, there is a section titled "A MESSAGE FROM THE AUTHORS" with a sub-heading "Distinguishing between the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Tests & the Naglieri General Ability Tests". A small video thumbnail is visible in the bottom right corner of this section.



# YouTube

The screenshot shows the YouTube channel page for Naglieri General Ability Tests. The channel name is "Naglieri General Ability Tests" with a subscriber count of 22 and 29 videos. The channel description states: "This channel was created for educators and parents alike to learn about...". Below the channel information, there is a video titled "Naglieri General Ability Tests by Jack Naglier, PhD, Dina Brulles, PhD & Kimberly Lansdowne, PhD" with 116 views. Underneath, there are three "Created playlists" sections: "Spotlight with the authors of the Naglieri General Ability Tests", "Webinars", and "Q&A with authors Drs Naglier, Brulles, and Lansdowne".



# Instagram

The screenshot shows the Instagram profile for "naglierigeneralabilitytests". The profile has 6 posts, 24 followers, and 44 following. The bio states: "Naglieri General Ability Tests. Developed by Jack A. Naglier, PhD, Dina Brulles, PhD, and Kimberly Lansdowne, PhD, these tests were created for equitable assessment of all students." Below the bio, there is a grid of six posts. The posts include a video, a photo of a panel discussion with the text "look Do you see me?", a photo of a booth at an event with the text "MHS", a photo of a presentation slide titled "A Historical Perspective on the Work and Underrepresentation of People of Color", a photo of a large conference room with the text "MHS", and a photo of three women standing together.



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# WHY do I do this work?

- 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
  - For example, 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

It seemed wrong to measure **intelligence** using questions that demand **knowledge**



- Was it reasonable to measure 'intelligence' with questions that required knowledge?
- Testing in Havasupai answered that question





# 1981

## Test Results and Interpretations:

On the WISC-R, Amanda earned a Performance IQ of  $95 \pm 7$  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  $52 \pm 7$ . 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, no Full Scale IQ was computed.

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.

WISC-V Full Scale				
Verbal Comprehension	Visual Spatial	Fluid Reasoning	Working Memory	Processing Speed
Similarities	Block Design	Matrix Reasoning	Digit Span	Coding
Vocabulary	Visual Puzzles	Figure Weights	Picture Span	Symbol Search
Information		Picture Concepts	Letter-Number Sequencing	Cancellation
Comprehension		Arithmetic		

# WISC-R

## RECORD FORM

Wechsler Intelligence Scale  
for Children—Revised

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF TEST \_\_\_\_\_

REFERRED BY \_\_\_\_\_

WISC-R PROFILE

Clinicians who wish to draw a profile should first transfer the child's scaled scores to the row of boxes below. Then mark an X on the dot corresponding to the scaled score for each test, and draw a line connecting the X's.\*

Scaled Score	VERBAL TESTS						PERFORMANCE TESTS						Scaled Score
	Information	Similarities	Arithmetic	Vocabulary	Comprehension	Digit Span	Picture Completion	Picture Arrangement	Block Design	Object Assembly	Coding	Mazes	
19													
18													
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2													
1													

\*See Chapter 4 in the manual for a discussion of the significance of differences between scores on the tests.

NOTES

Date Tested	Year 81	Month 8	Day 44
Date of Birth	74	4	26
Age	7	4	18

	Raw Score	Scaled Score
VERBAL TESTS		
Information	3	3
Similarities	0	2
Arithmetic	4	4
Vocabulary	0	1
Comprehension	0	0
(Digit Span)	(2)	(2)
Verbal Score		12
PERFORMANCE TESTS		
Picture Completion	10	8
Picture Arrangement	5	5
Block Design	18	12
Object Assembly	17	11
Coding		
(Mazes)	(17)	(11)
Performance Score		

	Scaled Score	IQ
Verbal Score	12	52
Performance Score	47	95
Full Scale Score	59	72

\*Prorated from 4 tests, if necessary.

$\bar{x} = 9.4$

Naglieri, J. A. (1982). Does the WISC-R measure verbal intelligence for non-English speaking children? *Psychology in the Schools*, 19, 478-479.

Naglieri, J. A., & Yazzie, C. (1983). Comparison of the WISC-R and PPVT-R with Navajo children. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 39, 598-600.

I realized that we should measure intelligence in a way that was not dependent on knowledge.

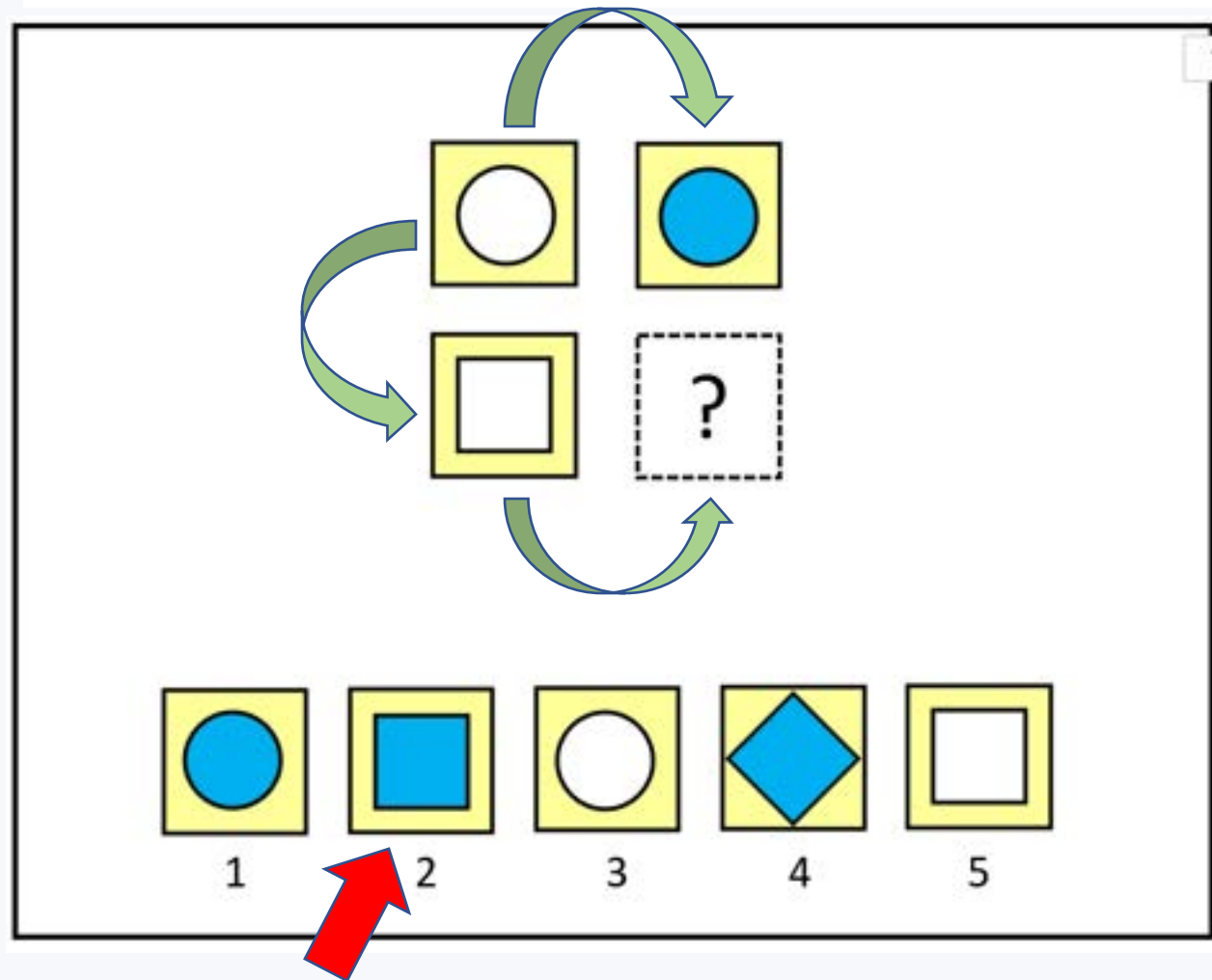
How to achieve this goal?

**My career as a test developer began with this goal**





# Tests that Measure Thinking or Knowing?



Girl is woman as  
boy is to man ?

3 is to 9 as  
5 is to 25 ?

C<sup>7</sup> is to F as  
E<sup>7</sup> is to A ?

# How and Why...

- **First Research Article**

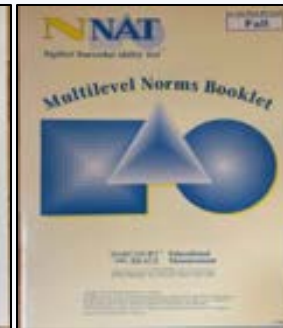
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- **Tests and books**

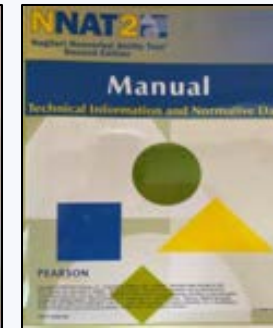
- Matrix Analogies Tests Individual and Group administrations (1985)
- NNAT editions – 1997-2016
- CAS and CAS2 – 1997-2014
- GAMA
- Essentials of CAS Assessment 1999
- Helping All Gifted Students Learn (Naglieri, Brulles & Lansdowne, 2009)
- Naglieri General Ability Test (2022)



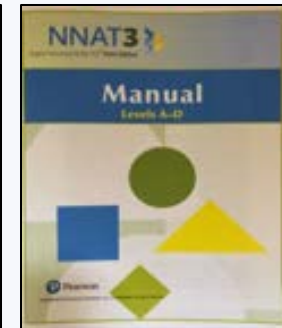
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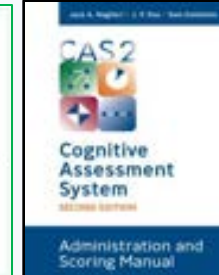
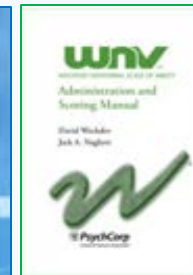
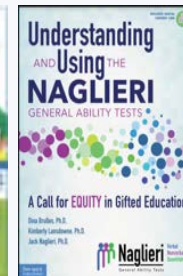
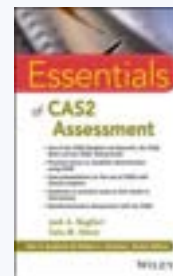
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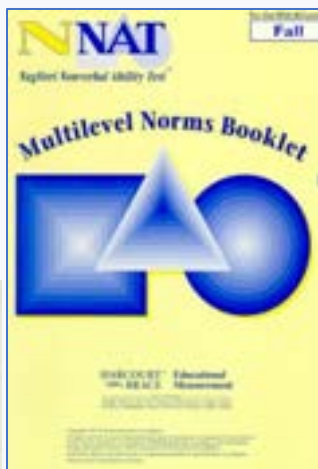


# Naglieri's Nonverbal Tests : 1985 to Present

- **Sixth** Version of the Naglieri Nonverbal Tests



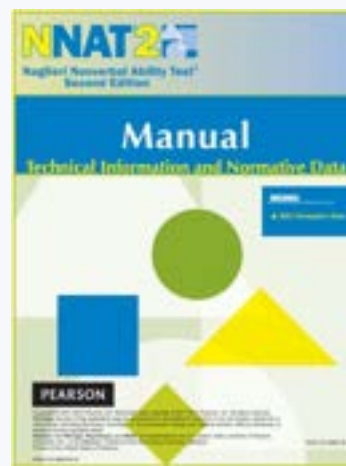
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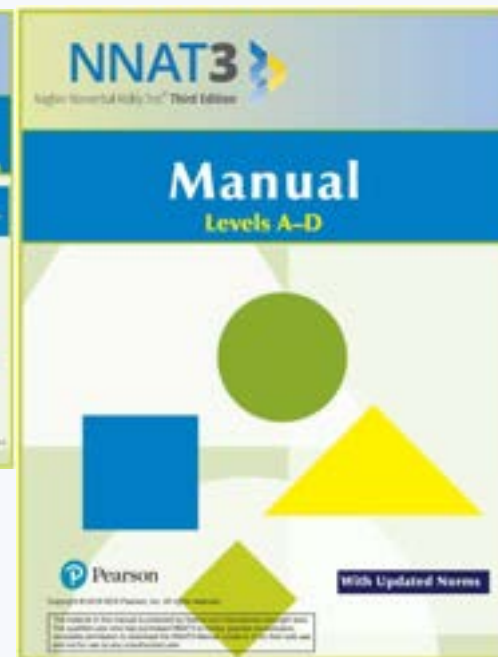
Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test 1997



NNAT-Individual, 2003



NNAT-2 2008



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.

**BUT...** there was a lingering question: What about adding Verbal and Quantitative tests of general ability to compliment the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test?



# Naglieri's Nonverbal Tests : 1985 to Present

- **Seventh** Version of the Naglieri Nonverbal Tests



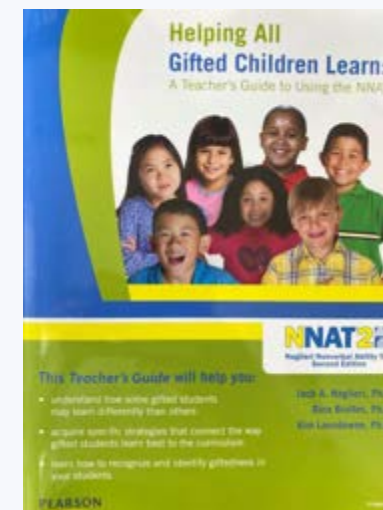
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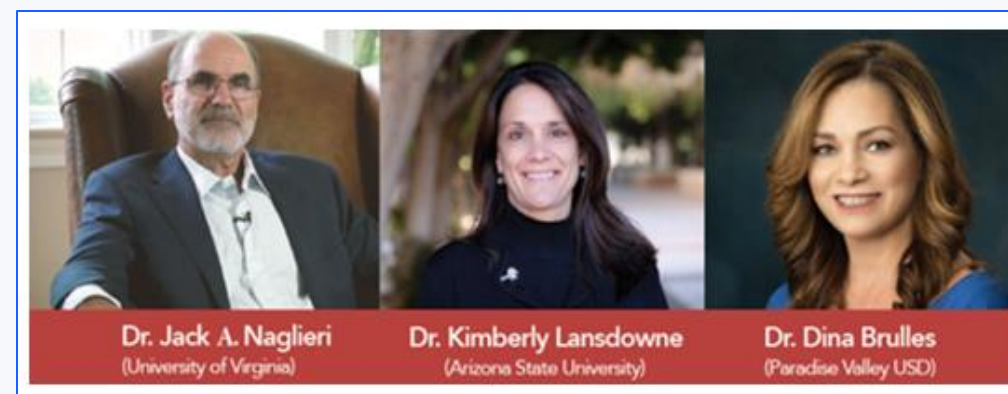
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**NNAT-2**  
2008

**NNAT3**  
2016



**Naglieri General Ability Tests: Verbal, Nonverbal and Quantitative (2021)** were developed to measure *general ability* using three different kinds of test content: Verbal, Nonverbal and Quantitative.



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# Our Goal: Identify **all Gifted** Students

- Gifted = very smart
- Talented = very accomplished
- Identification is based on referrals by teachers and parents
- Traditional ability tests comprised of
  - Verbal *directions* that include many verbal concepts and verbal comprehension
  - verbal and quantitative test items *demand knowledge*
  - Oral response demands *expressive language skills*
- Using a test of *ability* that demands *knowledge* is not reasonable
- Universal testing ensures that all students have an opportunity



# *Naglieri General Ability Tests*



- 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** and to ensure equity we used:
  - 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 norms

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

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# 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.

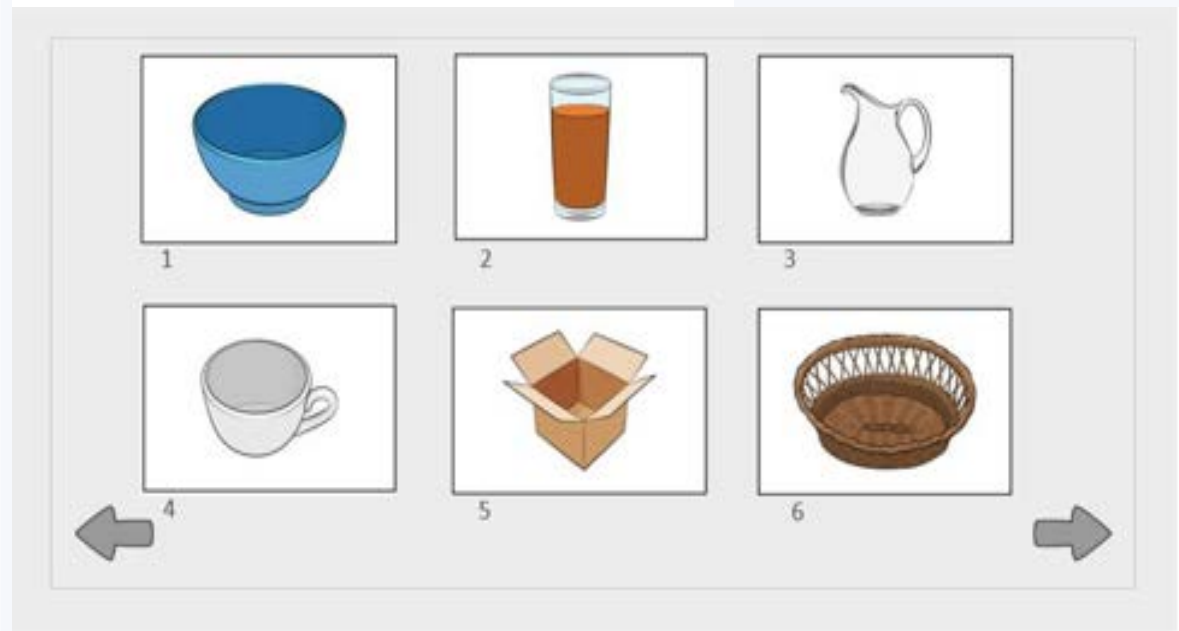
The student's task is to identify which of the six pictures does *not* represent the verbal concept shared by the other five.

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

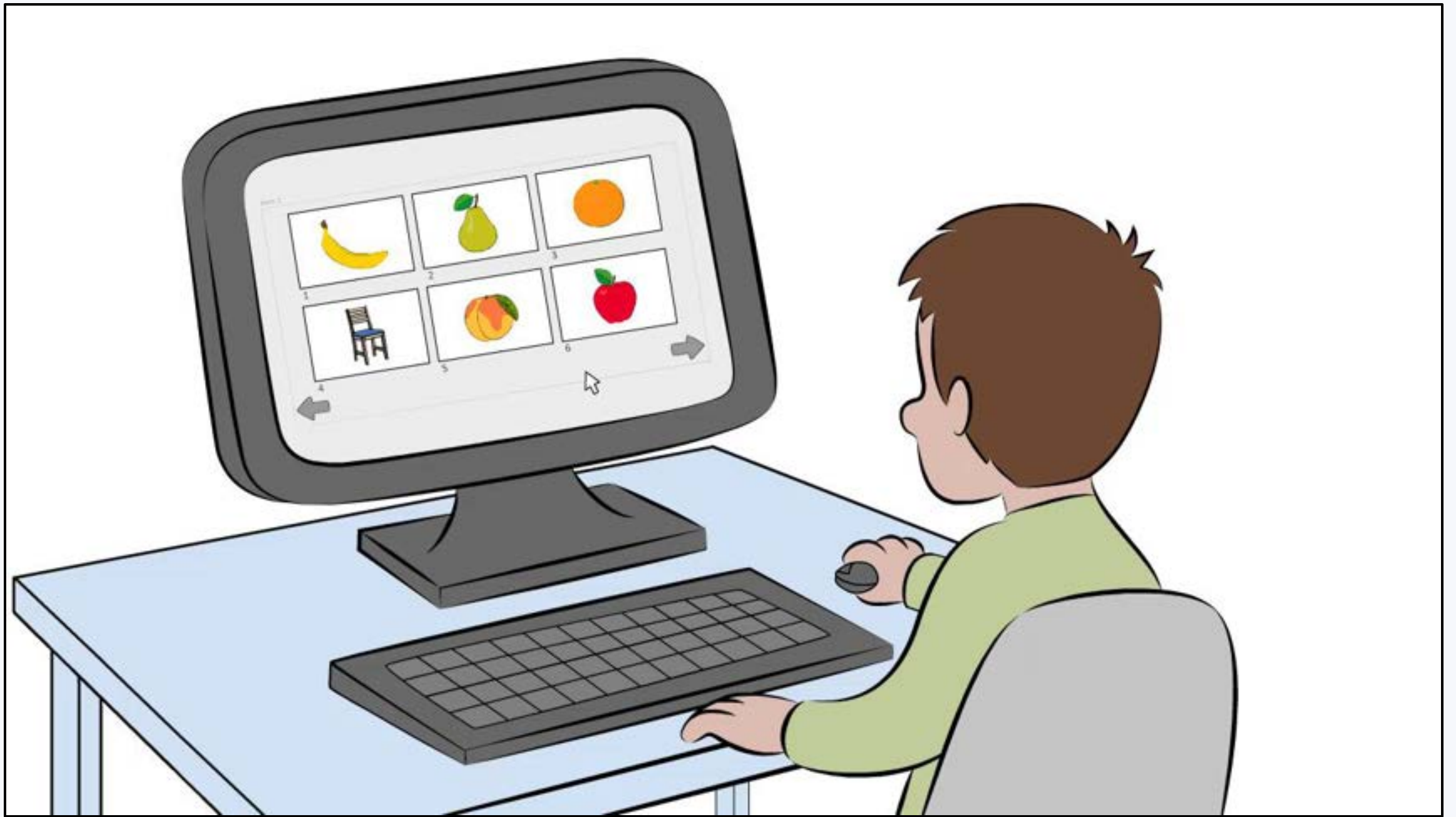


**Naglieri**  
General Ability Tests

**Verbal**







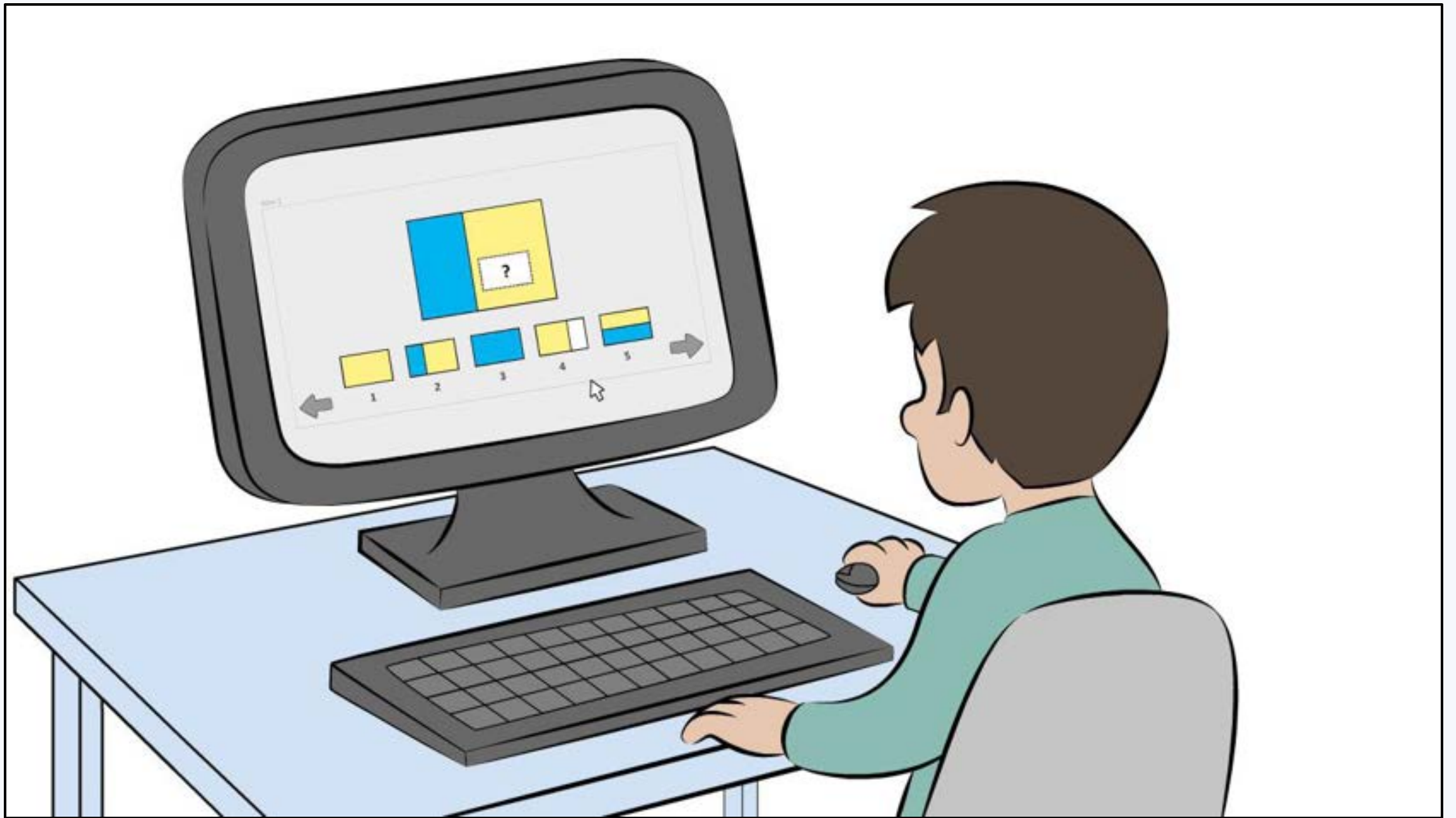
# Naglieri General Ability Test - Nonverbal

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.







# 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.

The image shows the Naglieri Quantitative test interface. At the top, the logo for Naglieri General Ability Tests is displayed next to the word "Quantitative". Below the logo, a sequence of numbers is shown in a row: 6, 7, 8, 9, and a question mark. Below this sequence, five answer choices are presented in boxes, labeled A through E: 12, 10, 13, 9, and 11. Arrows point to the left and right of the answer choices.



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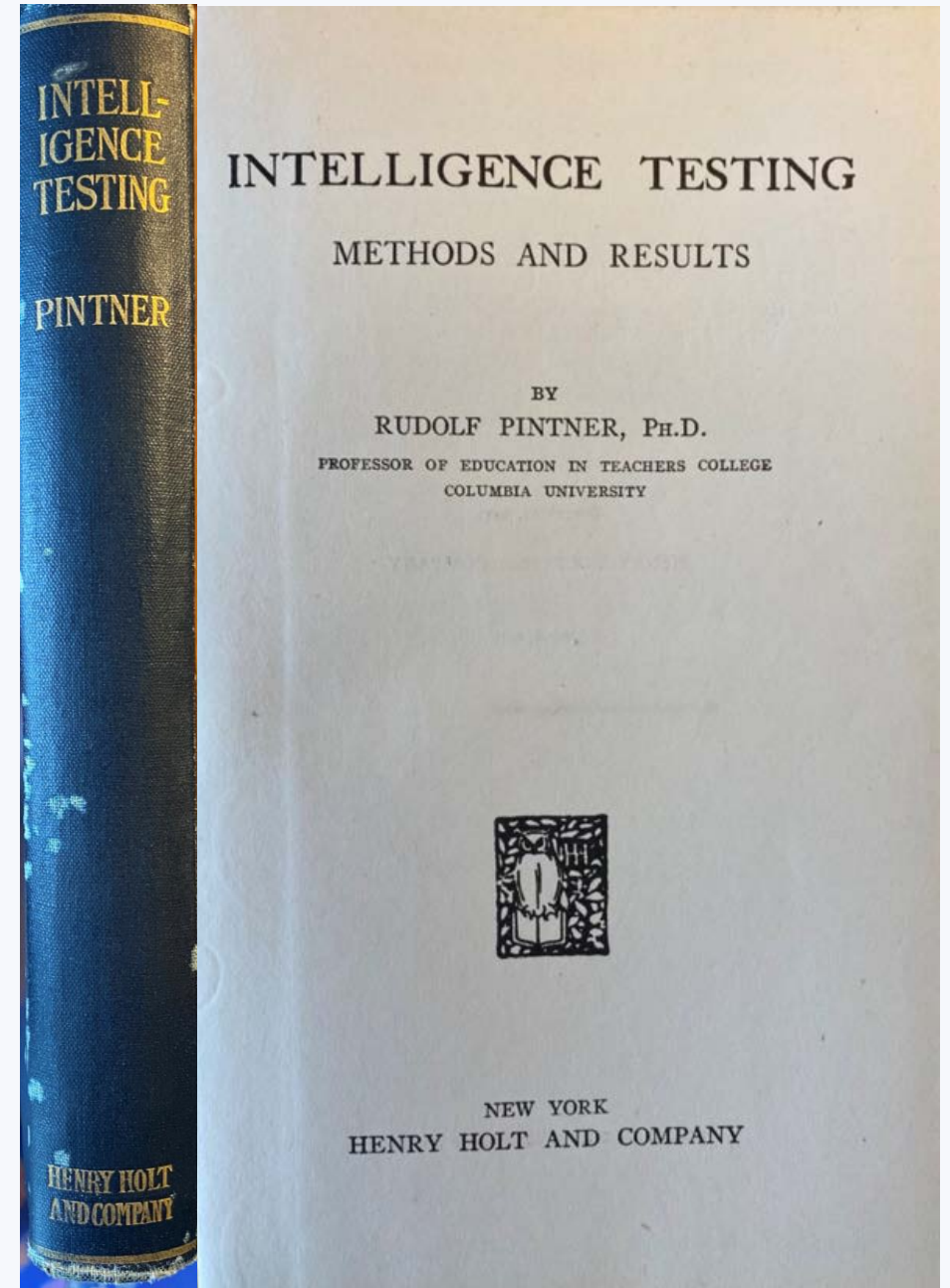
# These tests Measure General Ability?



- Even though the tests have different content (shapes, words, numbers) they all rely on general ability ('g') as described by Wechsler and many others
- What IS GENERAL ABILITY?

# General Ability Definitions

- “we did not start with a clear definition of general intelligence... [but] borrowed from every-day life a vague term implying all-round ability and... we [are] still attempting to define it more sharply and endow it with a stricter scientific connotation” (p. 53, Pintner, 1923)”.



# Wechsler's View of General ability

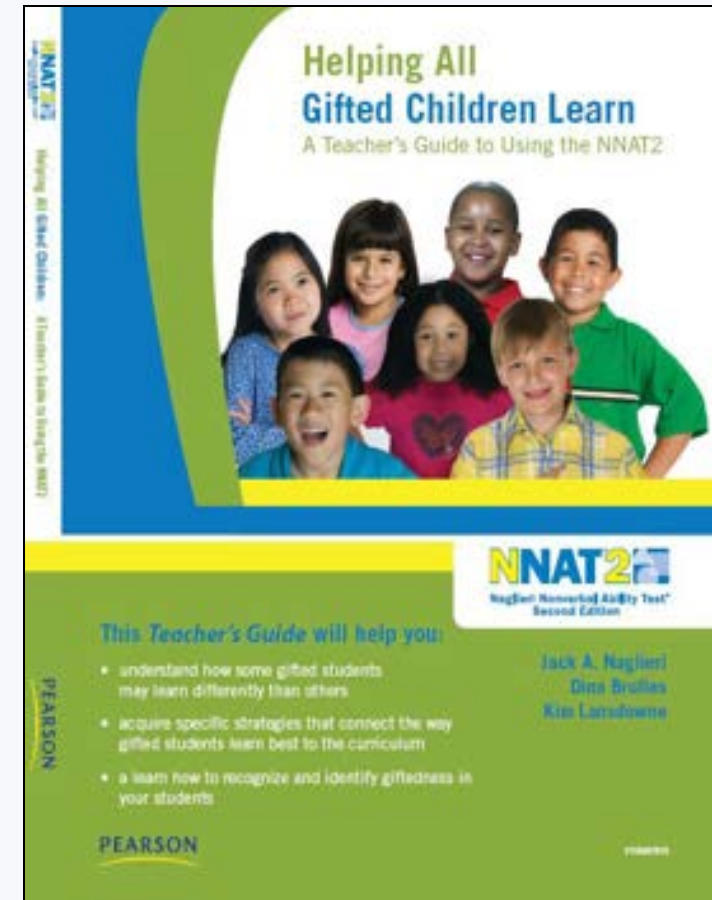
- Wechsler “believed that his Verbal and Performance Scales represented different ways to access  $g$  (general ability)”, but he never believed [in verbal and] nonverbal intelligence as being separate from  $g$ . Rather he saw the Performance Scale as the most sensible way to measure the general intelligence of people with ... limited proficiency in English. (Kaufman, 2008)

“The aggregate or global capacity of the individual to act purposefully, to think rationally, and to deal effectively with his environment (1939)”



# General ability (Naglieri, Brulles & Lansdowne, 2009)

- General ability is what allows us to solve many different kinds of problems which may involve
  - reasoning, memory, sequencing, verbal and math skills, patterning, connecting ideas across content areas, insights, making connections, drawing inferences, analyzing simple and complex ideas.
- The key is to measure general ability in a way that is not confounded by knowledge







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Canivez, G. L., Watkins, M. W., & Dombrowski, S. C. (2017). Structural validity of the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children–Fifth Edition: Confirmatory factor analyses with the 16 primary and secondary subtests. *Psychological Assessment*, 29(4), 458–472. <https://doi.org/10.1037/pas0000358>

The factor structure of the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children–Fifth Edition (WISC-V; Wechsler, 2014a) standardization sample (N = 2,200) was examined using confirmatory factor analyses (CFA) with maximum likelihood estimation for all reported models from the WISC-V *Technical and Interpretation Manual* (Wechsler, 2014b). Additionally, alternative bifactor models were examined and variance estimates and model-based reliability estimates ( $\omega$  coefficients) were provided. Results from analyses of the 16 primary and secondary WISC-V subtests found that all higher-order CFA models with 5 group factors (VC, VS, FR, WM, and PS) produced model specification errors where the Fluid Reasoning factor produced negative variance and were thus judged inadequate. Of the 16 models tested, the bifactor model containing 4 group factors (VC, PR, WM, and PS) produced the best fit. Results from analyses of the 10 primary WISC-V subtests also found the bifactor model with 4 group factors (VC, PR, WM, and PS) produced the best fit. Variance estimates from both 16 and 10 subtest based bifactor models found dominance of general intelligence (g) in accounting for subtest variance (except for PS subtests) and large  $\omega$ -hierarchical coefficients supporting general intelligence interpretation. The small portions of variance uniquely captured by the 4 group factors and low  $\omega$ -hierarchical subscale coefficients likely render the group factors of questionable interpretive value independent of g (except perhaps for PS). Present CFA results confirm the EFA results reported by Canivez, Watkins, and Dombrowski (2015); Dombrowski, Canivez, Watkins, and Beaujean (2015); and Canivez, Dombrowski, and Watkins (2015). (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2019 APA, all rights reserved)

# Support for ‘g’

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Which tests of general ability are used to identify gifted and talented students?



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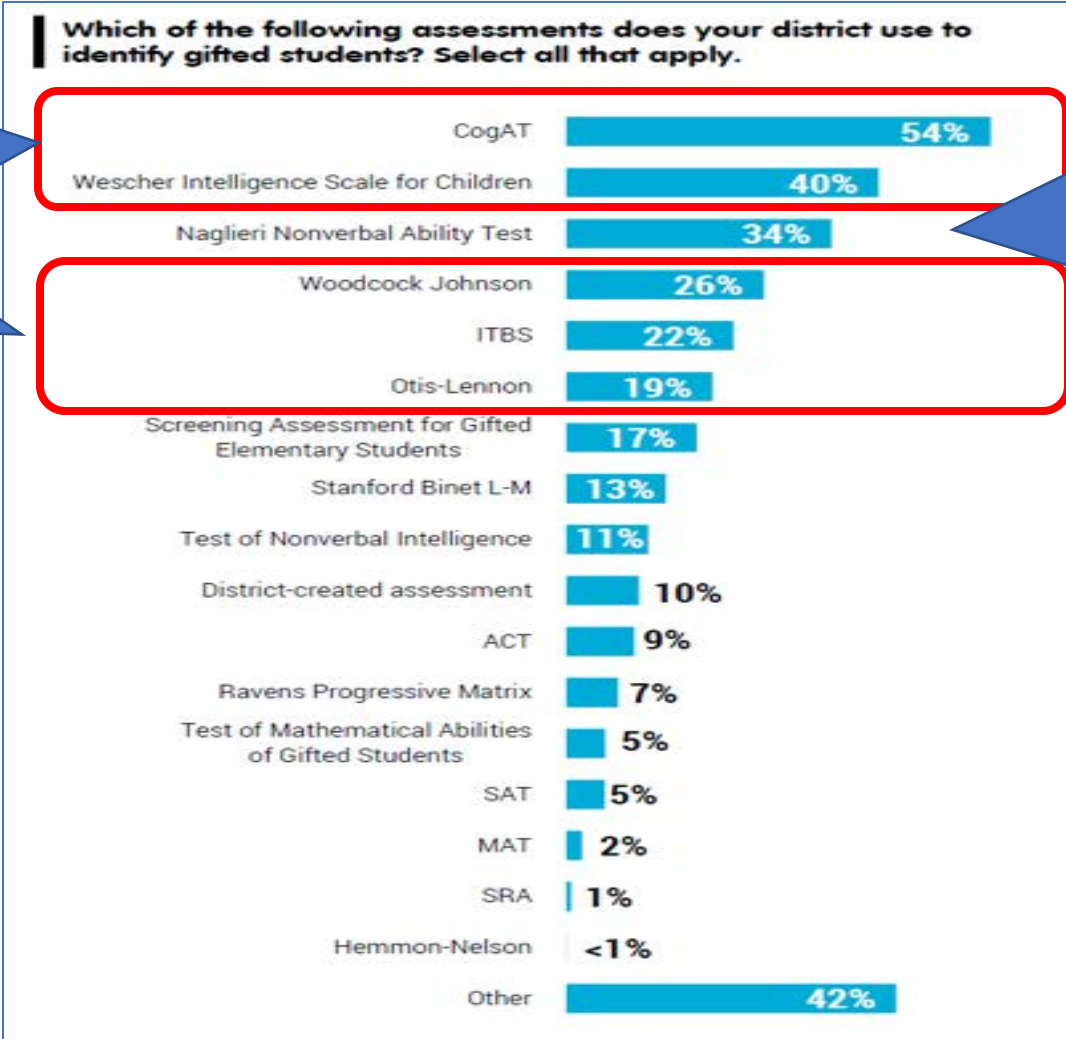
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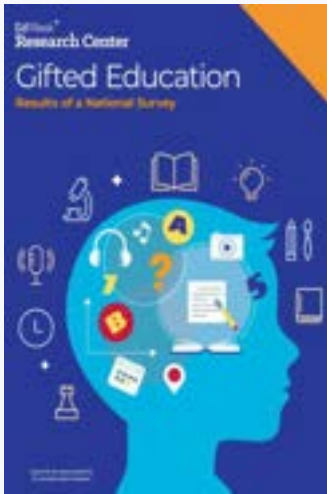
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# National Survey of Gifted Education

These tests have verbal and quantitative questions and lengthy verbal directions



The NNAT is the only test that measures thinking in a way that is not confounded by knowing.

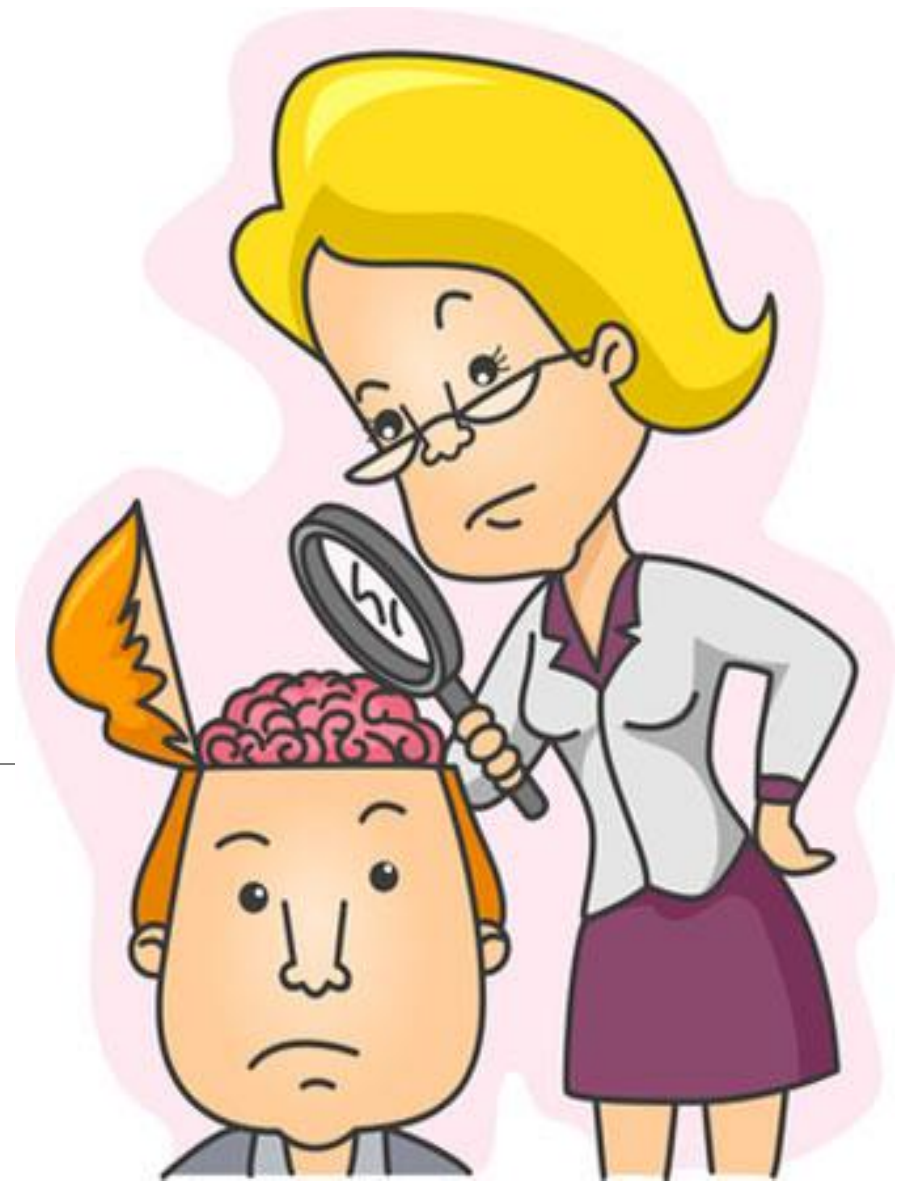




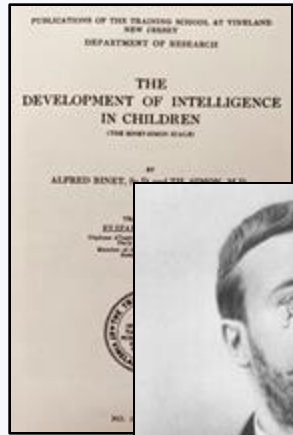
Why do we measure intelligence the way we do?

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The History of IQ tests

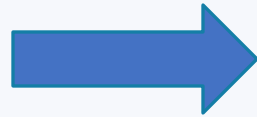


# Binet - Stanford-Binet - Army Mental Tests - WISC, CogAT, Olsat

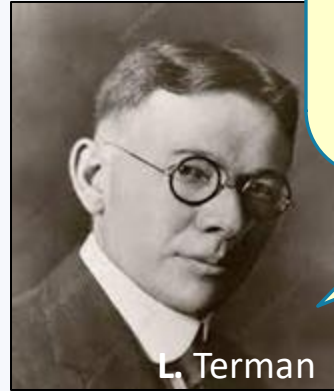


A. Binet

When Binet created his 1911 scale, he **excluded items from the previous 1908 scale that “depended too much on school learning”**



A. Otis



L. Terman

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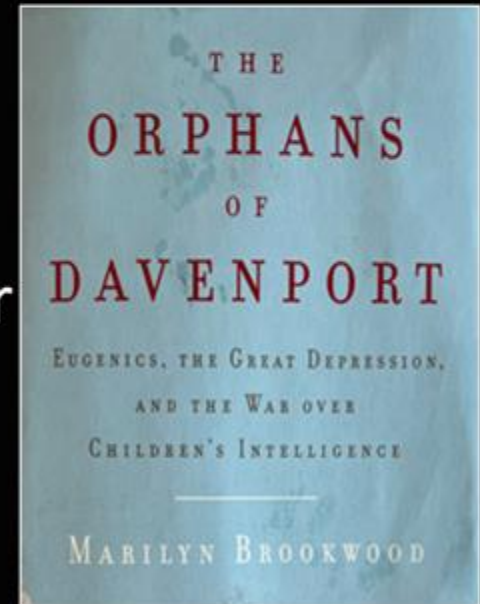


# Lewis Terman 1916 Stanford-Binet

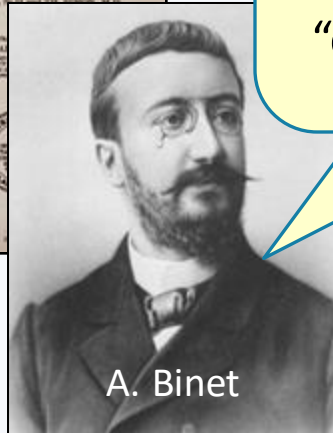
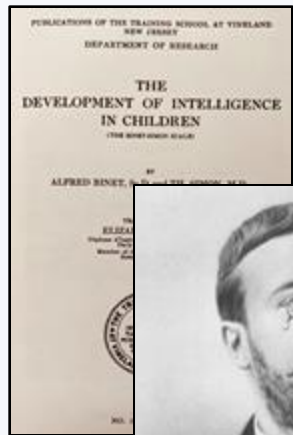
- He viewed VERBAL as the highest form of intelligence which distorted the evaluation of intelligence for countless numbers of people
- Terman predicted that the Stanford-Binet would reveal “significant racial differences in general intelligence...which cannot be wiped out by any scheme of mental culture” (Brookwood, 2021 p. 68)



- His aim was identification of low intelligence children and adults who would be involuntarily institutionalized and sterilized for the improvement of society

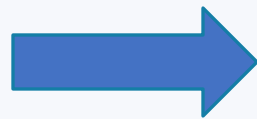


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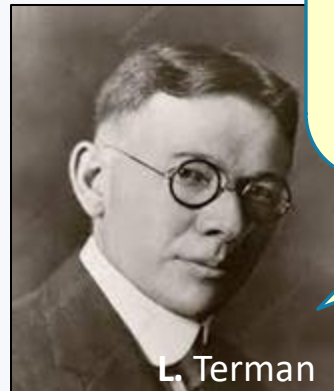


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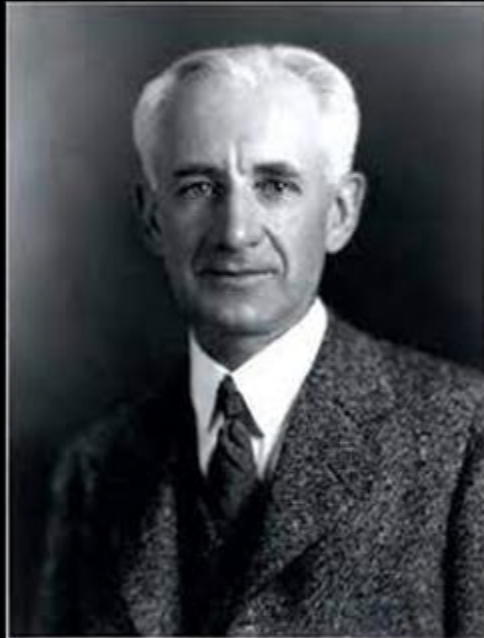


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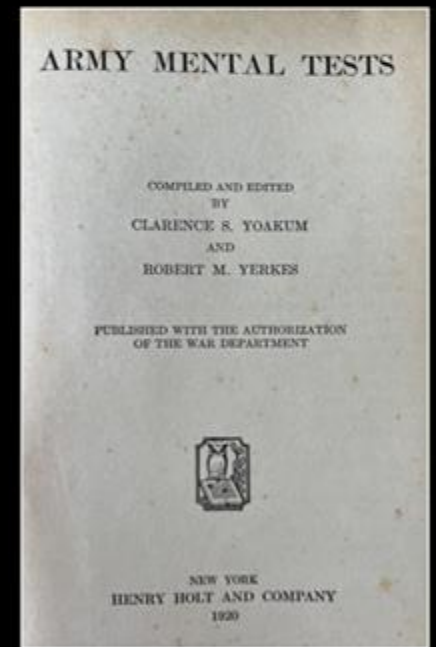




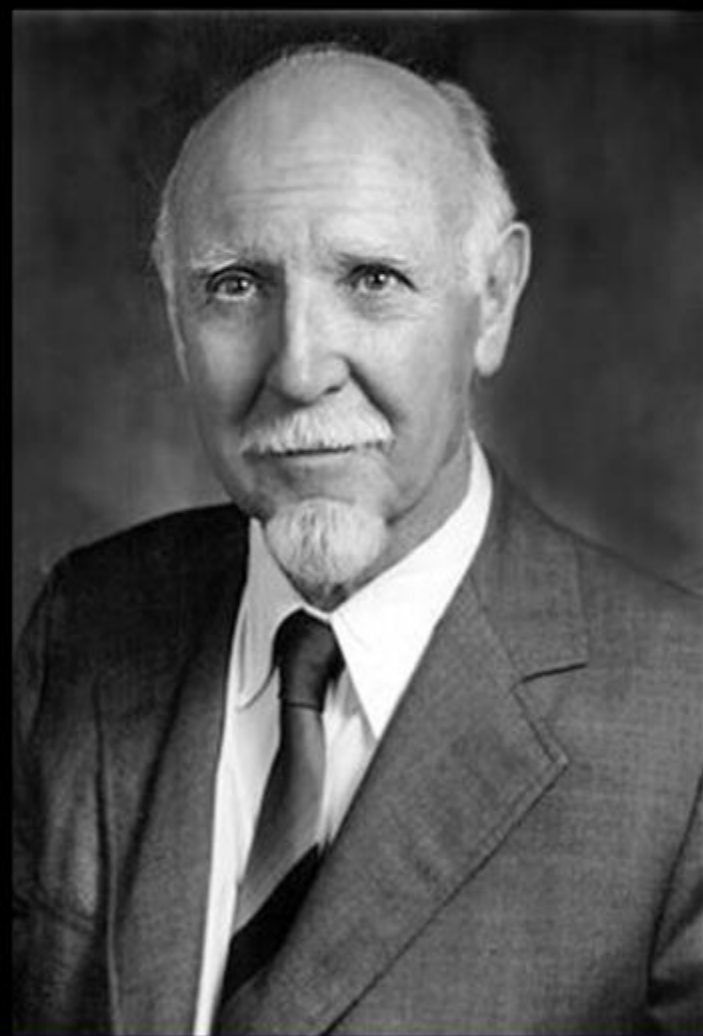
# Robert Yerkes – Army Mental Tests 1920



- Robert Yerkes, of Harvard University was president of the *American Psychological Association*
- and leader of the *Eugenics Section of the American Breeders' Association's Committee on the Inheritance of Mental Traits*
- which advocated institutional segregation and sterilization for persons with low intelligence.
- Co-author of the Army Mental Tests



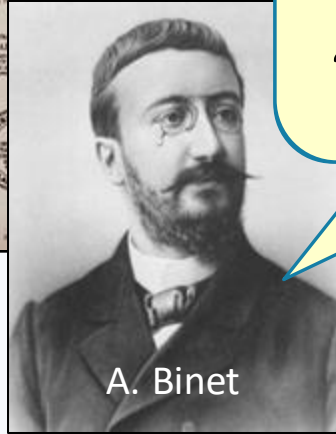
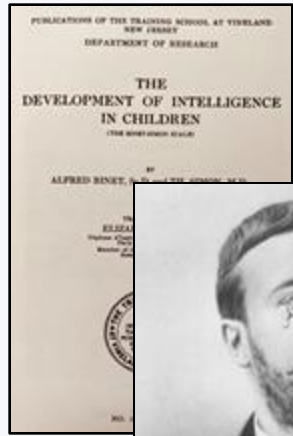
# Raymond Cattell - 1933



- spoke out against race mixing, and he lobbied to overturn the 1954 Brown v. Board Education

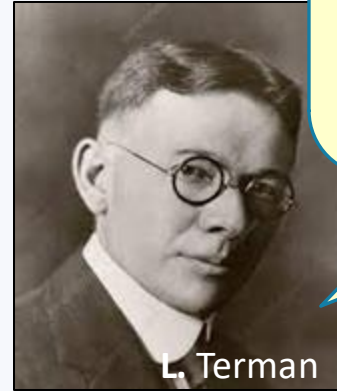
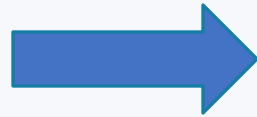


# Binet → Stanford-Binet → Army Mental Tests → WISC, CogAT, Olsat



A. Binet

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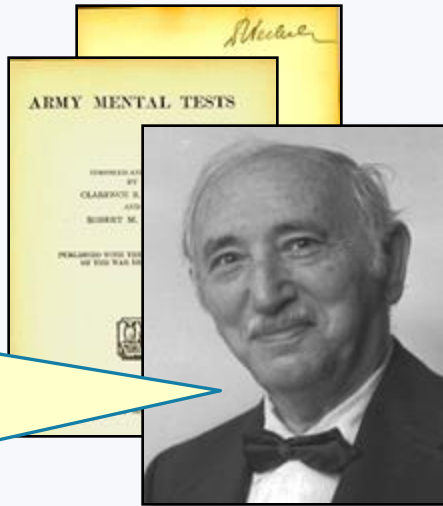


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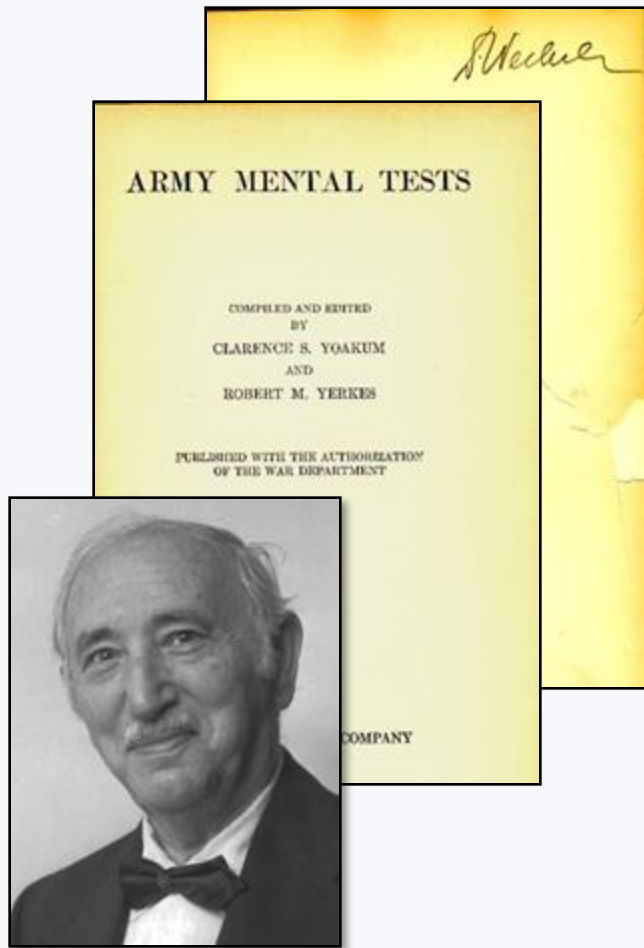


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Wechsler based his intelligence test on the U.S. Army Mental Tests (Verbal, Quantitative & Nonverbal)

# Army Alpha & Beta - Wechsler



- **Army Alpha**
  - Synonym- Antonym
  - Disarranged Sentences
  - Number Series
  - Arithmetic Problems
  - Analogies
  - Information

Verbal &  
Quantitative  
IQ  
(Knowledge)

- **Army Beta**
  - Maze
  - Cube Imitation
  - Cube Construction
  - Digit Symbol
  - Pictorial Completion
  - Geometrical Construction

Nonverbal  
IQ  
(Thinking)

WISC,  
CogAT &  
Otis-Lennon



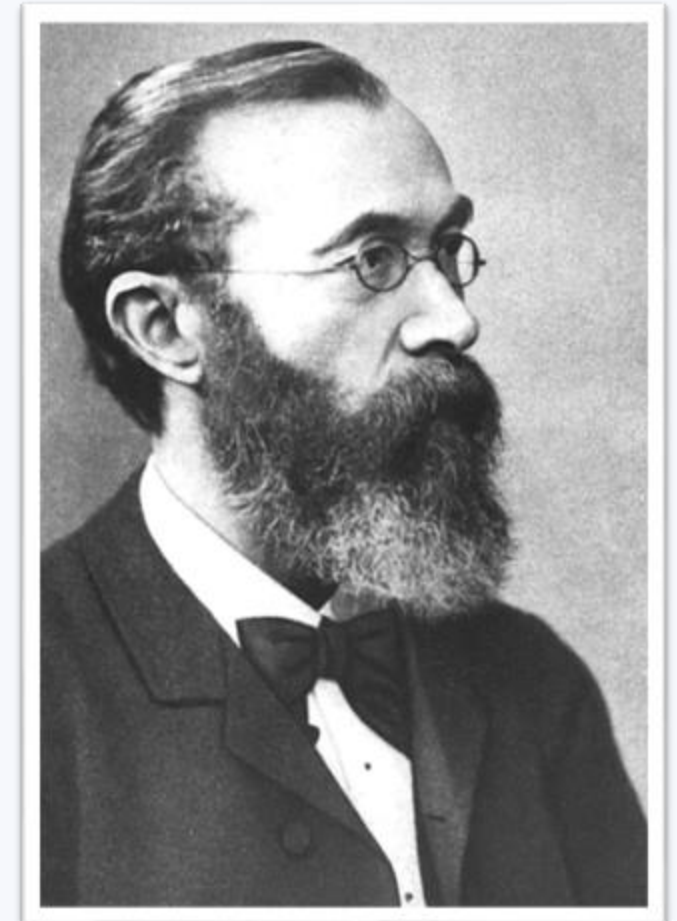
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# Pintner

(Intelligence Testing, 1923)

- This is a social justice issue for those from disadvantaged communities and those with limited education



# Knowledge is Included in “Ability” Tests

Stanford-Binet-5	WISC-V	WJ-IV	KABC-II	OLSAT	CogAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verbal</li><li>• Knowledge</li><li>• Quantitative Reasoning</li><li>• Vocabulary</li><li>• Verbal Analogies</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verbal Comprehension Vocabulary, Similarities, Information &amp; Comprehension</li><li>• Fluid Reasoning Figure Weights, Arithmetic</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comprehension Knowledge: Vocabulary &amp; General Information</li><li>• Fluid Reasoning: Number Series &amp; Concept Formation</li><li>• Auditory Processing: Phonological Processing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Knowledge / GC</li><li>• Riddles,</li><li>• Expressive Vocabulary,</li><li>• Verbal Knowledge</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verbal</li><li>• Following directions</li><li>• Verbal Reasoning</li><li>• Quantitative</li><li>• Verbal Arithmetic Reasoning</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verbal Scale</li><li>• Analogies</li><li>• Sentence Completion</li><li>• Verbal Classification</li><li>• Quantitative</li><li>• 45 pages of oral instructions</li></ul>

# Very Similar Items on "Different" Tests

Woodcock-Johnson Cognitive & Achievement Tests (CHC)

**Cognitive: Oral Vocabulary Subtest 1**

**Sample items**

Point to *near* on subject's page and say: **Another word that means near**

A. Point to *big* on subject's page and say: **Tell me another word for *large*.**  
▲ **Correct:** large, gigantic, huge

Point to *nap* and say: **Tell me another word for** [redacted]  
▲ **Correct:** sleep, rest, snooze

**Achievement: Reading Vocabulary-Synonyms Subtest 17**

**Sample Items**

Point to *street* on subject's page and say: **Another word that means *str***

A. Point to *large* on subject's page and say: **Tell me another word for *big*.**  
▲ **Correct:** big, enormous, gigantic, huge

B. Point to *sleep* and say: **Tell me another word for** [redacted]  
▲ **Correct:** nap, doze, rest, snooze

**Test 17B Reading Vocabulary–Antonyms**

**Administration Overview**

- Test 17 Reading Vocabulary is comprised of three subtests—17A, 17B, and 17C. You must administer all three subtests to obtain a Reading Vocabulary score.
- On this test, the subject reads the stimulus words aloud. You may administer this test for later error analysis. However, only the response is scored.

**Sample Items**

Now we are going to do something different. Point to "night" on subject's page and say: **Tell me the opposite of "night" is "day."**

A. Point to "no" on subject's page and say: **Tell me the opposite of "no" is** [redacted]  
▲ **Correct:** yes

B. Point to "right" and say: **Tell me the opposite of "right" is** [redacted]  
▲ **Correct:** wrong, incorrect, left

**Test 1C Verbal Comprehension–Antonyms**

**Administration Overview**

- Test 1 Verbal Comprehension is comprised of four subtests—1C, 1D, 1E, and 1F. You must administer all four subtests to obtain a Verbal Comprehension score.
- It is essential that you know the exact pronunciation of the word when administering this test.

**Sample Items**

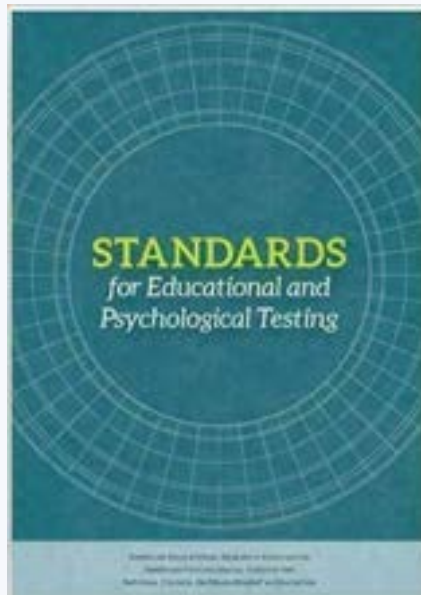
Now we are going to do something different. Point to word "day" on subject's page and say: **Tell me the opposite of "day" is "night."**

A. Point to word "yes" and say: **Tell me the opposite of "yes" is** [redacted]  
▲ **Correct:** no

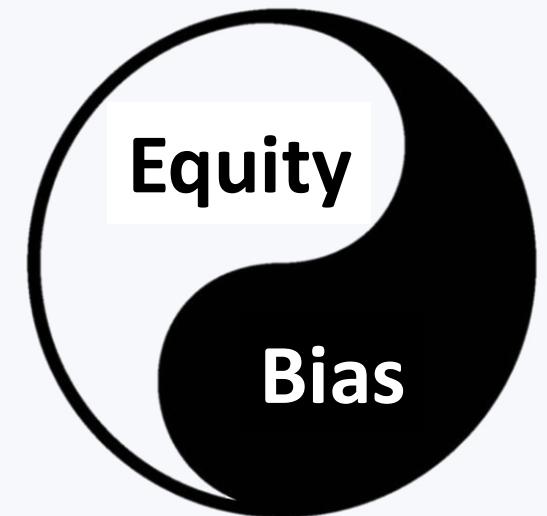
B. Point to word "wrong" and say: **Tell me the opposite of "wrong" is** [redacted]  
▲ **Correct:** right [bueno], correct

# Differences in Mean Scores = Impact

According to the *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing* (AERA, APA, NCME, 2014)

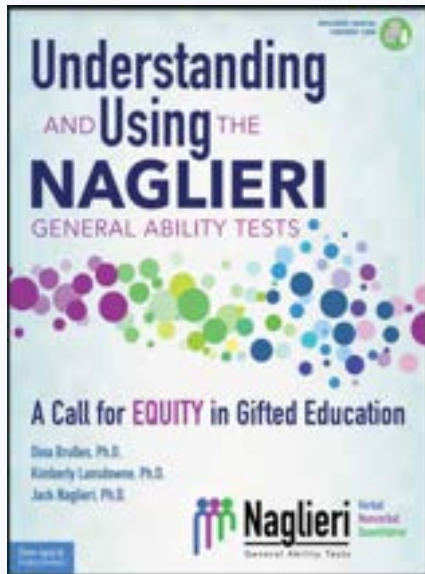


- ... if a person has had limited opportunities to learn the content in a test of intelligence, *that test may be considered unfair* (because it penalizes students for not knowing the answers) **even if the norming data do not demonstrate test bias.**





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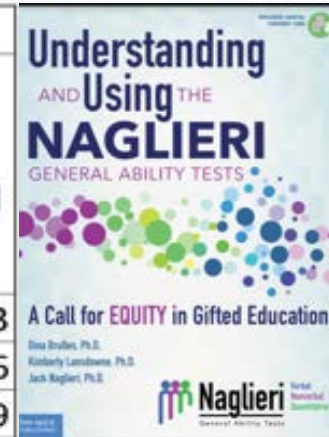
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WJ- III (normative sample)	10.9	10.7
CogAT7 (Nonverbal scale)	11.8	7.6
CogAT7 - Verbal	6.6	5.3
CogAT7-Quantitative	5.6	3.6
CogAT- Nonverbal	6.4	2.9
CogAT-Total (V, Q & NV)	7.0	4.5
WISC-V (statistical controls normative sample)	8.7	
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K-ABC (normative sample)	7.0	
K-ABC (matched samples)	6.1	
KABC-II (adjusted for gender & SES)	6.7	5.4
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
CAS-2 Brief (normative samples)	2.0	2.8
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Naglieri General Ability Test-Verbal	2.2	1.6
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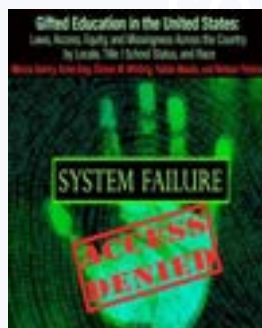
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# Numbers of Gifted Students Missed = 1,235,434

Total Enrollments by Race and Ethnicity as of 2020.				
	N in Public Education K-12 in 2020	N Potentially Gifted (8%; 92 %tile)	N Students in gifted programs	Difference Between Potential and Identified
White	23,834,458	1,906,757	1,937,350	30,593
Black	7,754,506	620,360	330,774	-289,586
Hispanic	14,337,467	1,146,997	600,498	-546,499
Native American/ Alaska Native	484,766	38,781	27,712	-11,069
Two or More Races	1,641,817	131,345	105,371	-25,974
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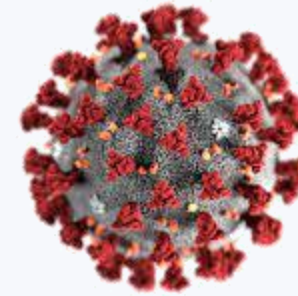
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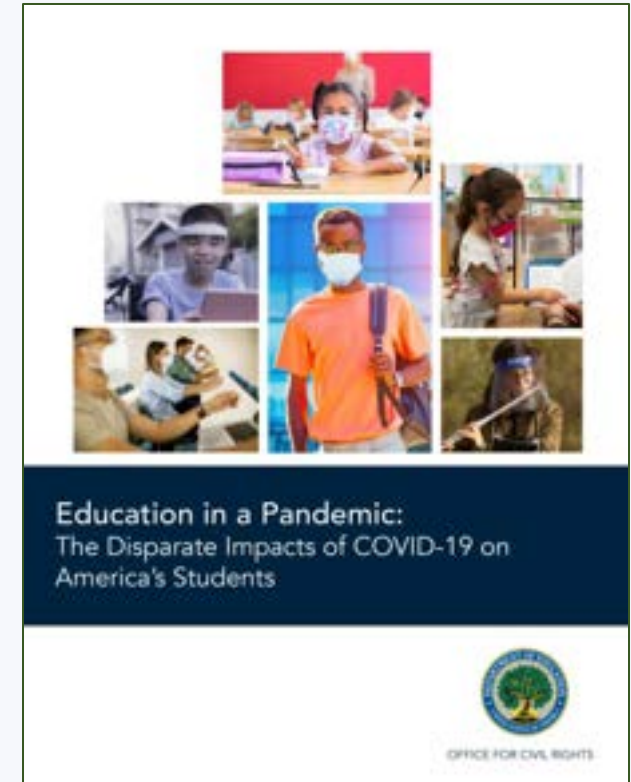
Percent of Schools that do not Identify	41.5%
Additional non-white gifted students = 41.5% of 873,129	N = 362,305
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# Academic Learning Loss & COVID



- COVID-19 has deepened the impact of disparities in access and opportunity for students of color
- Students of color are even further behind than they were before the pandemic
- ELL students had the dual challenge of learning content and English.
- These students' **intellectual scores on traditional tests** will reflect that larger learning gap related to COVID



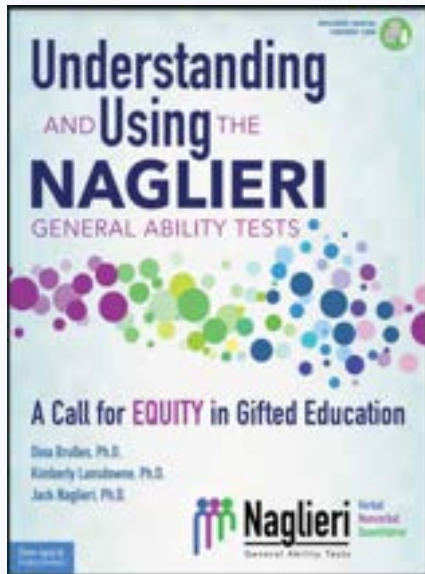
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## • VERBAL SAMPLE

- 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

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# Summary of Reliability, Validity and Fairness

- The Naglieri–V items were subjected to a cultural review
- **Reliability coefficients** for the Verbal, Nonverbal and Quantitative tests were **high and exceed guidelines** for test reliability
- Confirmatory factor analysis of the three tests, independently and in combination supported a broad factor **of general ability**
- The Naglieri–NV correlated significantly **with the NNAT3**
- **Gifted students scored considerably higher** than students from the general population
- All test ITEMS were inspected for fairness by gender, race, ethnicity, parental education level (PEL), and primary language spoken using differential item functioning (DIF) and analyses of covariance; **negligible to small differences were found**
- Overall, initial findings suggest that the Naglieri General Ability Tests meet guidelines for reliability, validity, and fairness

# Use of the Naglieri General Ability Tests

- Each test can be used individually or in any combination
- All raw scores are automatically converted into derived scores using local norms as determined by the district personnel and NATIONAL NORMS (Post Covid)
- Ordering information is available from Debbie Roby, GATE Account Executive, by email [debbie.robby@mhs.com] and phone [214.908.7769]
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We do the best we can with what we  
know, and when we know better, we  
do better.

— *Maya Angelou* —

# 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



# Gifted Identification

- This presentation is about children who may not have good grades, or the academic skills or command of English, which **LOWERS** their ability test scores so they do **NOT** look as smart as they are
- These children can become very **talented** given the opportunity to learn
- How many children like this are in our country?



# Ideas to Consider



My equity journey

New tests of General Ability

What is General Ability

Identification of gifted students

Local and National Norms

Twice Exceptional gifted students with

- SLD
- ADHD
- ASD

PASS validity, profiles and interpretation



Using Local Norms-a strategy to increase underrepresented populations in gifted services

- **National norms-** Compare a student's performance to peers from the same age or grade across the country
- **Local norms-** Compare a student's performance to grade level peers in the same district, school or specific grade
  - district level norms
  - school building level norms
  - group norms (ie. if 30% of the students are (demographic), compare scores across that group)

# Naglieri General Ability Tests International Use

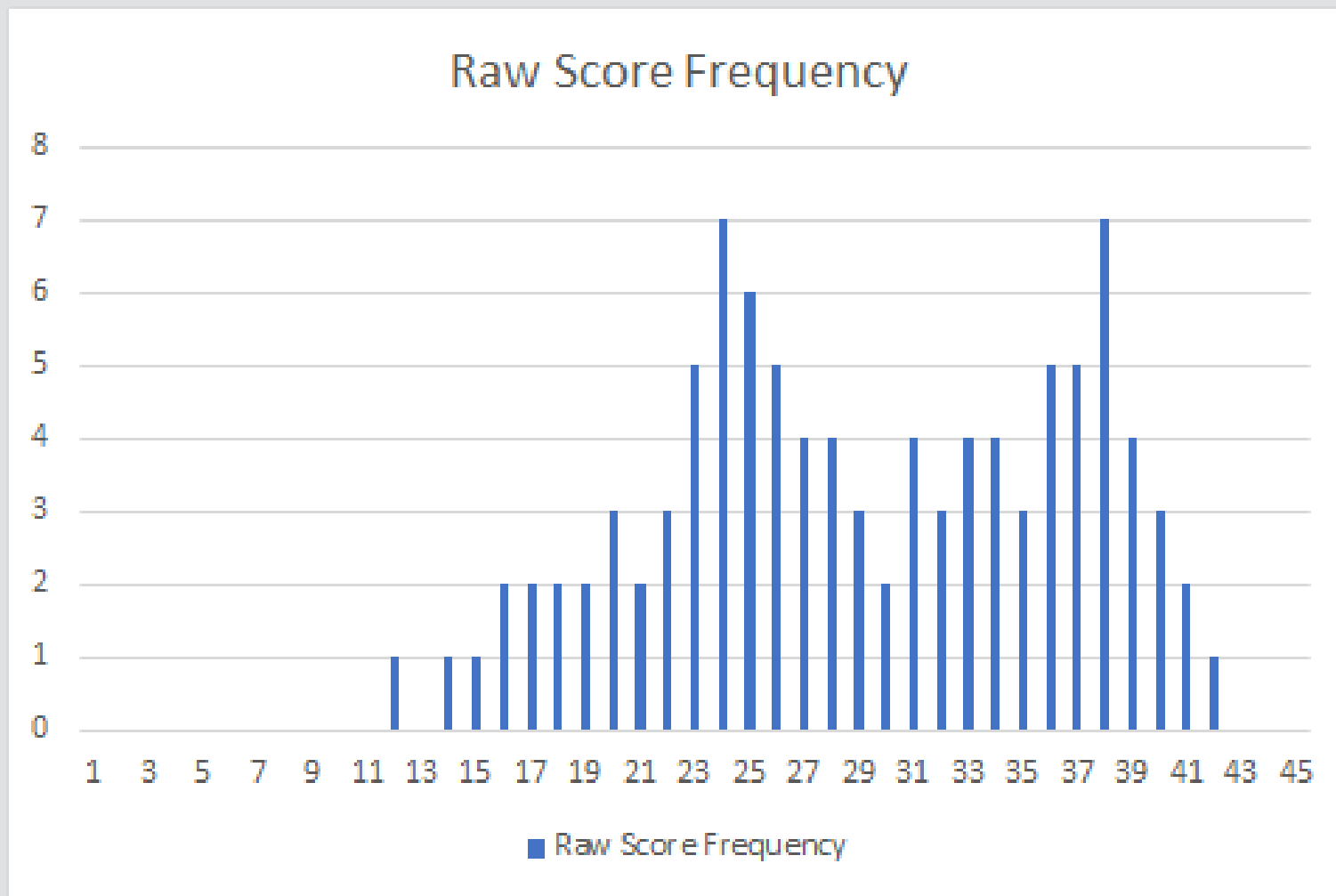
- Use a Local Norming Procedure
- Obtain scores for **ALL** students (not only referred students) in the grades for which the GT decisions is needed
- Decide how the information obtained for each student is to be evaluated (i.e., average, and or logic) and if it is to be weighted
- Evaluate the outcome vis-à-vis equity



# Local Norming Example

Raw scores for all student across four grade 3 classrooms

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# Local Norming Example

- The same raw score (number correct) yields different percentile ranks and standard scores because these derived scores are calculated on the basis of the mean and SD of the three separate groups.
- Each student is compared to a group that more precisely represents them.

4 Grade 3 classes				
Student ID	Student Raw Score	Local Rank	Local Percentile	Standard Score
8	42	1	99	135
68	41	2	98	131
13	41	2	98	131
32	40	4	95	125
10	40	4	95	125
61	40	4	95	125
89	39	7	91	120
80	39	7	91	120
81	37	7	91	120
17	37	7	91	120
27	35	11	84	115
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56	34	11	84	115
30	34	11	84	115
65	35	28	71	108
37	34	31	67	106
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55	33	35	63	105
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11	33	35	63	105
36	32	39	60	104
77	32	39	60	104
87	32	39	60	104
15	31	42	56	102
72	31	42	56	102
99	31	42	56	102
92	31	42	56	102
Mn	29	48.9	48.3	99
SD	7.4	29.2	29.1	15.1
N	100	100	100	100

Student Raw Score of 40 = 95th percentile and standard score of 125

Grade 3 Class 1 and 2				
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32	40	1	99	135
89	39	2	98	131
43	37	3	96	126
39	37	4	94	123
91	35	5	92	121
87	35	6	90	119
51	34	7	88	118
78	34	8	84	115
94	34	8	84	115
41	33	10	78	112
7	33	10	78	112
8	24	24	46	98
24	24	24	46	98
84	24	24	46	98
75	24	24	46	98
98	24	24	46	98
63	23	29	38	95
88	23	29	38	95
95	23	29	38	95
44	23	29	38	95
57	22	33	32	93
19	22	33	32	93
42	22	33	32	93
5	21	36	28	91
54	21	36	28	91
9	20	38	22	88
71	20	38	22	88
26	20	38	22	88
76	19	41	18	86
48	19	41	18	86
12	18	43	14	84
90	18	43	14	84
21	17	45	10	81
Mn	24.2	25.1	48.2	99.2
SD	6.2	14.9	29.6	15.5
N	51	51	51	51

Student Raw Score of 40 = 99th percentile and standard score of 135

Grade 3 Class 3 and 4				
Student ID	Student Raw Score	Local Rank	Local Percentile	Standard Score
8	42	1	99	135
68	41	2	96	126
13	41	2	96	126
10	40	4	92	121
61	40	4	92	121
80	39	6	85	116
81	39	6	85	116
17	37	6	85	116
27	37	9	71	108
79	37	9	71	108
35	35	9	71	108
4	35	9	71	108
56	35	9	71	108
30	35	9	71	108
47	35	9	71	108
86	34	27	42	97
55	33	30	33	94
58	33	30	33	94
49	33	30	33	94
11	33	30	33	94
36	32	34	29	92
77	32	34	29	92
15	31	36	21	88
72	31	36	21	88
99	31	36	21	88
92	31	36	21	88
25	30	40	19	87
66	29	41	17	85
40	28	42	15	84
100	27	43	13	83
16	26	44	10	81
29	25	45	6	77
Mn	34	23.8	47.5	98.6
SD	5	14.7	28.9	15.2
N	49	49	49	49

Student Raw Score of 40 = 92nd percentile and standard score of 121

Values associated with raw scores less than 30 are omitted

# Local Norming Example

The top seven students in all four classes (those with ID# 8, 68, 13, 32, 10, 61, 89) are still identified

4 Grade 3 classes					Grade 3 Class 1 and 2					Grade 3 Class 3 and 4				
Student ID	Student Raw Score	Local Rank	Local Percentile	Standard Score	Student ID	Student Raw Score	Local Rank	Local Percentile	Standard Score	Student ID	Student Raw Score	Local Rank	Local Percentile	Standard Score
8	42	1	99	135	32	40	1	99	135	8	42	1	99	135
68	41	2	98	131	89	39	2	98	131	68	41	2	96	126
13	41	2	98	131	43	37	3	96	126	13	41	2	96	126
32	40	4	95	125	39	36	4	94	123	10	40	4	92	121
10	40	4	95	125	91	34	5	92	121	61	40	4	92	121
61	40	4	95	125	87	32	6	90	119	80	39	6	85	116
89	39	7	91	120	51	30	7	88	118	81	39	6	85	116
80	39	7	91	120	78	29	8	84	115	17	39	6	85	116
81	39	7	91	120	94	29	8	84	115	27	38	9	71	108
17	39	7	91	120	41	28	10	78	112	79	38	9	71	108
27	38	11	84	115	7	28	10	78	112	35	38	9	71	108
79	38	11	84	115	38	28	10	78	112	4	38	9	71	108
35	38	11	84	115	23	27	13	72	109	56	38	9	71	108
4	38	11	84	115	73	27	13	72	109	30	38	9	71	108
56	38	11	84	115	2	27	13	72	109	47	38	9	71	108
30	38	11	84	115	52	26	16	64	105	34	37	16	63	105
47	38	11	84	115	18	26	16	64	105	22	37	16	63	105
34	37	18	79	112	74	26	16	64	105	31	37	16	63	105
22	37	18	79	112	82	26	16	64	105	60	37	16	63	105
31	37	18	79	112	50	25	20	56	102	96	36	20	54	102
60	37	18	79	112	45	25	20	56	102	1	36	20	54	102
43	37	18	79	112	20	25	20	56	102	70	36	20	54	102
96	36	23	74	110	62	25	20	56	102	3	36	20	54	102
1	36	23	74	110	6	24	24	46	98	85	35	24	48	99
70	36	23	74	110	24	24	24	46	98	33	35	24	48	99
39	36	23	74	110	84	24	24	46	98	65	35	24	48	99
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92	42	56	102	102	21	45	10	81	81	29	45	6	77	77

	Mn	SD	N
4 Grade 3 classes	29	7.4	100
Grade 3 Class 1 and 2	24.2	6.2	51
Grade 3 Class 3 and 4	34.0	5	49

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29.0  
N=100

24.2  
n=51

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# Local Norming Example

Students with ID# 43, 39 and 91 are now identified because they are compared to a group that more precisely reflects their background

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10	40	4	95	125	91	34	5	92	121	61	40	4	92	121
61	40	4	95	125	67	32	6	90	119	80	39	6	85	116
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85	35	28	71	108	75	24	24	46	98	37	34	27	42	97
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11	33	35	63	105	54	21	36	28	91	72	31	36	21	88
36	32	39	60	104	9	20	38	22	88	99	31	36	21	88
77	32	39	60	104	71	20	38	22	88	92	31	36	21	88
87	32	39	60	104	26	20	38	22	88	25	30	40	19	87
15	42	42	56	102	76	41	18	86	86	66	41	17	85	85
72	42	42	56	102	48	41	18	86	86	40	42	15	84	84
92	42	42	56	102	12	43	14	84	84	100	43	13	83	83
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# Ideas to Consider

My equity journey

New tests of General Ability

What is General Ability

Identification of gifted students

Local and National Norms

Twice Exceptional gifted students with

- SLD
- ADHD
- ASD

PASS validity, profiles and interpretation





# Gifted with a Disability

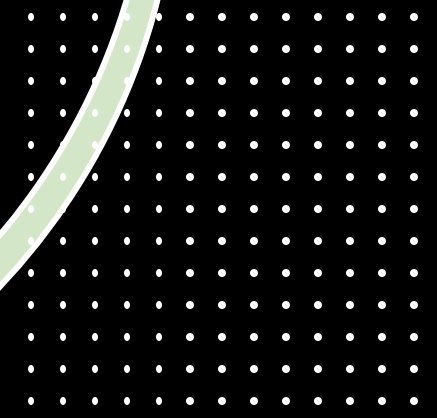
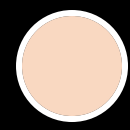
- Identification of gifted students with a disability demands consideration of guidelines found in the *DSMV* for Attention Deficit Disorder and Autism Spectrum disorder and *IDEA* for Specific Learning Disabilities.
- These students are better understood when we know their neurocognitive abilities as defined by the PASS theory
- We will examine PASS and behavioral patterns of strengths and weaknesses for these three groups





# Specific Learning Disability Assessment

Why measure 'basic psychological  
processes'



# Gifted Students with Disabilities

- Twice exceptional, or 2E, refers to intellectually gifted children who have a **specific learning disability** (e.g., dyslexia), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), or autism spectrum disorder (ASD).
- Specific learning disability assessment involves intellectual and academic assessment typically by a school or private psychologist

“(30) SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘specific learning disability’ means a disorder in 1 or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, which disorder may manifest itself in the imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or do mathematical calculations.

“(B) DISORDERS INCLUDED.—Such term includes such conditions as perceptual disabilities, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia.

“(C) DISORDERS NOT INCLUDED.—Such term does not include a learning problem that is primarily the result of visual, hearing, or motor disabilities, of mental retardation, of emotional disturbance, or of environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage.

# NIH-funded study finds dyslexia is not tied to IQ (2011)

- Research on brain activity fails to support widely used ability/achievement discrepancy approach to identify students with dyslexia.
- Regardless of high or low overall scores on an IQ test, children with dyslexia show similar patterns of brain activity.
- The results call into question the discrepancy model — the practice of classifying a child as dyslexic on the basis of a DISCREPANCY between reading ability and overall IQ scores.



# Efforts to Identify Gifted Students (2018)

- ‘NAGC recommends ...using WISC-V expanded and ancillary index scores ... to document giftedness ...**patterns of strengths and weaknesses** for twice exceptional children and ensure that gifted programs are accessible to children with disabilities’



Position  
Statement  
*(Approved August 2018)*

## Use of the WISC-V for Gifted and Twice Exceptional Identification

### *Recommendations for Use*

In comprehensive assessment of gifted and twice exceptional children, the WISC-V Full Scale IQ score should **not** be required. The Full Scale score may be disadvantageous for such students and may impede efforts to ensure that gifted classrooms, programs, and schools are accessible to children with disabilities.

Instead, NAGC recommends that any one of the following WISC-V scores (subtests in parentheses), should be acceptable for use in the selection process for gifted programs if it falls within the confidence interval of the required score for admission:

- the **Verbal (Expanded Crystallized) Index (VECI)** (SI, VC, IN and CO),
- the **Nonverbal Index (NVI)** (BD, MR, CD, FW, VP, and PS),
- the **Expanded Fluid Index (EFI)** (MR, FW, PC, and AR),
- the **General Ability Index (GAI)** (BD, SI, MR, VC and FW),
- the **Full Scale IQ Score (FSIQ)** (BD, SI, MR, DS, CD, VC, and FW), and/or
- the **Expanded General Ability Index (EGAI)** (SI, VC, IN, CO, BD, MR, FW and AR).

The **Quantitative Reasoning Index (QRI)** (FW and AR) serves as a good indicator of mathematical talent.

Information about scores is available in test manuals and WISC-V Technical Reports #1 and 5.

# Support for Scales, Subtests or 'g'?



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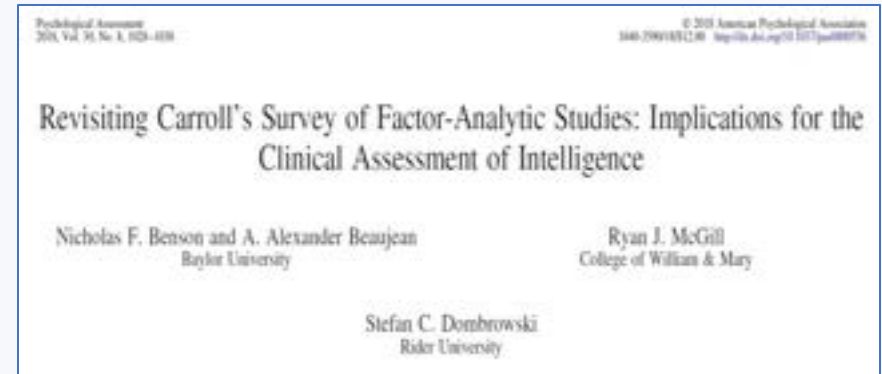
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- ...The small portions of variance uniquely captured by [subtests]... render the group factors [scales] of questionable interpretive value independent of g (FSIQ general intelligence)
- Present CFA results confirm the EFA results (Canivez, Watkins, & Dombrowski, 2015); Dombrowski, Canivez, Watkins, & Beaujean (2015); and Canivez, Dombrowski, & Watkins (2015).

➤ The results of this study indicate that most **cognitive abilities specified in John Carroll's three-stratum theory have little-to-no interpretive relevance** above and beyond that of general intelligence.

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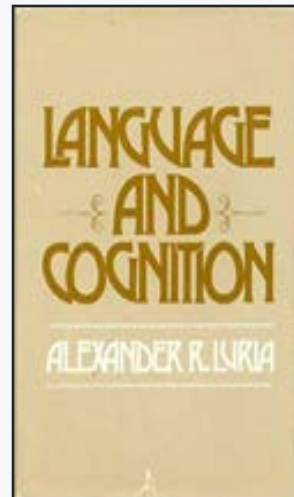
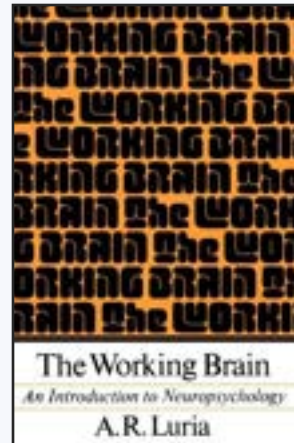
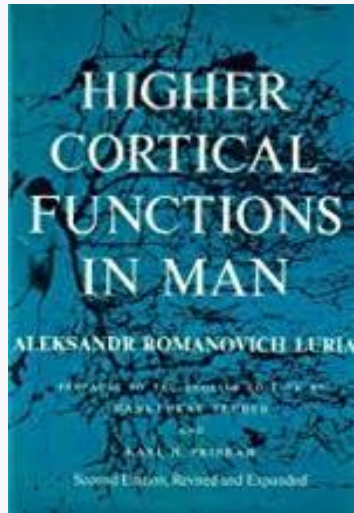


# Alternatives to Traditional Intelligence Tests ?

Wechsler, Binet, CHC, OLSAT, CogAT



# Luria's Explanation of Brain Function

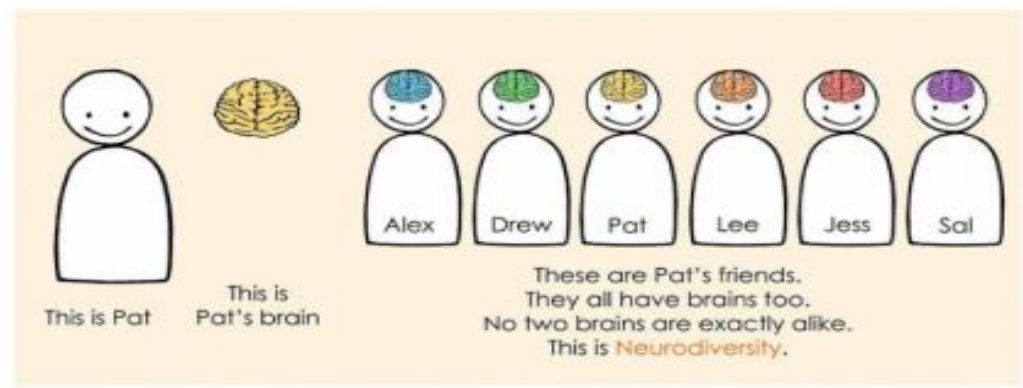


- **P**lanning = DECIDING HOW TO DO WHAT YOU DECIDE TO DO
- **A**ttention = BEING ALERT AND RESISTING DISTRACTIONS
- **S**imultaneous = GETTING THE BIG PICTURE
- **S**uccessive = FOLLOWING A SEQUENCE

PASS theory can be used to define **NEURODIVERSITY**

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# Neurodiversity Defined



## What Is Neurodiversity?

By Keri Winton

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What would happen if the world viewed neurodevelopmental differences like ADHD, autism, and learning disabilities differently? If everyone noticed the *strengths* that can come from these differences first, instead of the challenges?

There's a growing push to focus on our **brain** differences, not deficits. This wider view of "normal" is a big part of something called neurodiversity. Advocates hope the idea expands how we think of developmental disorders, including **attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)**.

**'Neurodiversity'** is a concept that implies that neurological difference is best understood as an inherent and valuable part of the range of human variation, rather than a pathological form of **difference**.

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# PASS Theory Based on Brain Function (see Naglieri & Otero, 2017)

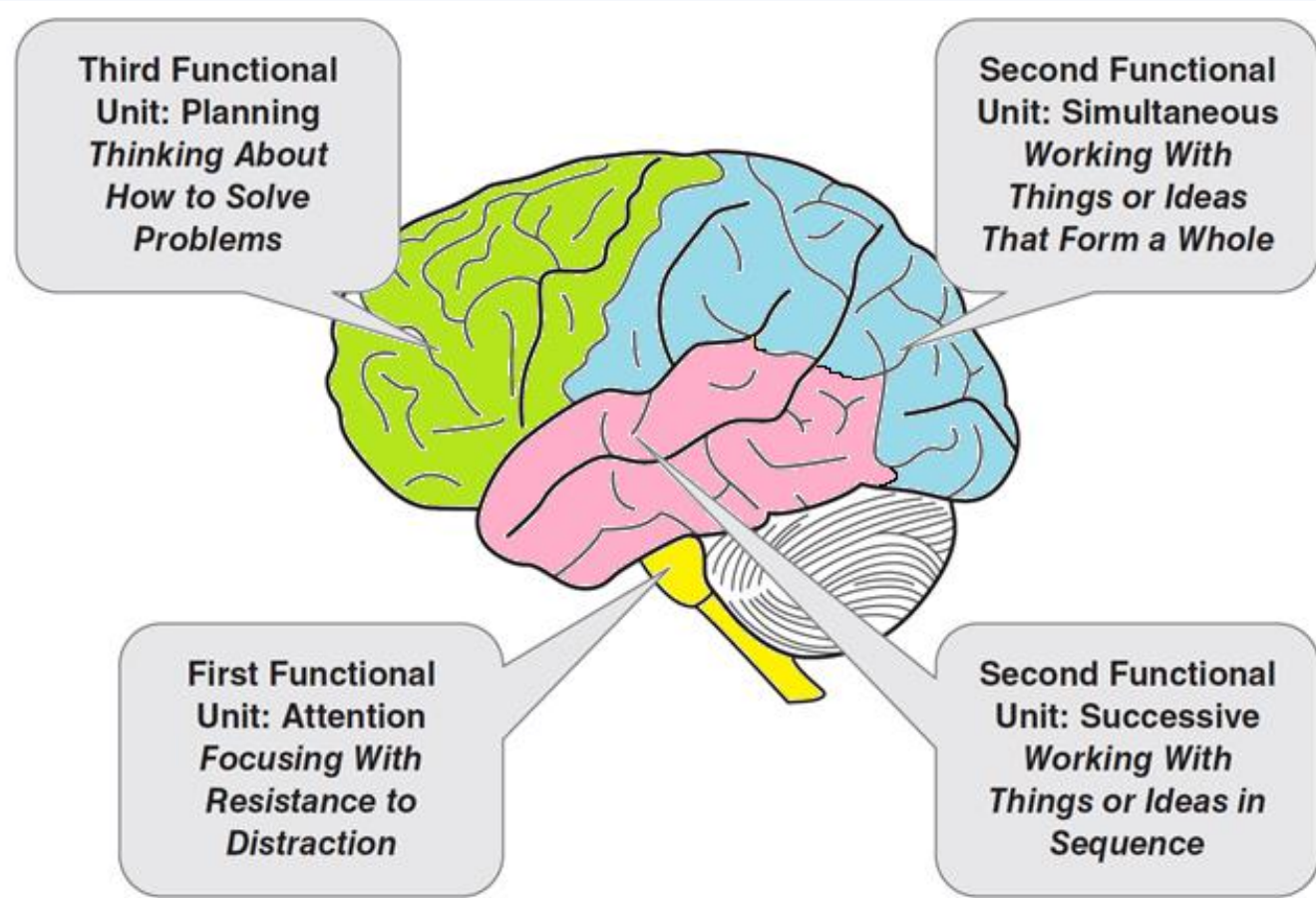


Figure 1.2 Three Functional Units and Associated Brain Structures  
From: *Essentials of CAS2 Assessment*. Naglieri & Otero, 2017



# PASS Theory: Planning

- **Planning** is a neurocognitive ability that a person uses to determine, select, and use efficient solutions to problems
  - problem solving
  - developing plans and using strategies
  - retrieval of knowledge
  - impulse control and self-control
  - control of processing
- Planning tests measure Executive Function

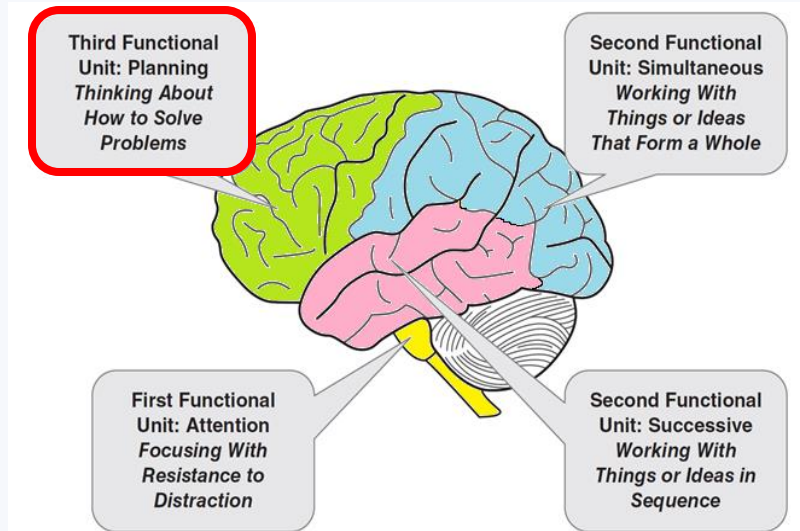


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A	B	C	D
X	O	O	X

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X	O	O	X	
A	B	C	D	A
X	O			
A	B	C	D	A
X	O			
A	B	C	D	A
X	O			



# PASS Theory: Attention

- Attention is a basic psychological process we use to attend to some stimuli and ignore others
  - Focus our cognitive activity
  - Selective attention
  - Resistance to distraction
  - Listening, as opposed to hearing
- All academic tasks demand attention but some more than others

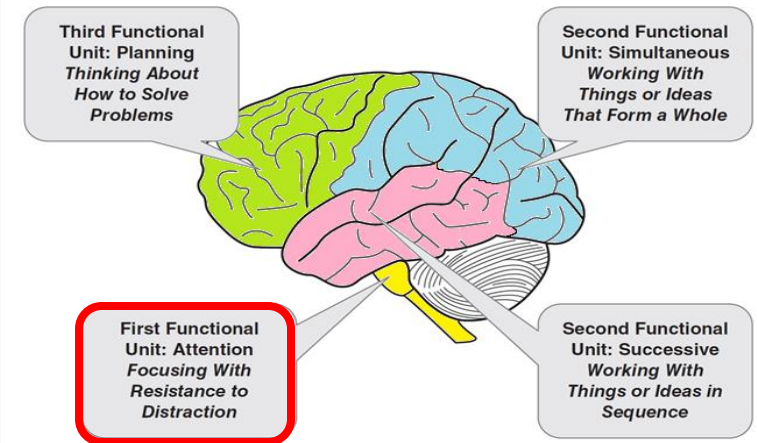


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RED	RED	BLUE
YELLOW	YELLOW	RED
BLUE	RED	YELLOW
BLUE	BLUE	BLUE

# PASS Theory: Simultaneous

- **Simultaneous** processing is used to integrate stimuli into groups
  - Each piece must be related to the other
  - Stimuli are seen as a whole
- Academics:
  - Reading comprehension
  - geometry
  - math word problems
  - whole language
  - verbal concepts

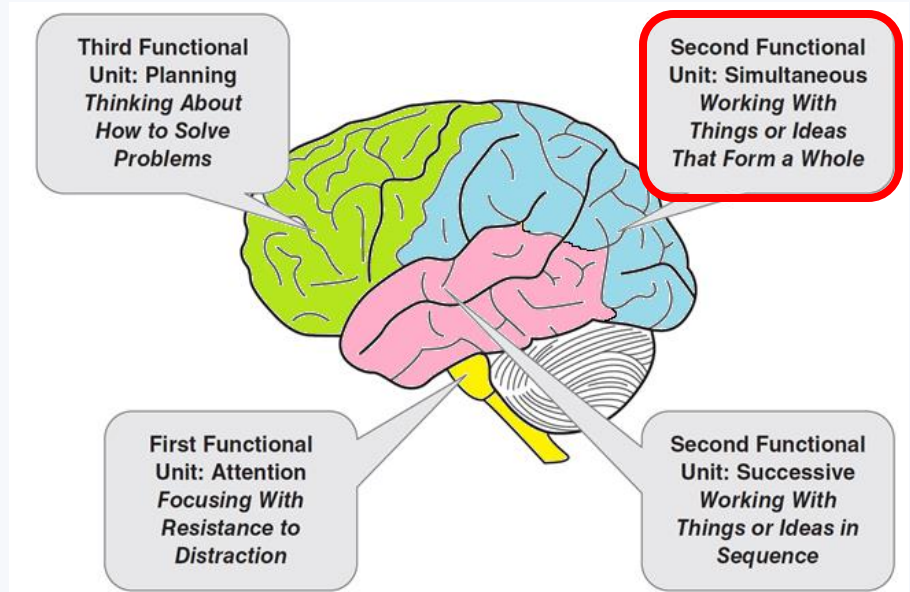


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 1	 2	 3
 4	 5	 6

Which picture shows an arrow pointing toward a circle that is in a square?

# PASS Theory: Successive

- ▶ **Successive** processing is a basic psychological process we use to manage stimuli in a specific serial order
  - Stimuli form a chain-like progression
  - Recall a series of words
  - Decoding words
  - Letter-sound correspondence
  - Phonological tasks
  - Understanding the syntax of sentences
  - Comprehension of written instructions

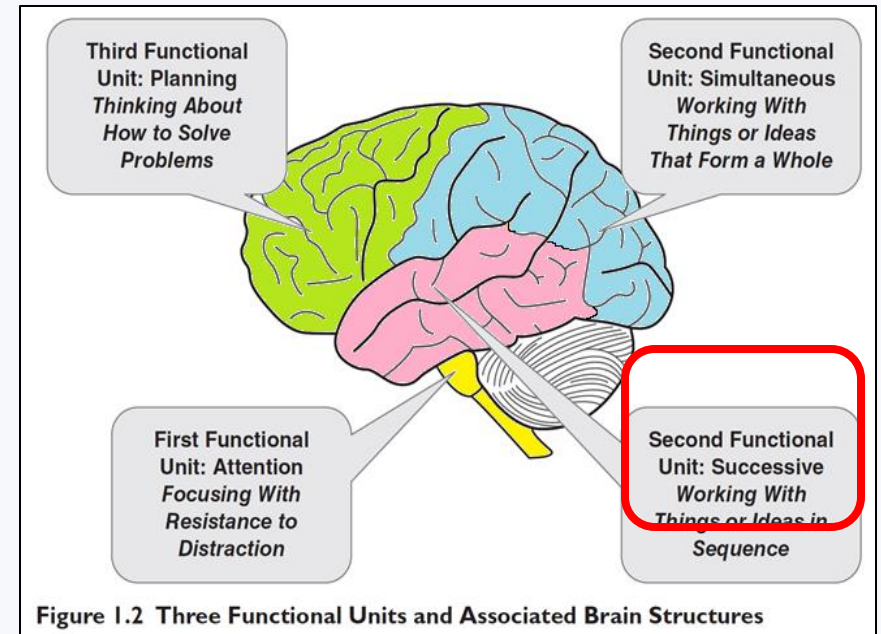


Figure 1.2 Three Functional Units and Associated Brain Structures

From: *Essentials of CAS2 Assessment*. Naglieri & Otero, 2017

Recall of Numbers in Order  
Successive Processing

4 3 8 6

# How to Measure PASS with CAS2

- CAS2 Core & Extended English & Spanish for comprehensive Assessment
- CAS2 Brief for re-evaluations, instructional planning, gifted screening
- CAS2 Rating Scale for teacher ratings
- CAS2: Online coming soon

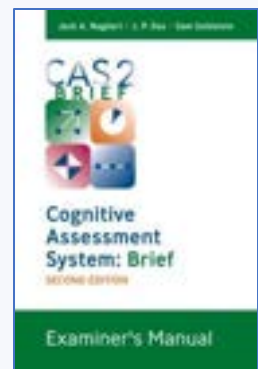
**CAS2 Rating Scale**  
(4 subtests)

Total Score  
Planning  
Simultaneous  
Attention  
Successive



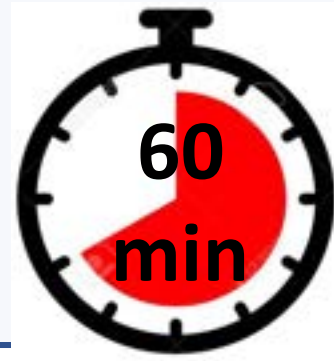
**CAS2 Brief**  
(4 subtests  
20 minutes)

Total Score  
Planning  
Simultaneous  
Attention  
Successive



**CAS2 Core**  
(8 subtests  
40 minutes)

Full Scale  
Planning  
Simultaneous  
Attention  
Successive



**CAS2 Extended**  
(12 subtests  
60 minutes)

Full Scale  
Planning  
Simultaneous  
Attention  
Successive  
Supplemental Scales  
Executive Function  
Working Memory  
Verbal / Nonverbal  
Visual / Auditory  
Speed / Fluency



CAS2 Digital (English & Spanish) coming in 2022

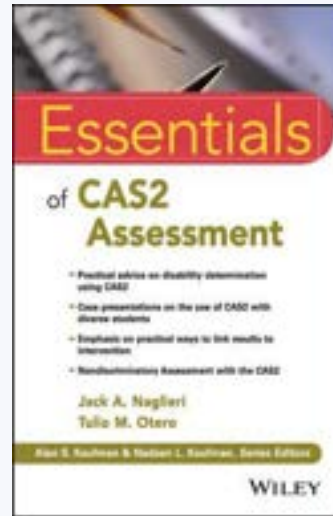
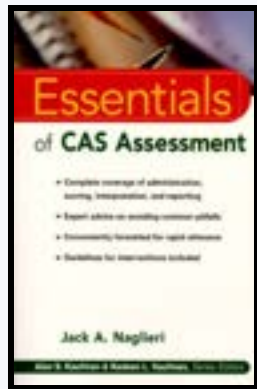


# How to use PASS Neurocognitive Theory to Identify a Student with a Specific Learning Disability

SLD Identification should MATCH IDEA definition

# Discrepancy Consistency Method (DCM)

- ...first introduced in 1999 and most recently in 2017



## *Pattern of Strengths and Weaknesses Using the Discrepancy/Consistency Method for SLD Determination*

Three methods for detecting a pattern of strengths and weaknesses (PSW) that can be used as part of the process of identifying a student with a specific learning disability (SLD) have been suggested by Naglieri in 1999, Hale and Fiorello in 2004, and by Flanagan, Ortiz, and Alfonso in 2007. These authors share the same goal: to present a procedure to detect a PSW in scores that can be used

### **DON'T FORGET 3.5**

The essence of the Discrepancy/Consistency Method is two discrepancies and one consistency.

#### **Discrepancy 1:**

Significant variability among the PASS scores indicating a weakness in one or more of the basic psychological processes

#### **Discrepancy 2:**

Significant difference between high PASS scores and low achievement test scores

#### **Consistency:**

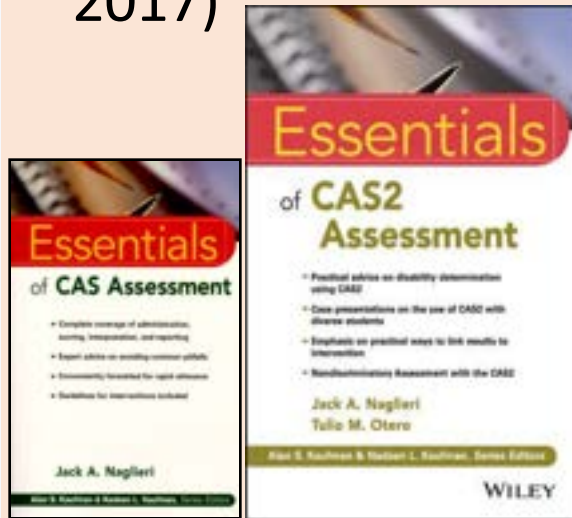
No significant difference between low PASS scores and low achievement

to identify an SLD (sometimes referred to as a third option; Zirkel & Thomas, 2010). Despite differences in the composition of the scores used and the definitions of what constitutes a basic psychological process, these methods all rely on finding a combination of differences as well as similarities in scores across academic and cognitive tests. Our approach to operationalizing a PSW is called the Discrepancy/Consistency Method (DCM) for the identification of SLD. Determining SLD is essentially based on the combination of PASS and achievement test scores. The method involves a systematic examination of variability of PASS and academic achievement test scores, which has

two main ingredients. First, there must be evidence of a PASS cognitive weakness as described in Step 1 of this chapter, and, second, achievement test scores should show substantial variability that aligns with the high and low PASS scores. What results is a combination of PASS and achievement test scores that are significant relative to

# Answering the Question: Why students succeed & struggle

- The Discrepancy Consistency Method (DCM) was first introduced in 1999 (most recently in 2017)



- Discrepancy between high and low processing scores
- Discrepancy between high processing and low achievement
- Consistency between low processing and low achievement

**Significant Discrepancy**

**Significant Discrepancy**

**Processing Strengths in Simultaneous = 102 & Attention = 98**

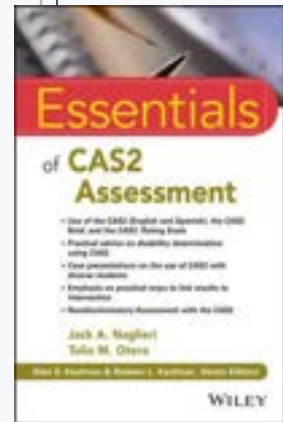
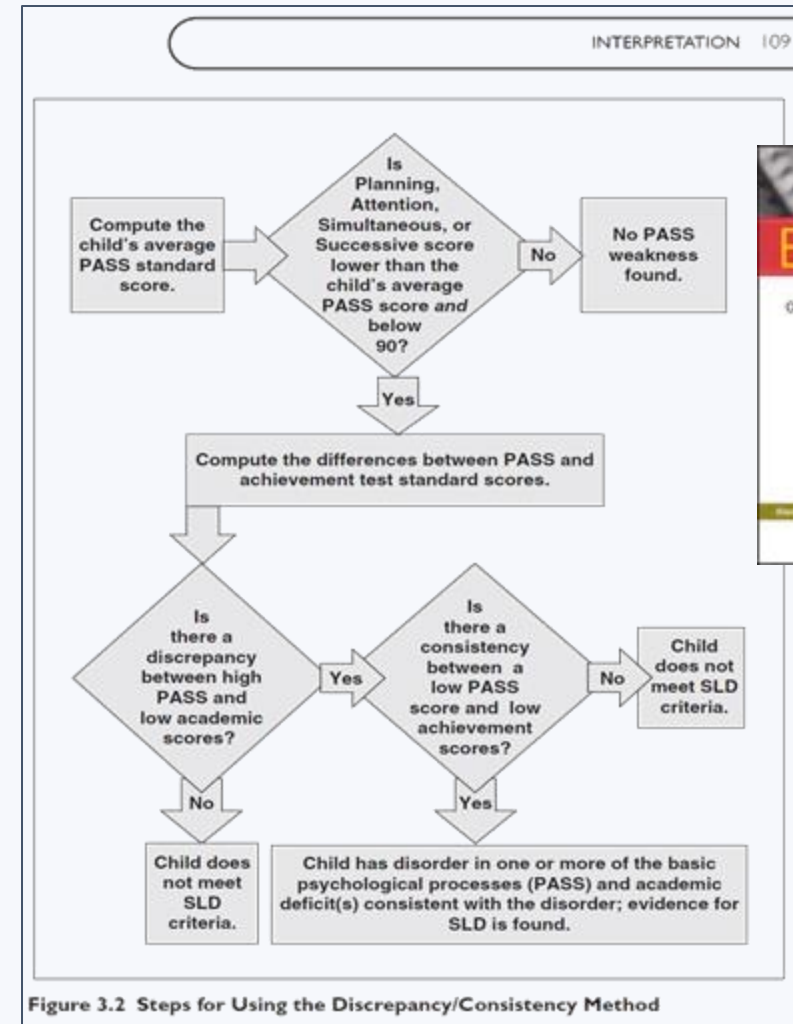
**Academic Skills Weakness(es)**

**Processing Weaknesses in Planning (72) and Successive (76)**

**Consistent Scores**

# Discrepancy Consistency Method (Naglieri & Otero, 2017)

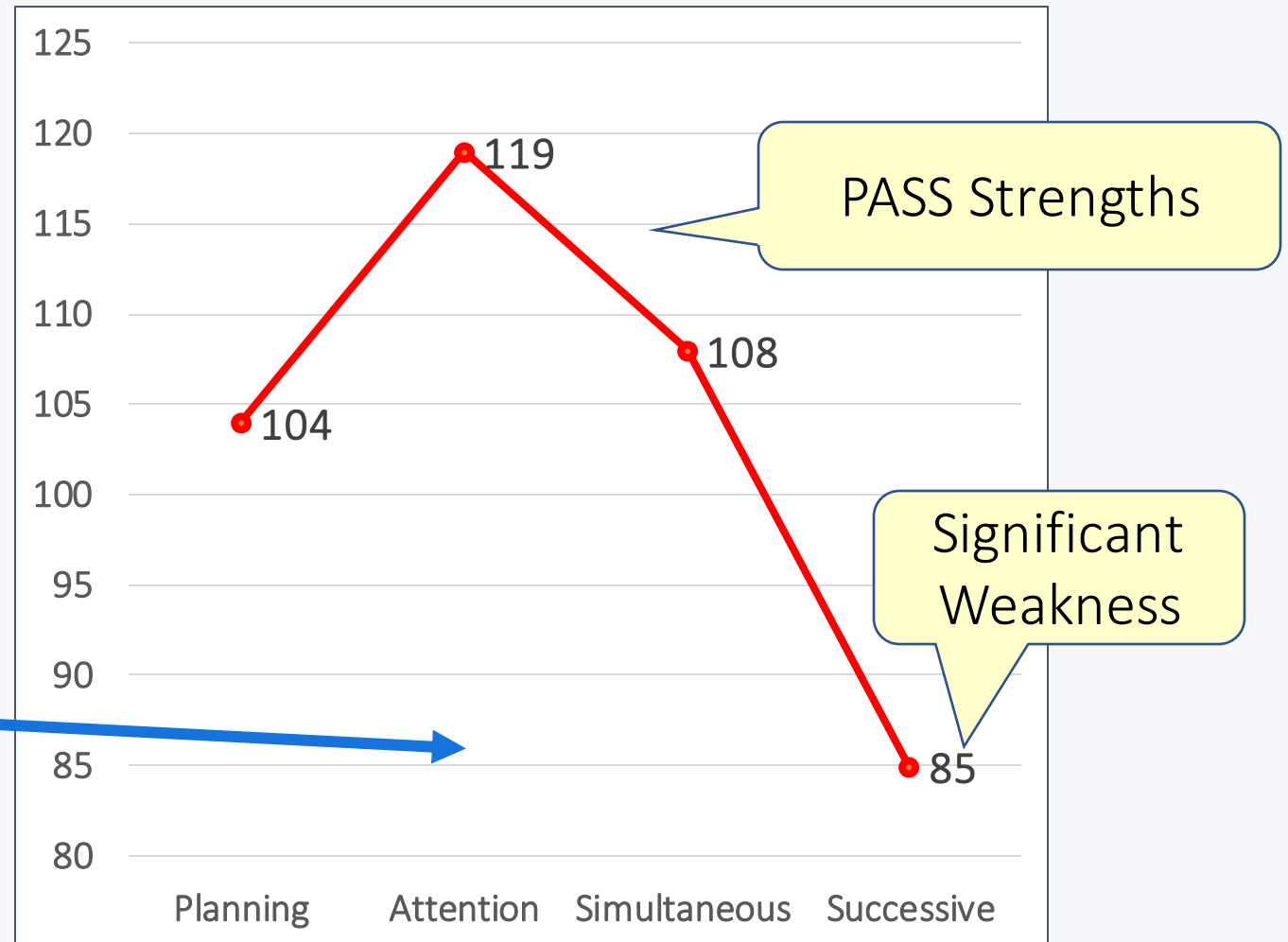
1. Determine if the PASS scores vary significantly from the examinee's average PASS score and the lowest score is below average (<90) (Table 3.5)
2. Determine if the high PASS scores are significantly different from the low achievement scores (Appendix A-F)
3. Determine if the LOW PASS score is or is not significantly different from the low achievement scores (Appendix A-F)





# Evidence of a Disorder in Basic Psychological Processes

- PASS scores show significant variability
- Strengths in Planning, Attention and Simultaneous Processing
- Weaknesses in Successive processing
- ***Supports SLD eligibility***



# FREE CAS2 PSW Analyzer for FAR, FAM, & FAW, WJ4, KTEA3, WIAT4

**Discrepancy Consistency Method (DCM) for comparing PASS scores from the Cognitive Assessment System (CAS2; Extended & Core battery) with the Feifer Assessment of Reading (FAR) and Feifer Assessment of Math (FAM)**  
Jack A. Naglieri & Steve Feifer 9.18.18

**HOW TO USE THIS WORKBOOK:**

1. Click on tab for the CAS2 Extended (12-subtests) or Core (8-subtests) with the FAR or FAM.
2. Enter the PASS scores in the column labeled "Standard Scores" in BOX #1.
3. Enter the FAR and/or FAM standard scores in BOX #2.

**Note:** Once the PASS and FAR or FAM scores are entered the discrepancies and consistencies between neurocognitive and achievement scores will be noted. Follow the Flow-Chart (see Figure 3.2 included here which is from Essentials of CAS2 Assessment) for more guidance.

The information contained in this spreadsheet is taken in part from *Essentials of CAS2 Assessment* by Jack A. Naglieri & Tulio M. Otero (2017). See that book for more information on the interpretation of the CAS2 measures of PASS neurocognitive processes. The values needed for significance between the CAS2 with the FAR and FAM appear in Appendix D and E of the CAS2 Essentials book, respectively, as is a discussion of the methodology used and related topics.

**Discrepancy Consistency Method (DCM)**

- Discrepancy #1 between high and low processing scores
- Discrepancy #2 between high processing and low achievement
- Consistency between low processing and low achievement

**Essentials of CAS2 Assessment**  
Jack A. Naglieri & Tulio M. Otero  
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**Figure 3.2 Steps for Using the Discrepancy/Consistency Method**

# CAS2 PSW Analyzer for WJ4, KTEA3, FAR, FAM

- Enter PASS and Achievement test standard scores and all comparisons are calculated

**CAS2 12-Subtest Extended Battery**

**BOX #1: Is there a PASS Pattern of Strengths and Weaknesses (Discrepancy 1)?**

Cognitive Assessment System-2	PASS Mean & Differences	Significantly Different (at p = .05) from PASS Mean?	Strength or Weakness
Planning	98	0.5	no
Simultaneous	111	13.5	yes
Attention	102	4.5	no
Successive	79	-18.5	yes

**Notes:**  
 1. A Weakness is defined as PASS standard score that is significantly below the child's average PASS score (qualifier comparison at the .05 level) and the PASS score is below 90 (i.e. below the Average range).  
 2. A Strength is defined as PASS standard score that is significantly above the child's average PASS score (qualifier comparison at the .05 level) and the PASS score is above 100 (i.e. above the Average range).  
 3. See Essentials of CAS2 Assessment Interpretation for more details and examples. Note: Comparisons at  $p = .05$ .

**BOX #2: Are high PASS scores significantly different from low achievement scores (Discrepancy 2)? Are low PASS scores similar to low achievement scores (Consistency)?**

PASS Scores from CAS2				
Planning	Simultaneous	Attention	Successive	
98	111	102	79	

**Failure Assessment of READING**

Standard Scores	PI	PA	NWD	ISO	ORF	PS	WR
77	PI Phonological Index	Discrepant	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent		
89	PA Phonemic Awareness	Discrepant	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent		
71	NWD Nonword Reading	Discrepant	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent		
79	ISO Isolated Word Reading Fluency	Discrepant	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent		
86	ORF Oral Reading Fluency						
80	PS Pseudoword Fluency	Discrepant	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent		
109	FI Fluency Index						
89	RAI Rapid Automatic Naming						
98	VF Verbal Fluency						
111	VP Visual Perception						
102	RIR Irregular Word Reading Fluency						
103	OP Orthographic Processing						
91	MI Mixed Index						
106	CI Comprehension Index						
118	SC Semantic Concepts						
83	WR Word Recall		Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent		
89	PK Prior Knowledge						
88	MP Morphological Processing						
108	SR Silent Reader Fluency						
101	SP						

**Funnel Chart Data:**

- Average & Above PASS Scores:** Planning 98, Simultaneous 111, Attention 102
- Strength:** Simultaneous 111
- Successive 79:** Successive 79
- WR 83:** Word Recall 83
- Achievement Weakness(es):** WR 83
- PASS Weakness(es):** Successive 79

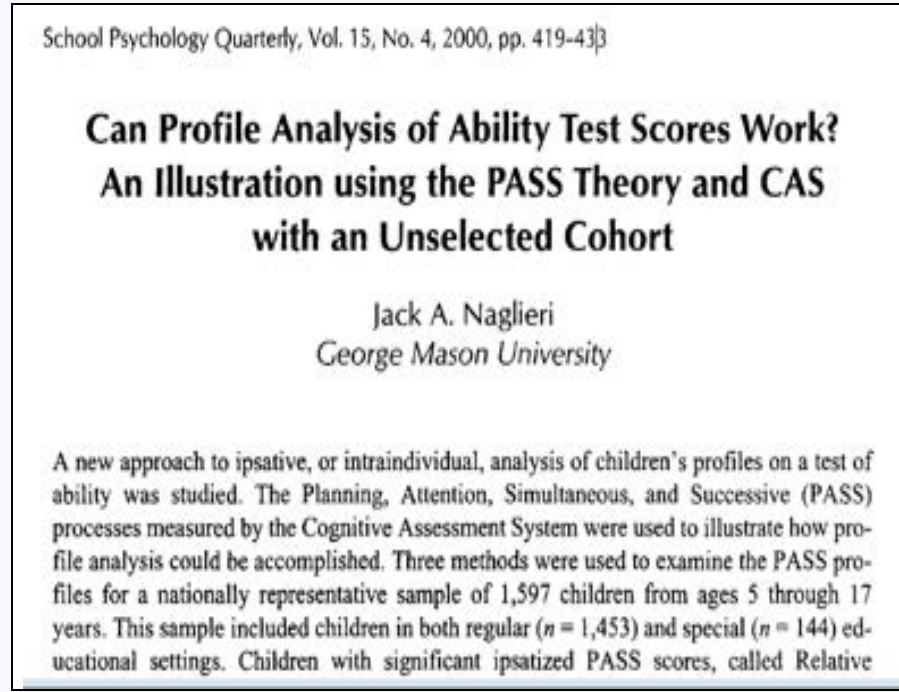
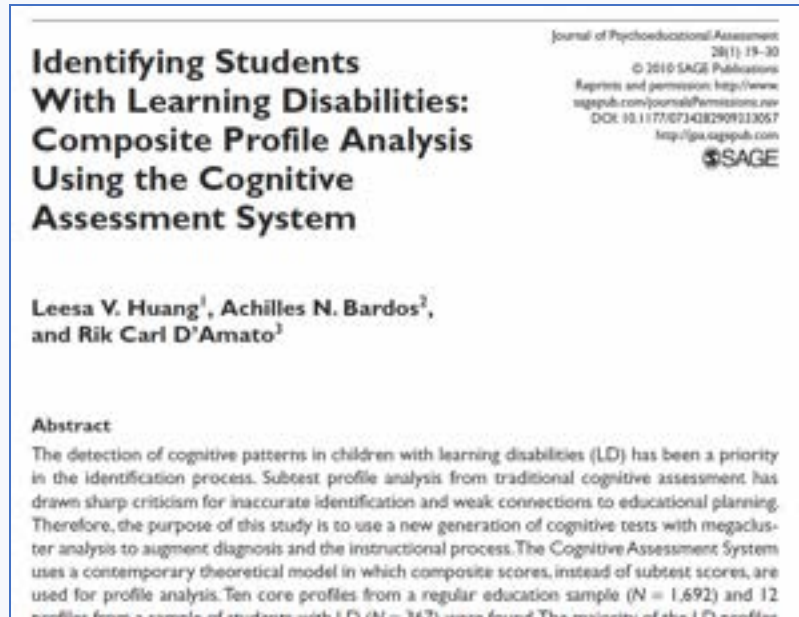
**Annotations:**

- Strengths:** Points to the top of the funnel chart.
- PASS Strengths & Weaknesses Identified:** Points to the PASS Scales table.
- Discrepancies & consistencies Identified:** Points to the Failure Assessment of READING table.
- PASS and Achievement Weaknesses:** Points to the bottom of the funnel chart.

Page 1 Instructions | Page 2 CAS2 Ext w FAR | Page 3 CAS2 Core w FAR | Page 4 CAS2 Ext w FAM | Page 5 CAS2 Core ...

# Research on PASS Profiles

Students receiving special education were more than four times as likely to have at least one PASS weakness and a comparable academic weakness than those in regular education



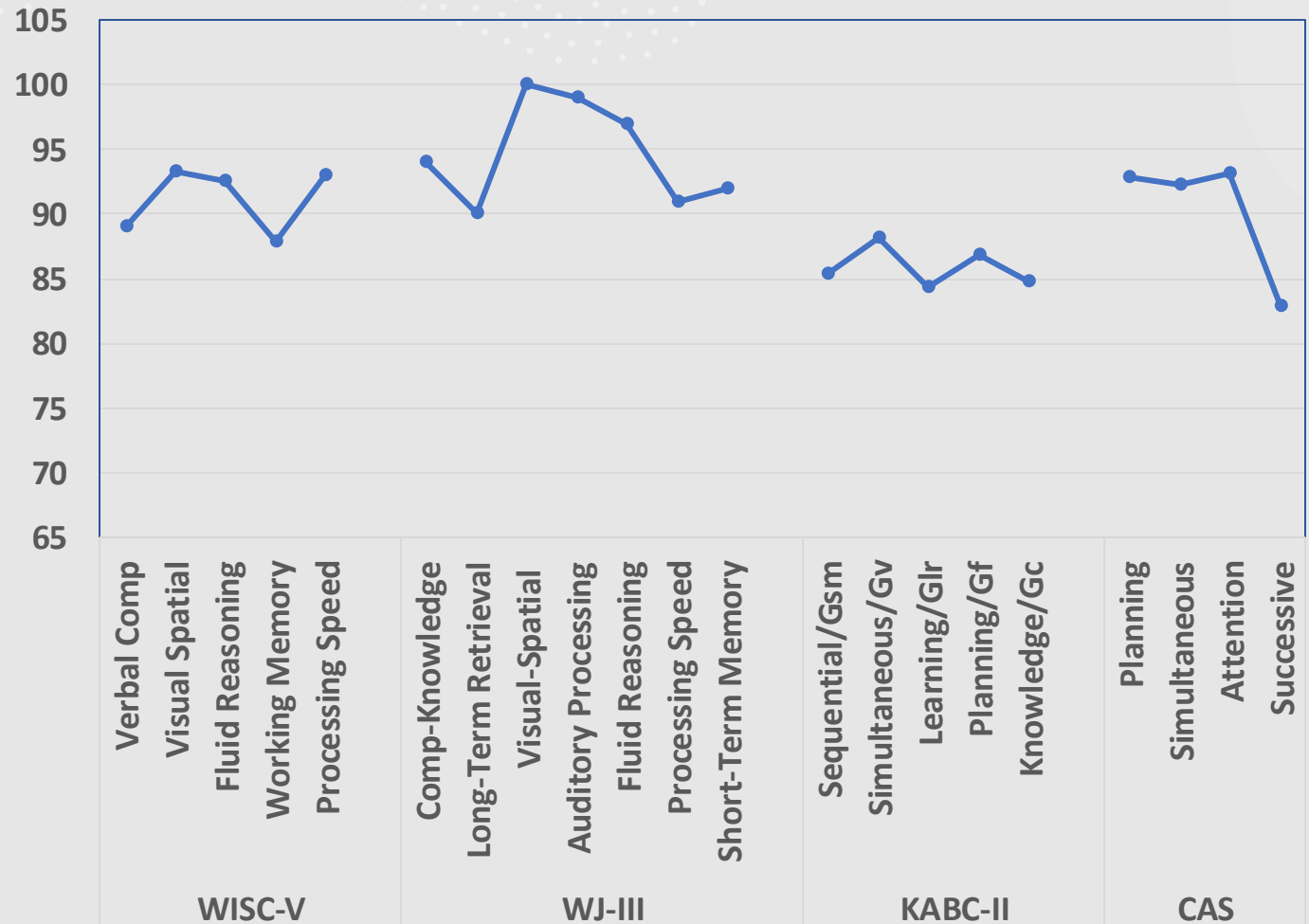
“Ten core profiles from a regular education sample (N = 1,692) and 12 profiles from a sample of students with LD (N = 367) were found.



Traditional Intelligence Tests and PASS Cognitive Processing Test Profiles for SLD (Dyslexia)

PASS Profile reveals Successive processing weakness

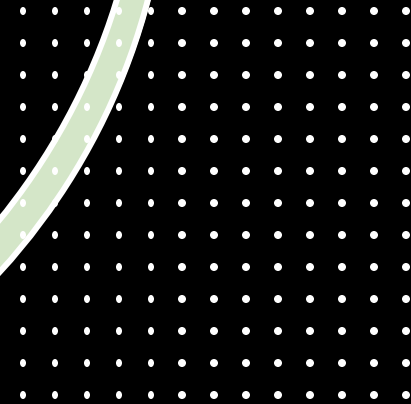
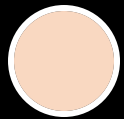
## SLD – Reading Decoding





ADHD  
Assessment

'basic psychological processes associated  
with ADHD'



# Gifted & ADHD

- Twice exceptional, or 2E, refers to intellectually gifted children who have a specific learning disability (e.g., dyslexia), **Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)**, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD).
- ADHD diagnosis is based on observable behaviors
- Three types of ADHD are Inattentive, Hyperactive / Impulsive and Combined Type

## DSM-5 Diagnostic Criteria for ADHD

Symptoms and/or behaviors that have persisted  $\geq 6$  months in  $\geq 2$  settings (e.g., school, home, church). Symptoms have negatively impacted academic, social, and/or occupational functioning. In patients aged  $< 17$  years,  $\geq 6$  symptoms are necessary; in those aged  $\geq 17$  years,  $\geq 5$  symptoms are necessary.

<b>Inattentive Type Diagnosis Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Displays poor listening skills</li> <li>• Loses and/or misplaces items needed to complete activities or tasks</li> <li>• Sidetracked by external or unimportant stimuli</li> <li>• Forgets daily activities</li> <li>• Diminished attention span</li> <li>• Lacks ability to complete schoolwork and other assignments or to follow instructions</li> <li>• Avoids or is disinclined to begin homework or activities requiring concentration</li> <li>• Fails to focus on details and/or makes thoughtless mistakes in schoolwork or assignments</li> </ul>
<b>Hyperactive/Impulsive Type Diagnosis Criteria</b>	<p><b>Hyperactive Symptoms:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Squirms when seated or fidgets with feet/hands</li> <li>• Marked restlessness that is difficult to control</li> <li>• Appears to be driven by "a motor" or is often "on the go"</li> <li>• Lacks ability to play and engage in leisure activities in a quiet manner</li> <li>• Incapable of staying seated in class</li> <li>• Overly talkative</li> </ul> <p><b>Impulsive Symptoms:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difficulty waiting turn</li> <li>• Interrupts or intrudes into conversations and activities of others</li> <li>• Impulsively blurts out answers before questions completed</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Requirements for Diagnosis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Symptoms present prior to age 12 years</li> <li>• Symptoms not better accounted for by a different psychiatric disorder (e.g., mood disorder, anxiety disorder) and do not occur exclusively during a psychotic disorder (e.g., schizophrenia)</li> <li>• Symptoms not exclusively a manifestation of oppositional behavior</li> </ul>
<b>Classification</b>	<p><b>Combined Type:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient meets both inattentive and hyperactive/impulsive criteria for the past 6 months</li> </ul> <p><b>Predominantly Inattentive Type:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient meets inattentive criterion, but not hyperactive/impulse criterion, for the past 6 months</li> </ul> <p><b>Predominantly Hyperactive/Impulsive Type:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient meets hyperactive/impulse criterion, but not inattentive criterion, for the past 6 months</li> </ul> <p>Symptoms may be classified as mild, moderate, or severe based on symptom severity</p>

Source: DSM-5 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th edition; ADHD: attention deficit hyperactivity disorder

# ADHD & Executive Function – Russell Barkley

- ADHD is diagnosed by examination of behaviors
- BUT these behaviors are a reflection of a COGNITIVE PROCESSING disorder— specifically the concept of EXECUTIVE FUNCTION associated with the FRONTAL LOBES

**ADDITUDE** *Inside the ADHD mind*

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**EXECUTIVE DYSFUNCTION**

## What Is Executive Function? 7 Deficits Tied to ADHD


What is executive function? The cognitive skills that help us plan, prioritize, and execute complex tasks are commonly tied to ADHD in children and adults. Here, ADHD authority Russell Barkley, Ph.D. explains how executive dysfunction originates in the ADHD brain and what these deficits typically look like.


 | By Russell Barkley, Ph.D. | ✓ Verified | Medically reviewed by Michele Novotni, Ph.D. | Updated on December 13, 2021

**ADDITUDE FOR PROFESSIONALS**

## DESR: Why Deficient Emotional Self-Regulation is Central to ADHD (and Largely Overlooked)

DESR, or deficient emotional self-regulation, is a core facet of ADHD that carries significant consequences. However, it is not included in the disorder's diagnostic criteria. As new research confirms the prominent role emotional dysregulation plays in ADHD's appearance and individual patient outcomes, that may be changing. Here, learn about DESR, its central role in ADHD, along with implications for diagnosis and treatment.

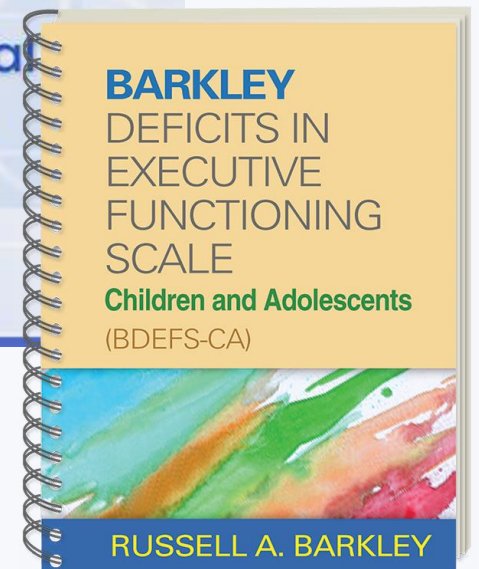
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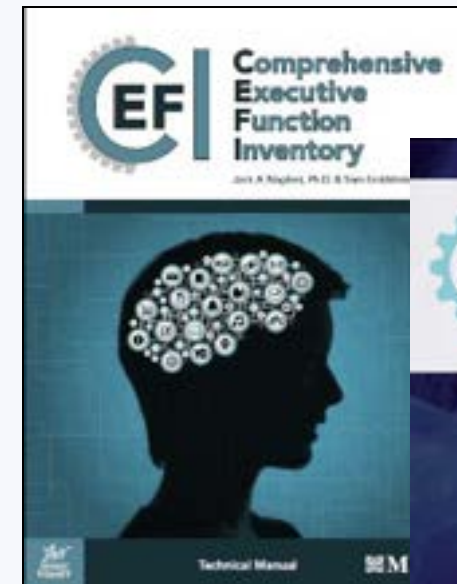
# Executive Function Rating Scales

Some published rating scales



# Comprehensive Executive Function Inventory (CEFI) and the Comprehensive Executive Function Inventory Adult (CEFI Adult) by Naglieri & Goldstein

- **Strength based** EF measures
- Items are **positively** worded
- Higher scores = **good** behaviors related to EF
- Scores set at mean of **100**, SD of **15**
- CEFI: Ages 5-18 years rated by a parent, teacher, or the child/youth
- CEFI Adult: Ages 18+ years rated by the adult or an observer



# If Executive Function Underlies ADHD

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Some people who have the behavioral symptoms of ADHD may also have a COGNITIVE component to their disorder

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The concept of Executive function is associated with the Frontal Lobes making it a basic psychological process


a weakness on a measure of EF could support eligibility as...

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Typically, 504 rule is applied. Also consider a Specific learning disability: defined as a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes which manifests as academic failure in specific areas...

# If EF may be the Issue...

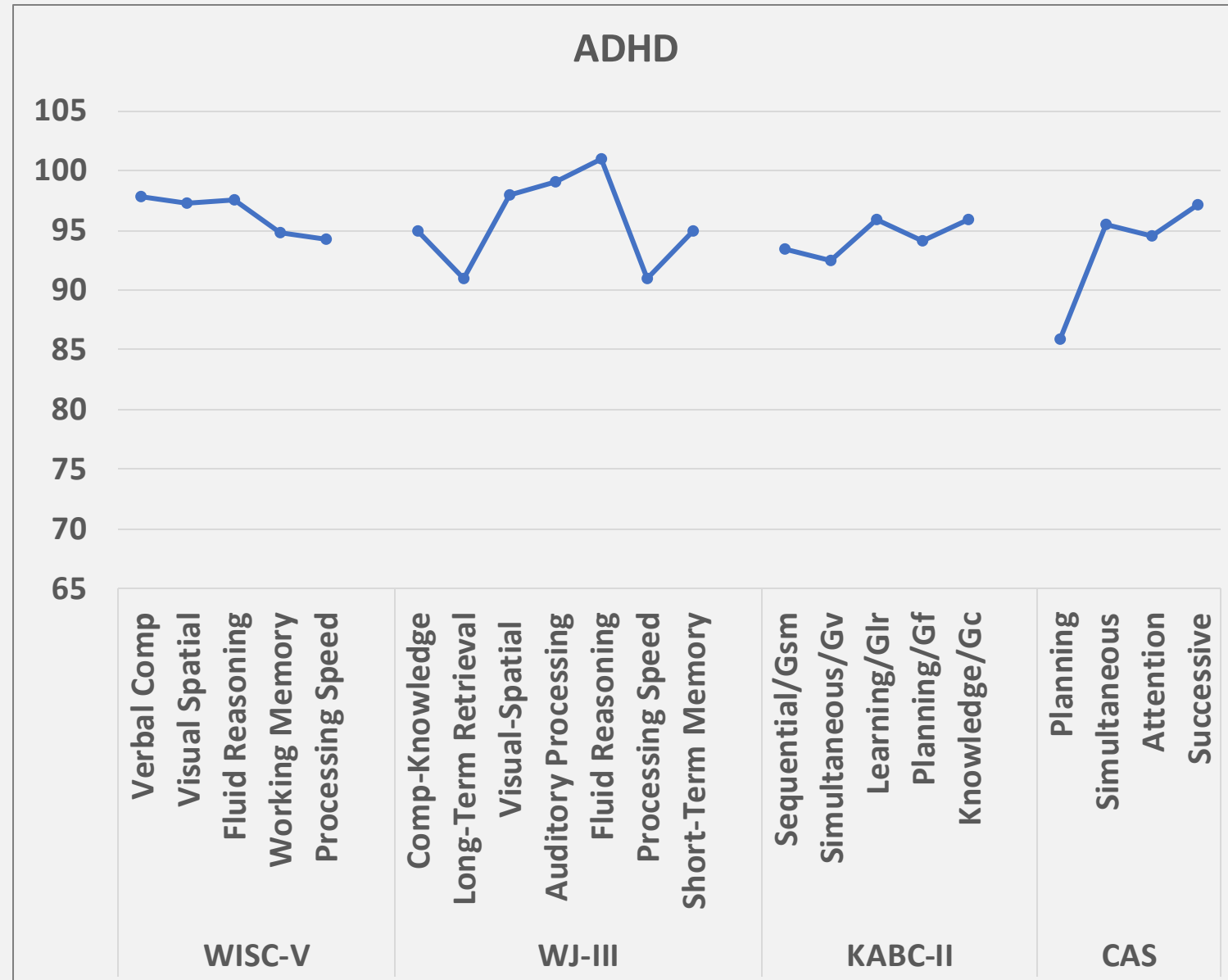
A comprehensive approach to assessing EF should be used that includes data from measures of:

Behaviors related to Cognition	Behaviors related to Social-Emotional Skills	Academic and job skills
Neurocognitive Ability is the foundation		



# Intelligence and Cognitive Processing Tests' Profiles for Students with ADHD

PASS Profile reveals Planning processing weakness



# Assessment of ADHD

- Is there impairment?

*Specify if:*

**In partial remission:** When full criteria were previously met, fewer than the full criteria have been met for the past 6 months, and the symptoms still result in impairment in social, academic, or occupational functioning.

*Specify current severity:*

**Mild:** Few, if any, symptoms in excess of those required to make the diagnosis are present, and symptoms result in only minor functional impairments.

**Moderate:** Symptoms or functional impairment between "mild" and "severe" are present.

**Severe:** Many symptoms in excess of those required to make the diagnosis, or several symptoms that are particularly severe, are present, or the symptoms result in marked impairment in social or occupational functioning.

# Rating Scale of Impairment (RSI; Goldstein & Naglieri)



## Rating Scale of Impairment (RSI) Forms & Scores

### RSI (5-12 Years)

Parent Form

Teacher Form

41 items

29 items

### RSI (13-18 Years)

Parent Form

Teacher form

49 items

29 items

### Total Score

#### RSI Scales

School  
Social  
Mobility  
Domestic  
Family

#### RSI Scales

School  
Social  
Mobility

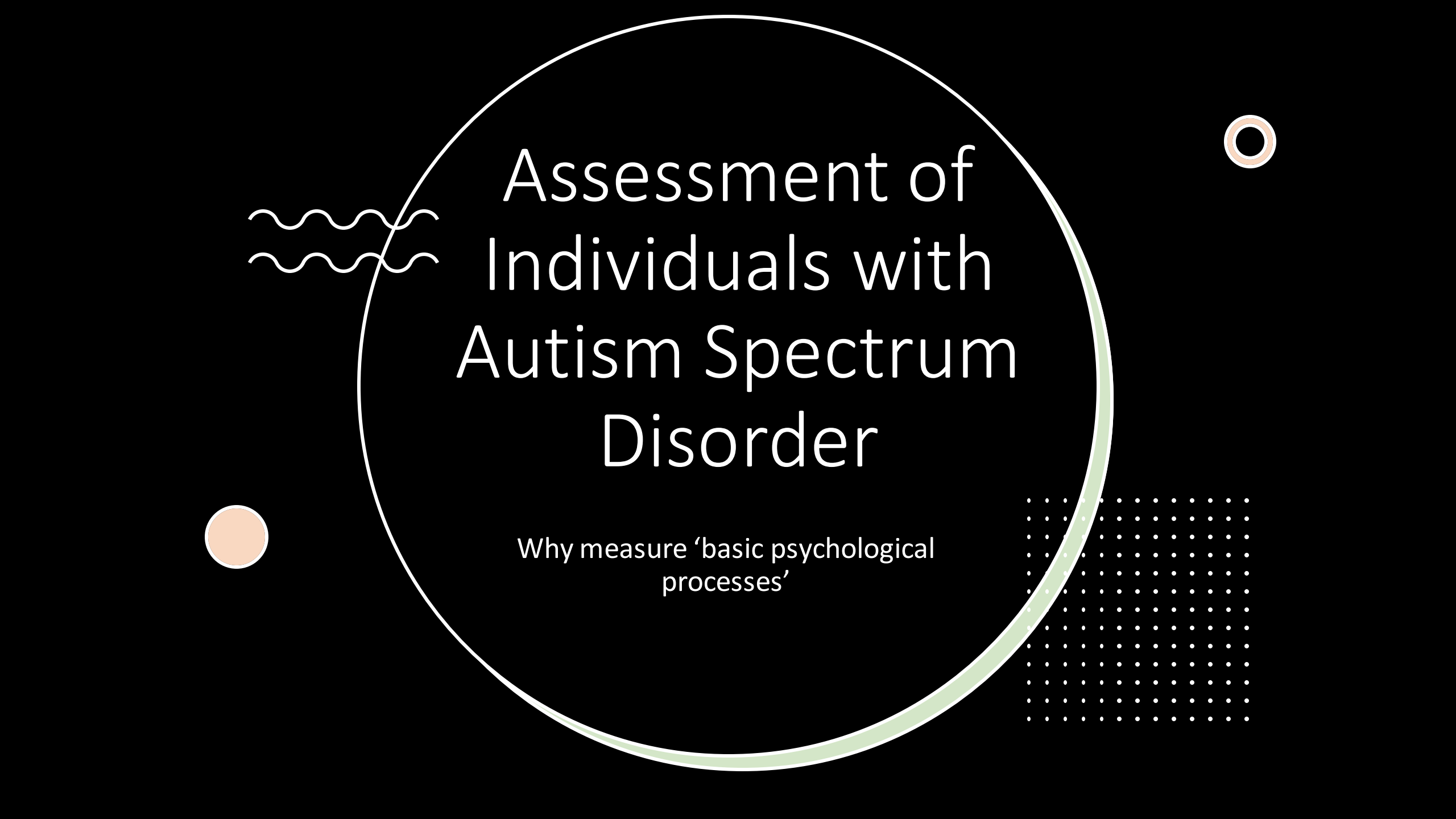
### Total Score

#### RSI Scales

School/Work  
Social  
Mobility  
Domestic  
Family  
Self-care

#### RSI Scales

School  
Social  
Mobility



# Assessment of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Why measure 'basic psychological  
processes'



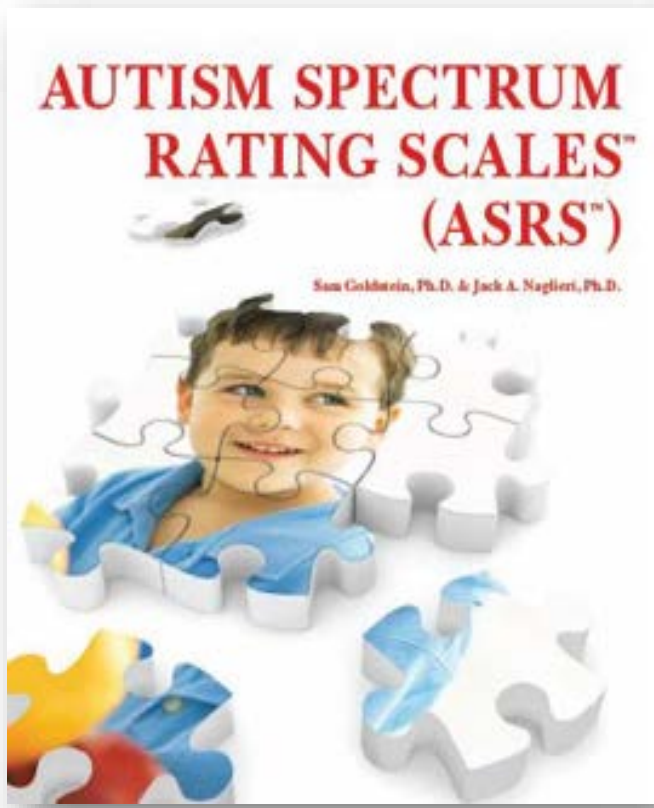
# Gifted Students with Disabilities

- Twice exceptional, or 2E, refers to intellectually gifted children who have a specific learning disability (e.g., dyslexia), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), or **autism spectrum disorder (ASD)**.

- ASD is identified using the DSM based on observable behaviors
- Rating scales such as ASRS

## DSM-5 Autism Diagnostic Criteria

- A. Persistent deficits in social communication and social interaction across multiple contexts,
- B. Restricted, repetitive patterns of behavior, interests, or activities,
- C. Symptoms must be present in the early developmental period
- D. Symptoms cause clinically significant impairment in social, occupational, or other
- E. These disturbances are not better explained by intellectual disability



**Instructions for Raters:** Read each statement that follows the phrase, "During the past four weeks, how often did the student..." then circle the number under the word that tells how often you saw the behavior. Read each question carefully, then mark how often you saw the behavior in the past four weeks. Answer every question without skipping any. If you want to change your answer, put an X through it and circle your new choice. Be sure to answer every question.

**Scale Score Summary Table: Ages 6-11 Years**

**ASRS Scales**

Scale	Raw Score	T-Score	Percentile Rank	Classification	99.99% T-score CI (circle one)
Social Communication (SC)	47	77	97	Very Elevated	72 to 74
Unusual Behavior (UB)	38	60	94	Significantly Elevated	55 to 58
Self-Regulation (SR)	50	70	90	Very Elevated	64 to 70

**Total Score**

SC T-Score	UB T-Score	SR T-Score	Sum of SC, UB, & SR T-Scores	T-Score	Percentile Rank	Classification	99.99% T-score CI (circle one)
77	60	70	207	78	99	Very Elevated	70 to 75

**DSM-IV-TR Scale**

Scale	Raw Score	T-Score	Percentile Rank	Classification	99.99% T-score CI (circle one)
DSM-IV-TR Scale (DSM)	77	63	97	Elevated	55 to 57

**Treatment Scales**

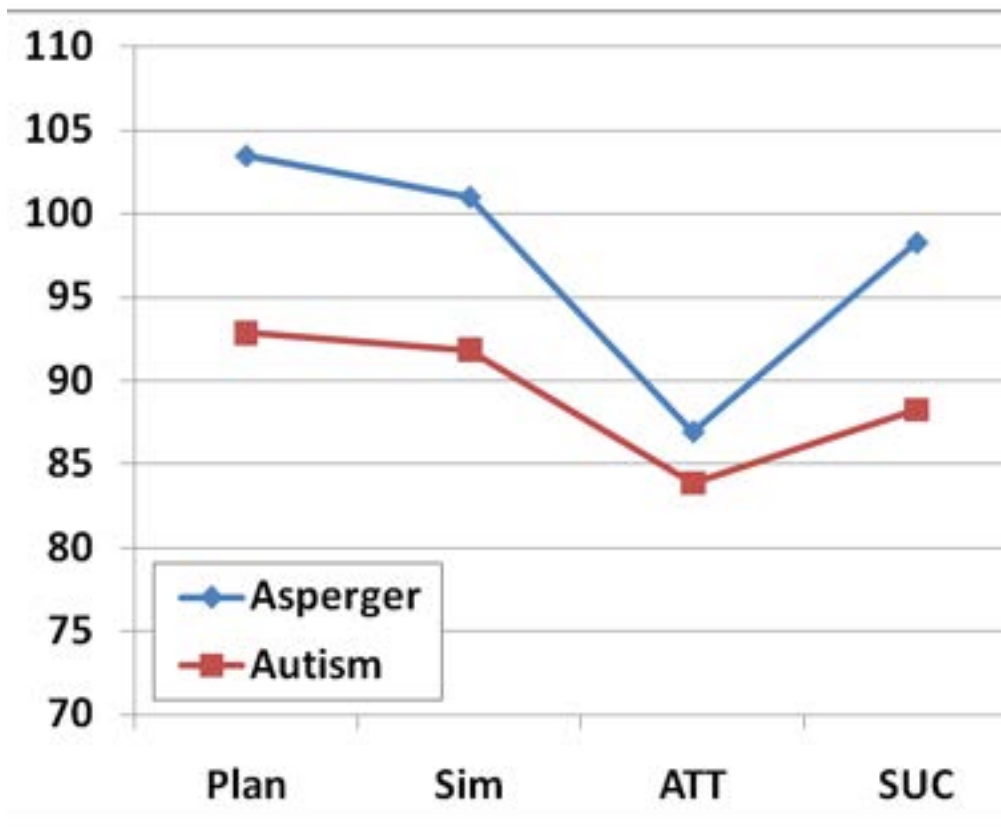
Scale	Raw Score	T-Score	Percentile Rank	Classification	99.99% T-score CI (circle one)
Peer Involvement (PI)	20	30	98	Very Elevated	22 to 23
Adult Socialization (AS)	3	38	99	Average	43 to 45
Social Emotional Responsivity (SER)	30	77	97	Very Elevated	63 to 65
Atypical Language (AL)	4	53	98	Average	46 to 52
Sensory (ST)	4	41	46	Average	43 to 50
Behavioral Rigidity (BR)	24	70	97	Very Elevated	65 to 68
Sensory Sensitivity (SS)	1	44	27	Average	33 to 33
Attention (AT)	35	70	97	Very Elevated	65 to 68



# Behavioral Evaluation of ASD

Parents and teacher Rating Scales for ages 2 – 18 years

# PASS Scores, Autism and Asperger



**Descriptive Statistics and Comparisons Between Individuals with Autism ( $n = 20$ ) and Asperger Syndrome ( $n = 23$ ).**

		<i>Mn</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Sig</i>	<i>d</i> -ratio
PLAN	Asperger	103.5	31.6	1.71	.20	0.40
	Autism	92.9	19.2			
SIM	Asperger	101.0	15.3	3.33	.08	0.54
	Autism	91.9	17.5			
ATT	Asperger	86.9	17.7	0.30	.59	0.17
	Autism	83.9	18.8			
SUC	Asperger	98.3	15.7	2.46	.12	0.47
	Autism	88.3	25.6			

# ASD - Italy

*Psichiatria dell'infanzia e dell'adolescenza* (2009), vol. 76: 687-700

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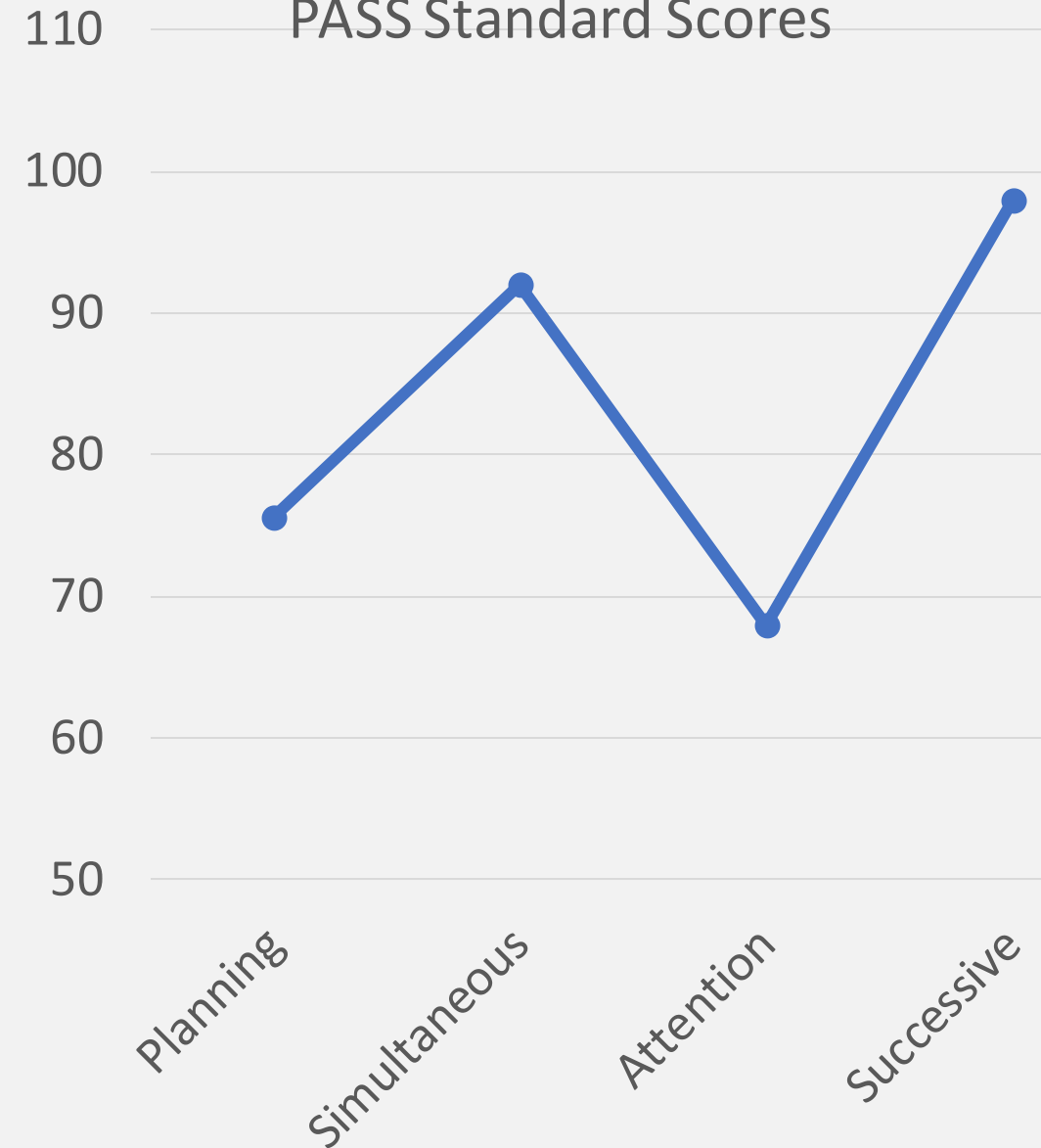
## Processi cognitivi e Disturbi Specifici dell'Apprendimento: il contributo diagnostico del Cognitive Assessment System

*Evaluate the cognitive processes in the Specific Learning Disorders: the Cognitive Assessment System diagnostical contribution*

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**Summary** *The diagnosis of the Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD), commonly referred to as discrepancy criterion, is often based on instruments which have an important connection to both learning and IQ. Methods inspired by discrepancy criterion don't seem suitable to indicate intervention or to improve the abilities and performance of the subjects. The Planning, Attention,*

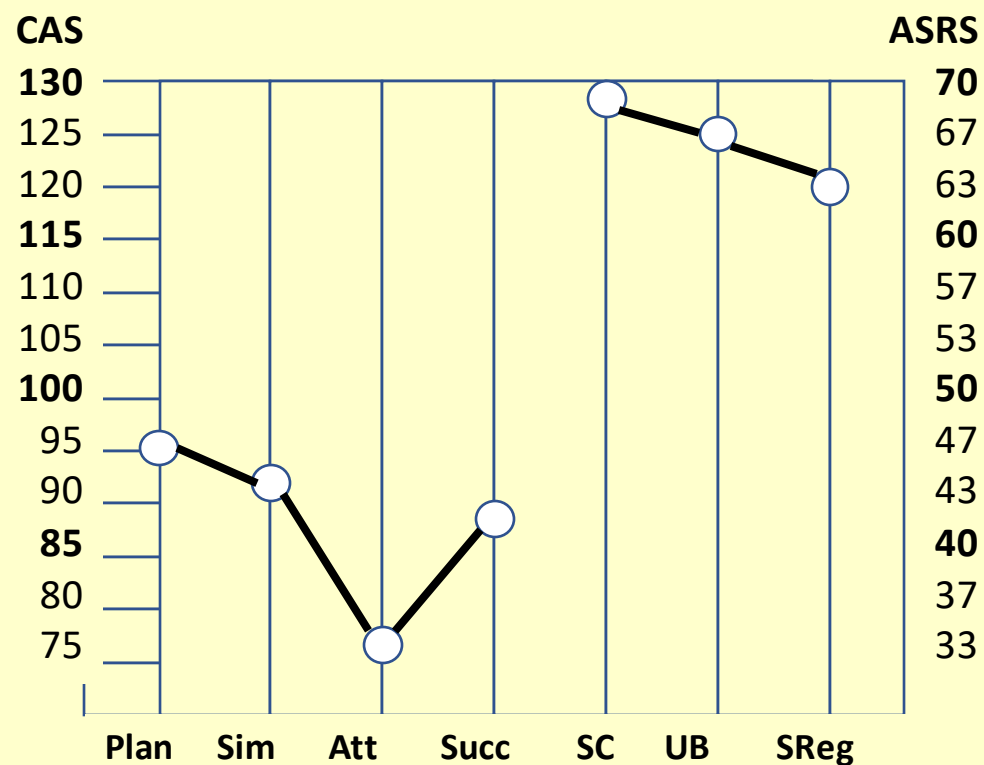
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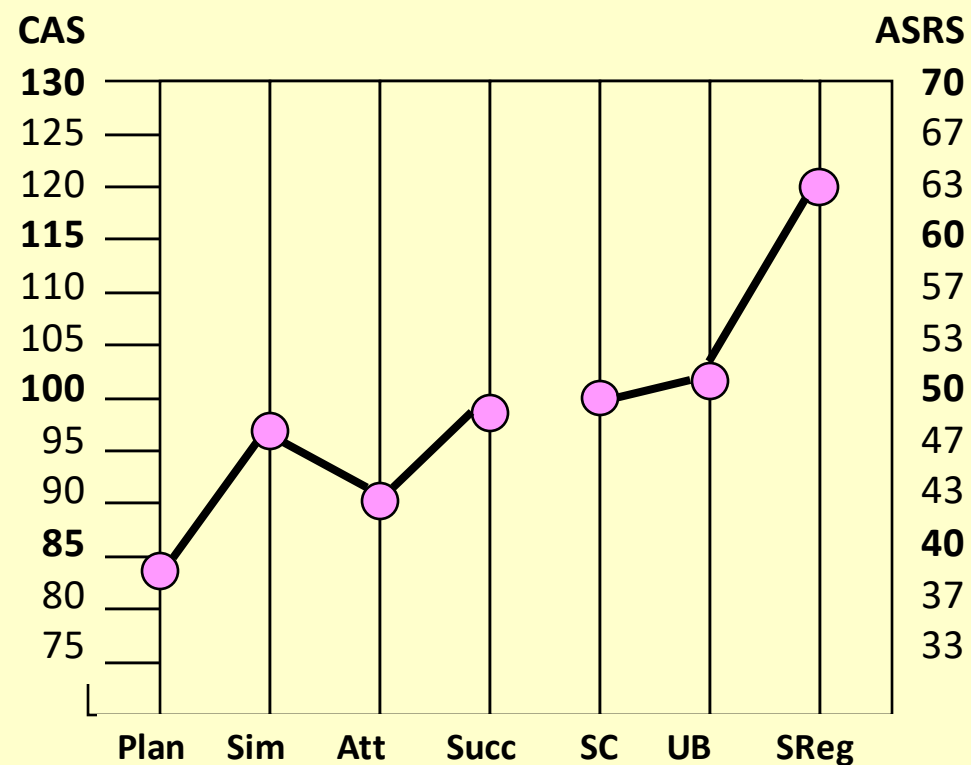


# Differential Diagnosis: ADHD vs ASD

## Autism Profile

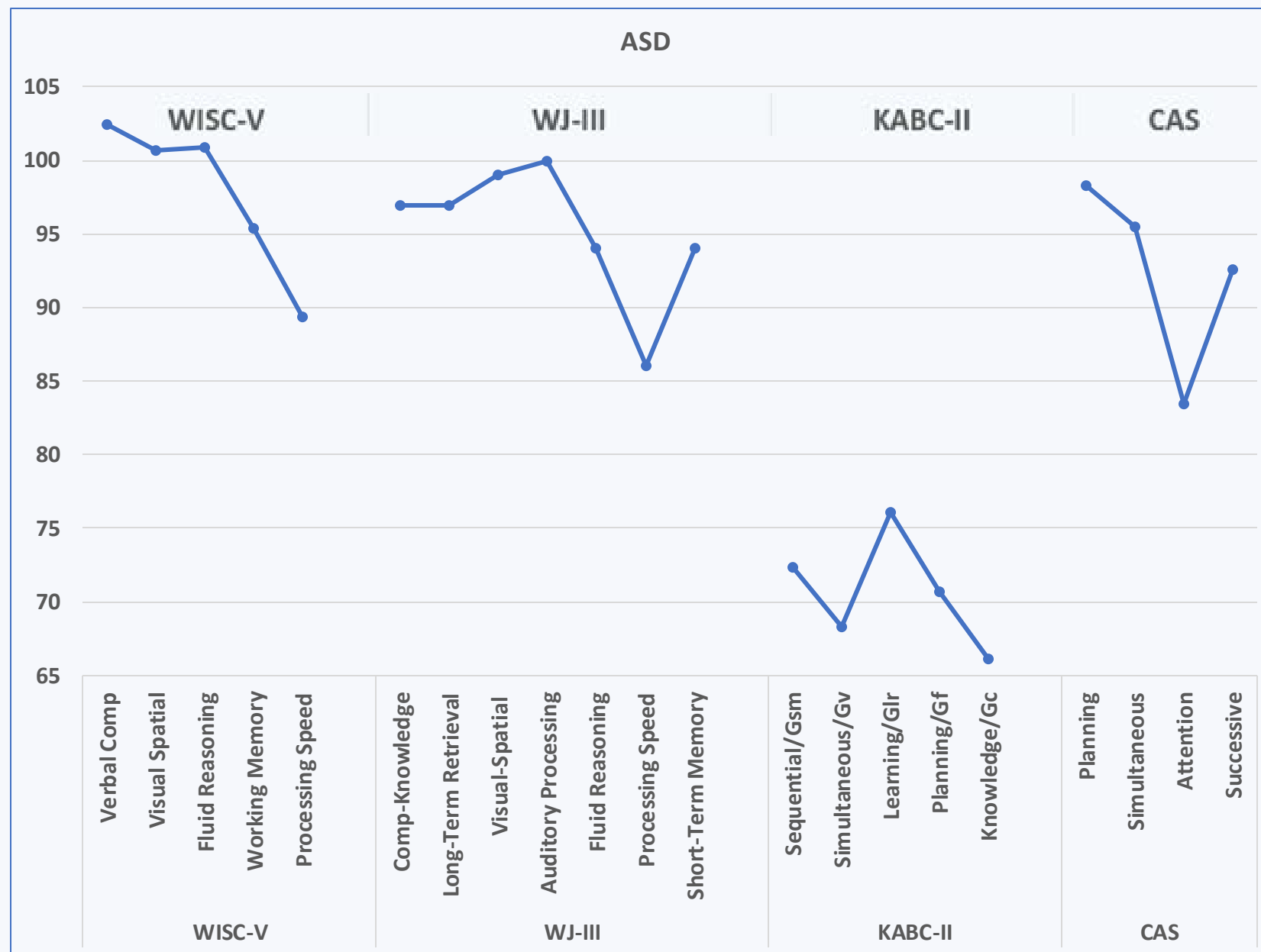


## ADHD Profile



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PASS Profile reveals Attention processing weakness



# Ideas to Consider

My equity journey

New tests of General Ability

What is General Ability

Identification of gifted students

Local and National Norms

Twice Exceptional gifted students with

- SLD
- ADHD
- ASD

PASS validity, profiles and interpretation

## Hierarchical Factor Structure of the Cognitive Assessment System Variance Partitions From the Schmid–Leiman (1957) Procedure

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Orthogonal higher-order factor structure of the Cognitive Assessment System (CAS; Naglieri & Das, 1997a) for the 5–7 and 8–17 age groups in the CAS standardization sample is reported. Following the same procedure as recent studies of other prominent intelligence tests (Dombrowski, Watkins, & Brogan, 2009; Canivez, 2008; Canivez & Watkins, 2010a, 2010b; Nelson & Canivez, 2011; Nelson, Canivez, Lindstrom, & Hatt, 2007; Watkins, 2006; Watkins, Wilson, Kotz, Carbone, & Babula, 2006), three- and four-factor CAS exploratory factor extractions were analyzed with the Schmid and Leiman (1957) procedure using MacOrtho (Watkins, 2004) to assess the hierarchical factor structure by sequentially partitioning variance to the second- and first-order dimensions as recommended by Carroll (1993, 1995). Results showed that greater portions of total and common variance were accounted for by the second-order, global factor, but compared to other tests of intelligence CAS subtests measured less second-order variance and greater first-order Planning, Attention, Simultaneous, and Successive (PASS) factor variance.

*Keywords:* CAS, construct validity, hierarchical exploratory factor analysis, Schmid–Leiman higher-order analysis, structural validity

# Support for PASS Scales

- “...compared to the WISC–IV, WAIS–IV, SB–5, RIAS, WASI, and WRIT, the CAS subtests had less variance apportioned to the higher-order general factor (*g*) and *greater proportions of variance apportioned to first-order (PASS...) factors.*”
- This is consistent with the subtest selection and construction in an attempt to measure PASS dimensions linked to PASS theory ... and neuropsychological theory (Luria).” (p. 311)



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PASS theory of intelligence and academic achievement: A meta-analytic review

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**ABSTRACT**

Although Planning, Attention, Simultaneous and Successive (PASS) processing theory of intelligence has been argued to offer an alternative look at intelligence and PASS processes – operationalized with the Cognitive Assessment System – have been used in several studies, it remains unclear how well the PASS processes relate to academic achievement. Thus, this study aimed to determine their association by conducting a meta-analysis. A random-effects model analysis of data from 62 studies with 93 independent samples revealed a moderate-to-strong relation between PASS processes and reading,  $r = 0.409$ , 95% CI = [0.363, 0.454], and mathematics,  $r = 0.461$ , CI = [0.405, 0.517]. Moderator analyses further showed that (1) PASS processes were more strongly related with reading and math in English than in other languages, (2) Simultaneous processing was more strongly related to math accuracy and problem solving than math fluency, (3) Simultaneous processing was more strongly related to problem solving than Attention, and (4) Planning was more strongly related to math fluency than Simultaneous processing. Age, grade level, and sample characteristics did not influence the size of the correlations. Taken together, these findings suggest that PASS cognitive processes are significant correlates of academic achievement, but their relation may be affected by the language in which the study is conducted and the type of mathematics outcome. They further support the use of intervention programs that stem from PASS theory for the enhancement of reading and mathematics skills.

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# PASS Meta-Analysis

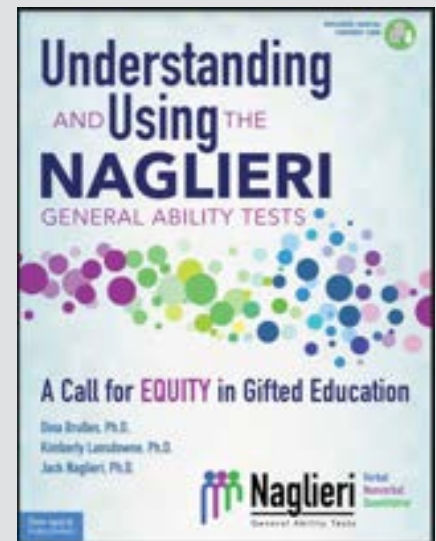
- “The CAS Full Scale correlates **.60 with reading** and **.61 with mathematics.**”
- “**These correlations are significantly stronger ... than the correlations reported in previous meta-analysis for other measures of intelligence** (e.g., Peng et al., 2019; Roth et al., 2015)...(e.g., WISC) that include tasks (e.g., Arithmetic, Vocabulary)...”
- “if we **conceptualize intelligence as ... PASS processes ... linked to the ... brain**” it leads to **significantly higher relations with academic achievement.**”
  - “and these processes have direct **implications for instruction and intervention...**”

# Race and Ethnic Differences by Ability Test

Intelligence Test Mean Standard Score Differences by Race and Ethnicity.		
	Race	Ethnicity
<b>Tests that require knowledge</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>9.2</b>
Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (school system)	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	
<b>Tests that require minimal knowledge</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>
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
CAS-2 Brief (normative samples)	2.0	2.8
NVAT (matched samples)	1.2	2.0
Naglieri General Ability Test-Verbal	2.2	1.6
Naglieri General Ability Test-Nonverbal	1.0	1.1
Naglieri General Ability Test-Quantitative	3.2	1.3

Tests that demand academic knowledge

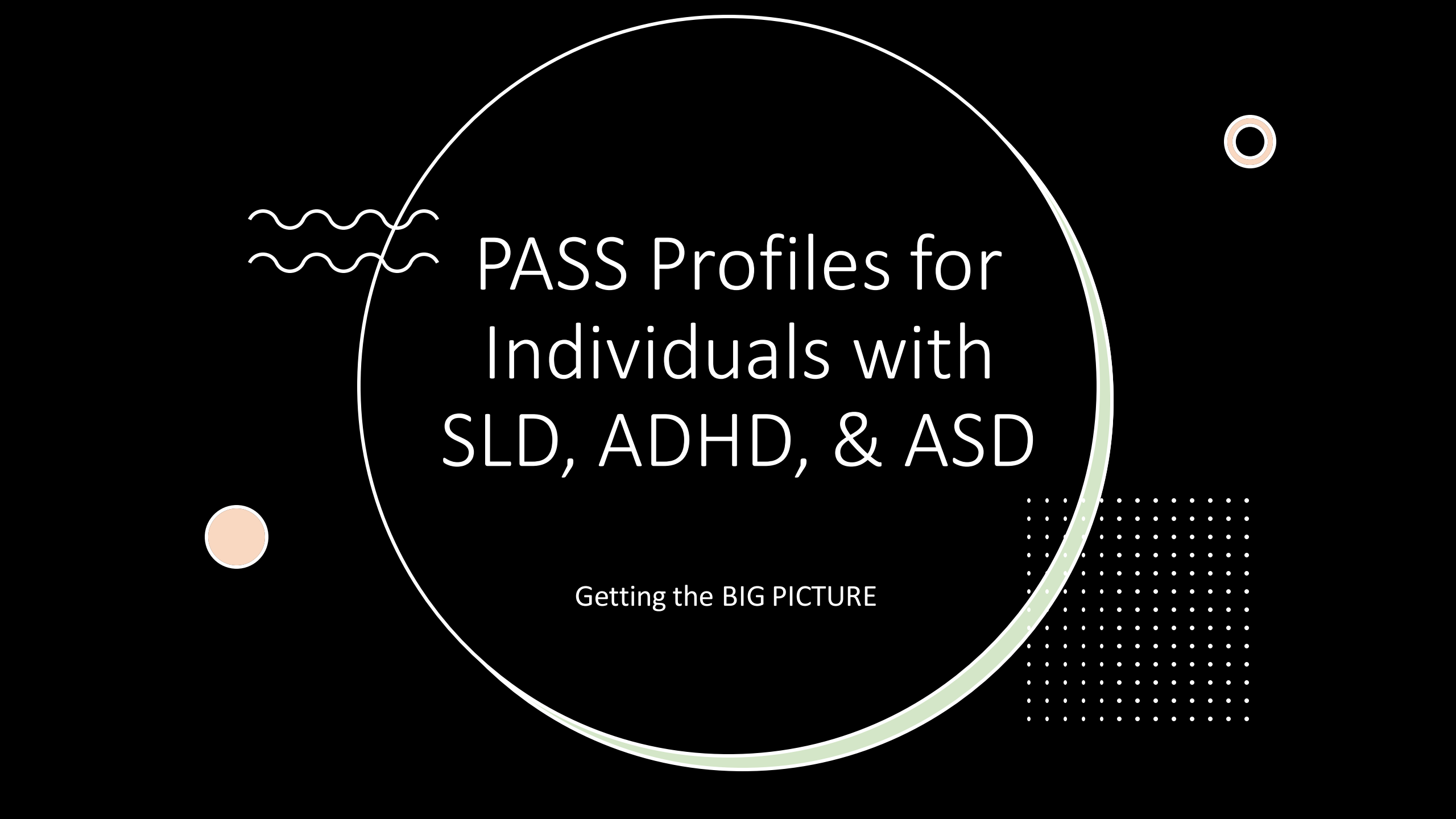
Tests that do NOT demand academic knowledge



From: Brulles, D., Lansdowne, K. & Naglieri, J. A. (2022). Understanding and Using the Naglieri General Ability Tests: A Call to Equity in Gifted Education. Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing.

**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).**

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-Dyrega, Ortiz, Flanagan & Chaplin (2013); CogAT7 by Carman, Walther and Bartsch (2018); WISC-V by Kaufman, Raiford & Coalsen (2016); Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children-II by Lichtenberger, Sotelo-Dyrega and Kaufman (2009); CAS by Naglieri, Rojahn, Matto & Aquilino (2005); CAS-2 and CAS2: Brief by Naglieri, Das & Goldstein, 2014; Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test by Naglieri and Ronning (2000), and Naglieri General Ability Tests by Naglieri, Brulles and Lansdowne (2021).



PASS Profiles for  
Individuals with  
SLD, ADHD, & ASD

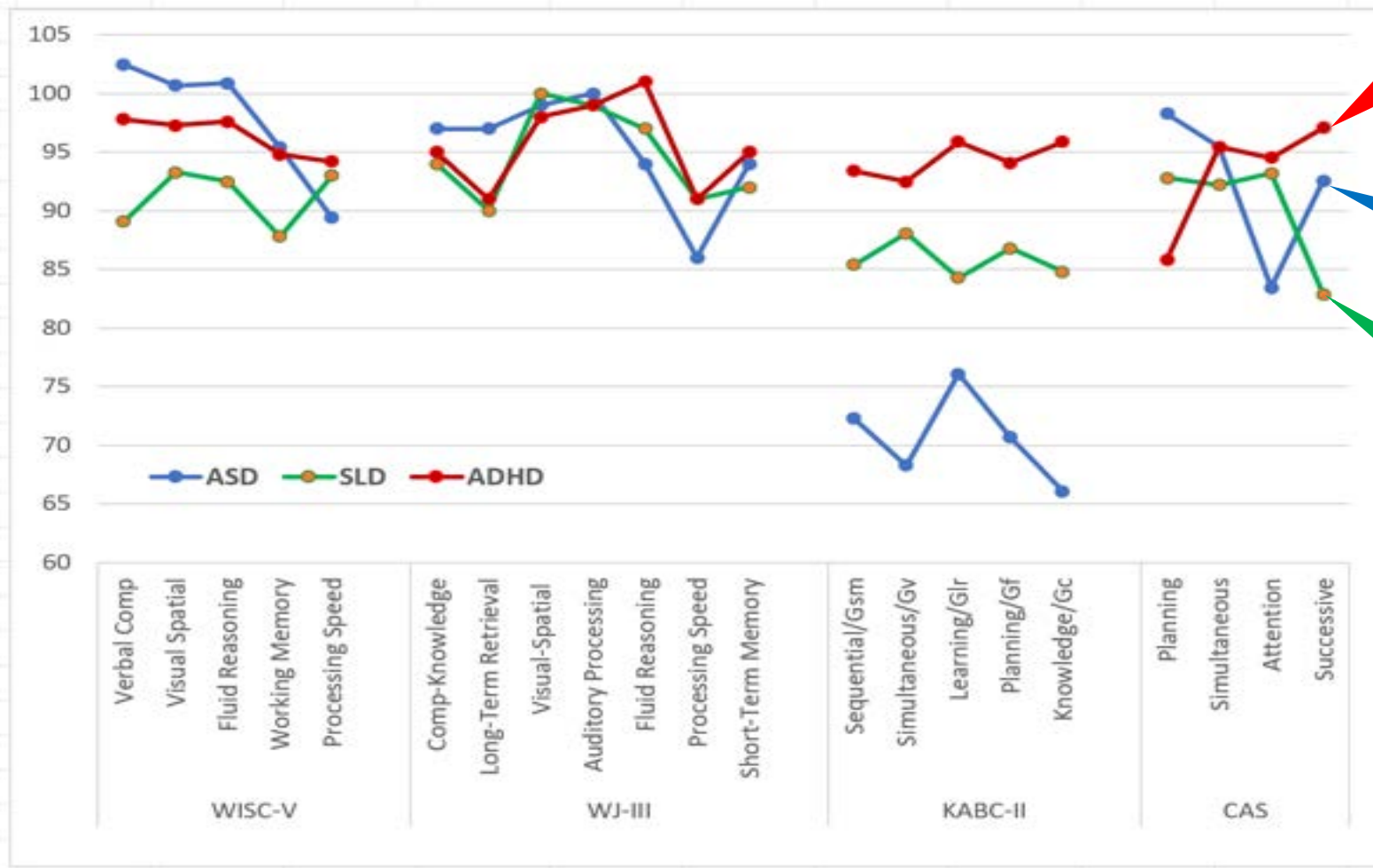
Getting the BIG PICTURE

# Patterns of Strengths & Weaknesses

**ADHD**  
(Low  
Planning)

**ASD – Low  
Attention**

**Dyslexia –  
Low  
Successive**



These profiles  
across tests is  
very revealing  
-  
PASS works



# PASS Profiles for Gifted Students

Application of the Discrepancy  
Consistency Method

# A Study of Gifted Students (Georgiou, G., Dunn, K. & Naglieri, J. A.

Neurocognitive Profiles for Students in Gifted Programs: A Pilot Study (2022). *Exceptionality Education International*, 32, 1-13.).

- N = 142
  - Similar numbers of girls and boys in Grade 4, 5 and 6.
  - all native speakers of English
  - from middle to upper-middle socioeconomic families
- Gifted definition:
  - “Giftedness is exceptional potential and/or performance across a wide range of abilities in one or more of the following areas: general intellectual, specific academic, creative thinking, social, musical, artistic and kinesthetic” (Alberta Education, 2012, p. 6).
- Tests given
  - WASI –II (Vocabulary and Matrix Reasoning)
  - Woodcock-Johnson III Broad Reading score from: Letter-Word Identification, Reading Fluency, and Passage Comprehension
  - Cognitive Assessment System (CAS; Naglieri & Das, 1997) to measure PASS neurocognitive processes

# A Study of Gifted Students

**CAS Full Scale scores correlated significantly higher with WJ-III achievement scores than the WASI-II**

Table 2  
Pearson Correlations of WASI-II FSIQ, Cognitive As

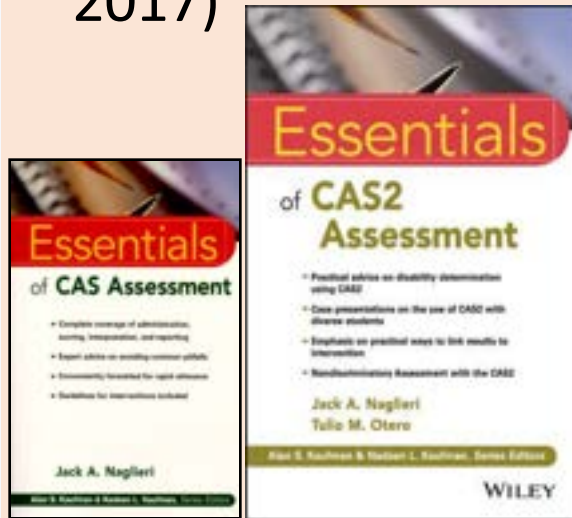
	WASI-II FSIQ	CAS FS
Broad Reading	.24	.53
Broad Math	.34	.50
Mean WJ-III	.34	.62

Table 1  
Descriptive Statistics for WASI-II, WJ-III Achievement, and Cognitive Assessment System (CAS) Scores ( $N = 142$ )

Variable	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>WJ-III Achievement</b>				
Broad Reading	125	14	97	166
Broad Math	116	13	91	162
Mean WJ	117	10	94	152
WASI-II FSIQ	123	8	105	145
CAS Full Scale	118	12	91	148
Planning	110	12	77	146
Simultaneous	121	16	88	152
Attention	113	13	79	141
Successive	111	11	81	137

# Answering the Question: Why the student fails?

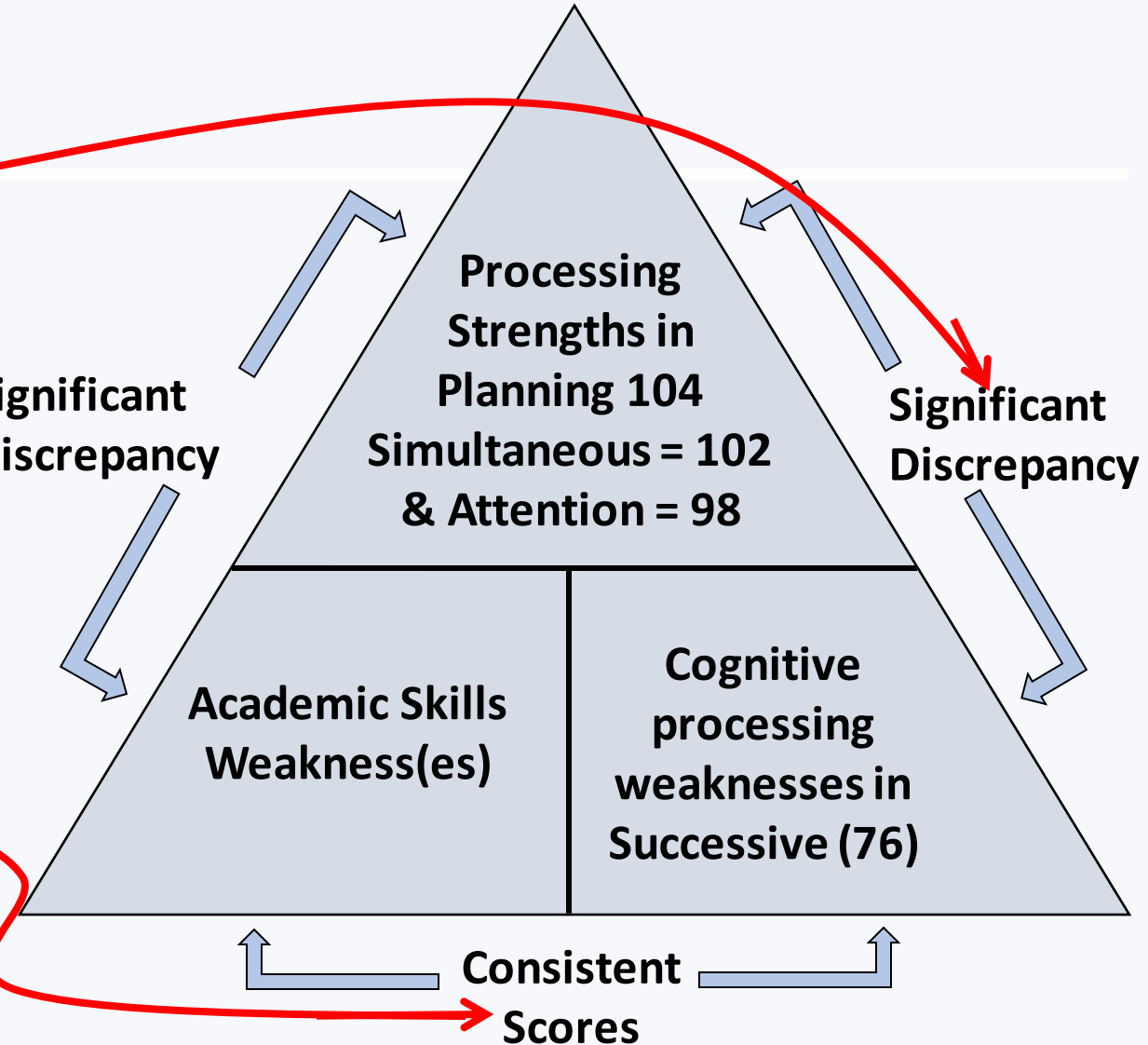
- The Discrepancy Consistency Method (DCM) was first introduced in 1999 (most recently in 2017)



- Discrepancy between high and low processing scores
- Discrepancy between high processing and low achievement
- Consistency between low processing and low achievement

**Significant Discrepancy**

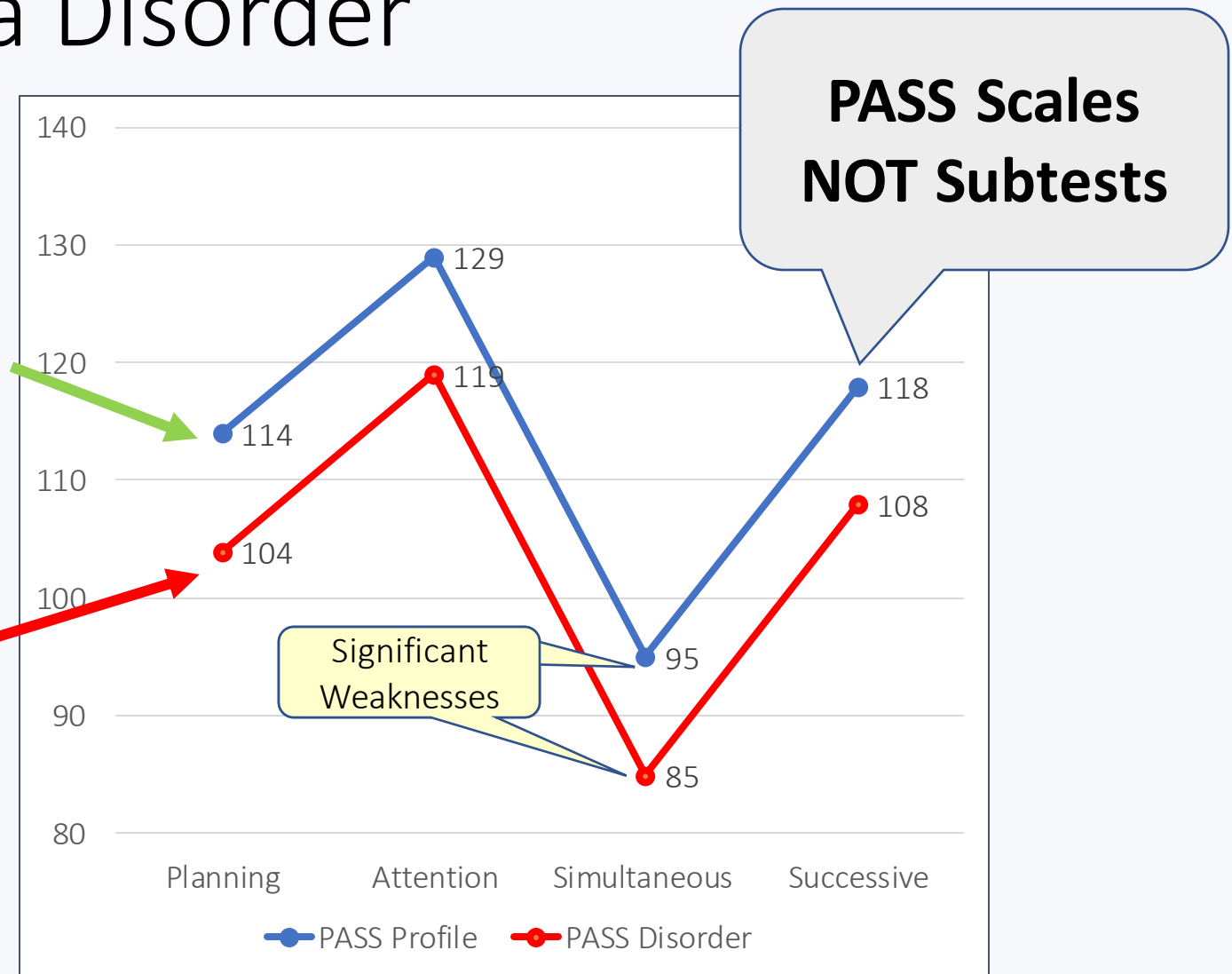
**Significant Discrepancy**





# How to Determine a Disorder

- Two types of PASS profile of Strengths & Weaknesses
  - Significant variation in relation to student's average has ***instructional relevance***
  - Significant variation in relation to student's average AND a standard score less than 90 (< 25<sup>th</sup> %tile) ***supports designation as SLD***



# A Study of Gifted Students

- 54% of gifted students had a **PASS score that was significantly different from that student's average PASS score**
  - That means the students has a specific neurocognitive processing strength or weakness (i.e., learning profile)

Table 3.

Percentages of Gifted Students with Significant Variability in PASS Standard Scores (N = 142).

		Planning	Simultaneous	Attention	Successive	PASS
PASS Weakness	n	25	6	18	28	77
	%	18%	4%	13%	20%	54%
PASS Strength	n	7	58	13	12	90
	%	5%	41%	9%	8%	63%

# A Study of Gifted Students

- 4% of the **students identified as GIFTED** have a weakness in PASS ‘basic psychology processes’ **AND** an achievement test score below 90.

Percentages of Gifted Students with Significant Variability in PASS and Achievement Test Scores (N = 142).

		Planning	Simultaneous	Attention	Successive	PASS
PASS <90	n	4	0	4	4	12
	%	3%	0%	3%	3%	8%
PASS & Skills <90	n	3	0	2	1	6
	%	2%	0%	1%	1%	4%

These students have a specific PASS processing weakness less than 90; suggesting **instructional modifications**

These students with low PASS scores AND low WJ-III achievement suggests a **Specific Learning Disability**

# Gifted SLD Student Profile

CAS2 8-Subtest CORE Battery

**BOX #1 Is there a PASS Pattern of Strengths and Weaknesses (Discrepancy 1)?**

Differences Between PASS Scale Standard Scores and the Student's Average PASS Score ( $p = .05$ ) for the CAS2 12-Subtest CORE battery:

Cognitive Assessment System	PASS Mean & Differences	Significantly Different (at $p = .05$ ) from PASS Mean?	Strength or Weakness
2	99.0		
PASS Scales	Standard Score		
Planning	94	-5.0	no
Simultaneous	82	-17.0	yes Weakness
Attention	99	0.0	no
Successive	121	22.0	yes Strength

**Notes**

1. A Weakness is defined as PASS standard score that is significantly below the child's average PASS score (positive comparison at the .05 level) and the PASS score is below 90 (i.e. below the Average range).
2. A Strength is defined as PASS standard score that is significantly above the child's average PASS score (positive comparison at the .05 level) and the PASS score is above 109 (i.e. above the Average range).
3. See Essentials of CAS2 Assessment Interpretation Chapter for more details and examples. Note Comparisons made at  $p = .05$ .

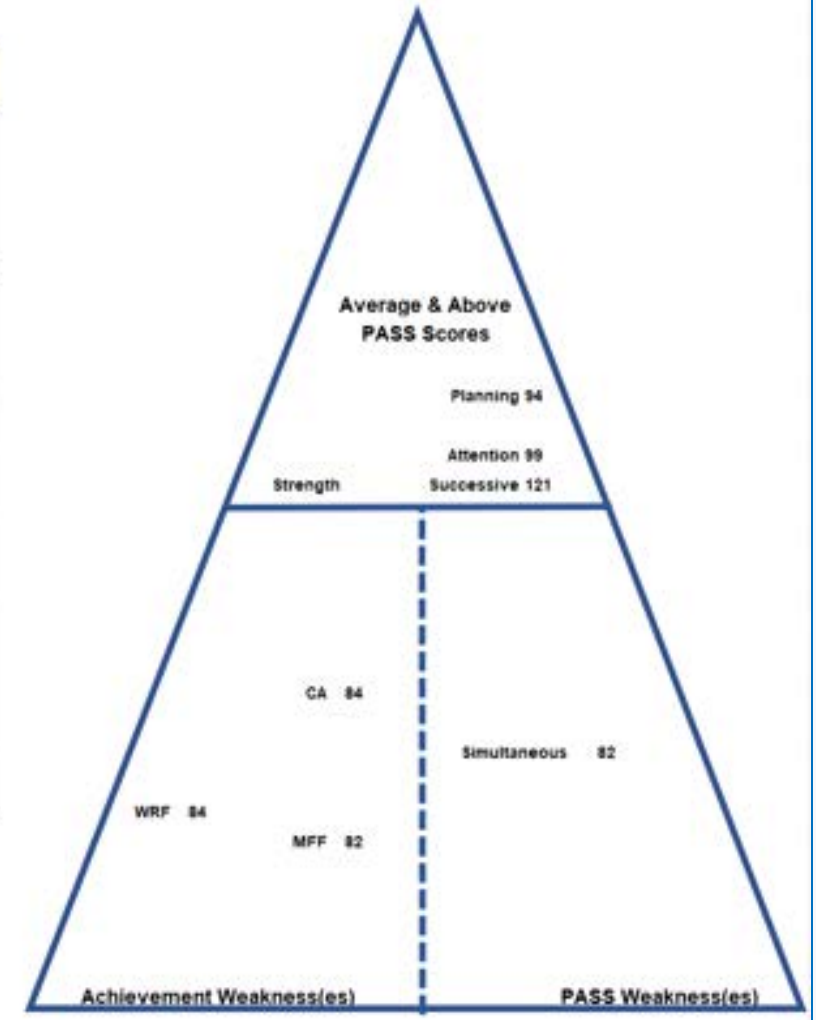
**BOX #2 Are high PASS scores significantly different from low achievement scores (Discrepancy 2)? Are low PASS scores similar to low achievement scores (Consistency)?**

**PASS Scores from CAS2**

Planning	Simultaneous	Attention	Successive
94	82	99	121

**Woodcock-Johnson Fourth Edition Achievement Subtests**

Standard Scores				
	LWD Later-Word Identification			
	AP Applied Problems			
118	SP Spelling			
	PC Passage Comprehension			
84	CA Calculation	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant
	WR Writing Samples			
124	WA Word Attack			
	OR Oral Reading			
	SRF Sentence Reading Fluency			
82	MFF Math Facts Fluency	Discrepant	Consistent	Discrepant
	SWF Sentence Writing Fluency			
	RR Reading Recall			
	NM Number Matrices			
	Ed Editing			
84	WRF Word Reading Fluency		Consistent	Discrepant
	SS Spelling of Sounds			
	RV Reading Vocabulary			



# Twice Exceptional Conclusions

- Traditional intelligence tests (WISC, WJ, Binet) are **not** sufficient for assessment of students who may be gifted and have a specific learning disability (SLD), autism, ADHD, etc.
- Most defensible way to assess 2e gifted is to use the *Cognitive Assessment System-Second Edition (CAS2)* for the following reasons
  - CAS2 measures ‘basic psychological processes’ – the key to uniting the definition of SLD with the method of detecting it,
  - it yields the smallest race and ethnic differences,
  - It yields profiles for special populations,
  - PASS scores predicts achievement better than any other tests *and* these scores can be used to guide instruction





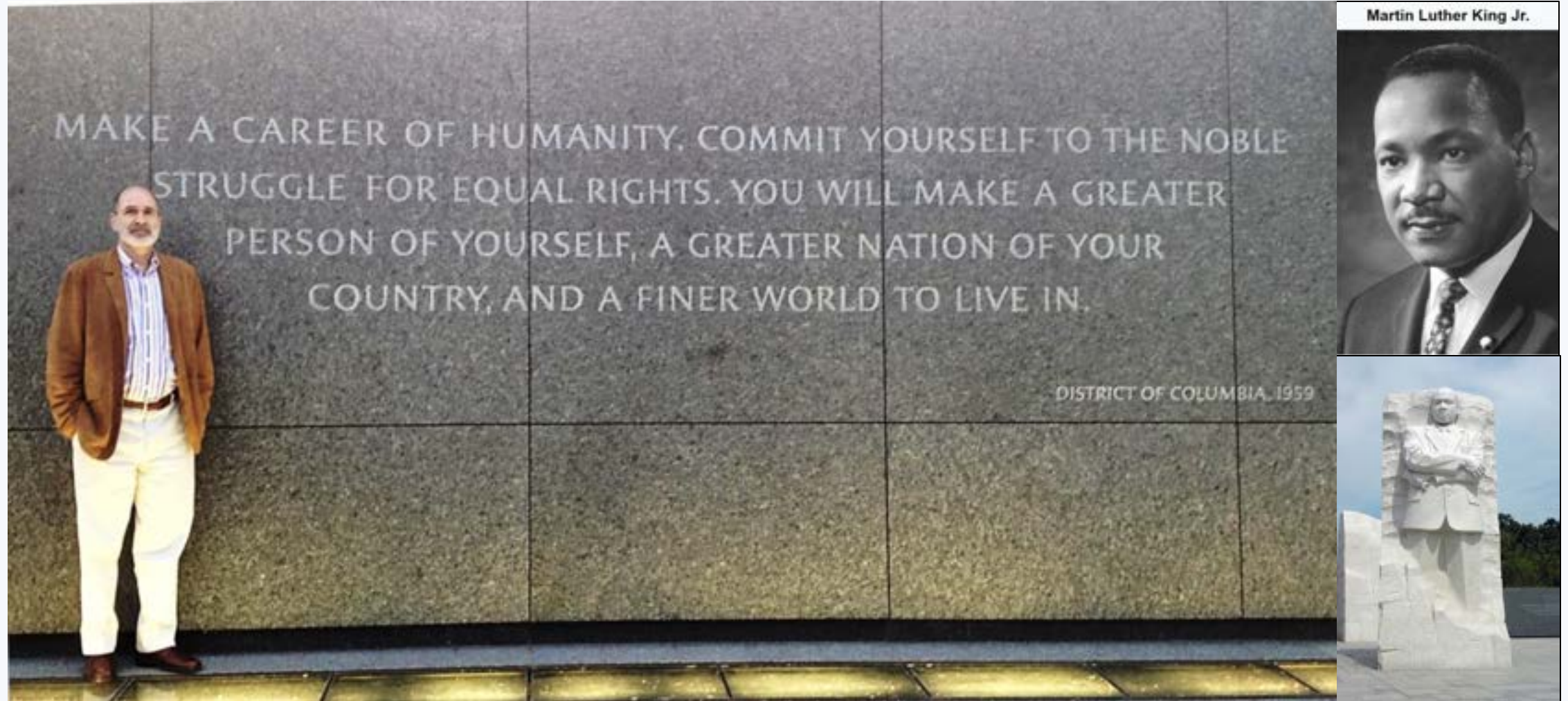
We do the best we can with what we know, and when we know better, we do better.

— *Maya Angelou* —

Change  
Demands  
Courage to  
Think Differently

**Socially just assessment requires self-reflection (What am I doing?) and self-correction (I will choose something new) in response to current research (There is a better way!).**

# *Equitable Identification of Gifted Students*





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