

SLD Determination Using a Pattern of Strengths and Weaknesses in PASS as measured by CAS2

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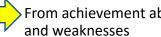
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Introductions

- Introduce yourself to those at your table
- My interest in intelligence and instruction
- Initial degrees in psychology
- Experiences at UGA
- Need for evidence based interpretation
- My personal perspective on being a researcher and test developer
- Why this topic?

Presentation Outline



From achievement ability discrepancy to a pattern of strengths

- The Discrepancy/Consistency model
- Which tests to use to define a "basic psychological process"
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IDEA and NASP Guidelines

What are some of the details of the Law?

One Hundred Eighth Congress of the United States of America

Begun and held at the City of Washington a Disabilities the twentieth day of January, two thousan

AT THE SECOND SESSIC Individuals with Education Improvement Act of 2004

An Act

To reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education A

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004".

SEC 9 ODCANIZATION OF THE ACT

IQ achievement discrepancy no longer required

"(6) Specific learning disabilities

"(A) In GENERAL.—Notwithst ding section 607(b), when determining whether a child has a specific learning disability as defined in section 602, a local educational agency shall not be required to take into consideration whether a child has a severe discrepancy between achievement and intellectual ability in oral expression, listening comprehension, written expression, basic reading skill, reading comprehension, mathematical calculation, or mathematical reasoning.

"(B) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY.—In determining whether a child has a specific learning disability, a local educational agency may use a process that determines if the child responds to scientific, research-based intervention as a part of the evaluation procedures described in paragraphs (2) and (3).

IQ Achievement Discrepancy Model Ability Achievement model is still permitted in Significant **IDEA** Full Scale IQ Discrepancy But it doesn't reveal the reason for the Academic academic **Skills** failure Weakness(es) jnaglieri@gmail.com www.jacknaglieri.com

"use a variety of assessment tools"

"(2) CONDUCT OF EVALUATION.—In conducting the evaluation, the local educational agency shall—

"(A) use a variety of assessment tools and strategies to gather relevant functional, developmental, and academic information, including information provided by the parent, hay assist in determining—

"not use any single measure as sole criterion"

"(i) whether the child is a child with a disability;

not use any single measure or assessment as the sole criterion for determining whether a child is a child with a disability or determining an appropriate educational program for the child; and

"(C) use technically sound instruments that may assess the relative contribution of cognitive and behavioral factors, in addition to physical developmental factors.

"assess cognitive factors"

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IDEA 2004

"(3) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—Each local educational agency shall ensure that—

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non discriminatory assessments "(i) are selected and administered so as not to be discriminatory on a racial or cultural basis;

"(ii) are provided and administered in the language and form most likely to yield accurate information on what the child knows and can do academically, developmentally, and functionally, unless it is not feasible to so provide or administer;

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and (3). RTI may be used AS A PART of the evaluation... but not as sole method

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IDEA 2004

Definition of SLD remains the same

"(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

These statements
describe a pattern of
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in all processes

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CLUDED.—Such term includes such al disabilities, brain injury, minimal exia, and developmental aphasia.

LUDED.—Such term does not primarily the result motor disabilities, of mental retarda-

tion, of emotional disturbance, or of environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage.

IDEA Law Summary

- Ability achievement discrepancy is no longer required (not disallowed)
- We must use a variety of assessment tools
- The use of any single measure or assessment as the sole criterion for determining SLD is not permitted
- RTI alone is not permitted
- Use assessments that are not discriminatory on racial or cultural basis
- Definition of SLD remains
 - 'a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes'
- For more information see: http://idea.ed.gov/



Position Statement

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IDENTIFICATION OF STUDENTS WITH SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES

NASP endorses the provision of "effective services to help children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally" (Standards for Graduate Preparation of School Psychologists, 2010b, p. 1). NASP's position is that identification of and service delivery to children identified as 2010b, p. 1). NASP's position is that identification of and service delivery to children identified as having a specific learning disability (SLD) should be based on the outcomes of multinered, high quality, research-based instruction. Such instruction best occurs in the least restrictive environment and is accompanied by regular data collection. School psychologists have long had a prominent role as members of school tearns that identify students exhibiting SLD. Accordingly, NASP is dedicated to promoting policies and practices that are consistent with scientific research and that yield optimal student outcomes. School psychologists are scientist-practitioners, and, as consumers of and contributors to research, they generally agree on the following statements (LD Roundrable, 2002; National Joint Committee on Learning Disabilities, 2010; Shinn, 2007; Swanson, Harris, & Graham, 2003).

- Specific learning disabilities are endogenous in nature and are characterized by neurologically based deficits in cognitive processes.
- These deficits are specific; that is, they impact particular cognitive processes that interfere with the
 acquisition of academic skills.
- Specific learning disabilities are heterogeneous—there are various types of learning disabilities, and there is no single defining academic or cognitive deficit or characteristic common to all types of specific learning disabilities.
- Specific learning disabilities may coexist with other disabling conditions (e.g., sensory deficits, language impairment, behavior problems), but are not primarily due to these conditions.
- Of children identified as having specific learning disabilities, the great majority (over 80%) have a
- The manifestation of a specific learning disability is contingent to some extent upon the type of instruction, supports, and accommodations provided, and the demands of the learning situation;
- Early intervention can reduce the impact of many specific learning disabilities. Specific learning disabilities vary in their degree of severity, and moderate to severe learning disabilities can be expected to impact per
- · Multitiered systems of student support have been effective as part of comprehensive approach to

NASP 2011 SLD Position

- "NASP recommends that initial evaluation of a student with a suspected specific learning disability includes an individual comprehensive assessment...
- This evaluation may include measures of academic skills (norm-referenced and criterion-referenced), cognitive abilities and processes, and mental health status (social-emotional development); measures of academic and oral language proficiency as appropriate; classroom observations; and indirect sources of data (e.g., teacher and parent reports)."

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NASP 2011 SLD Position

- "Existing data from a problem-solving process that determines if the child responds to scientific evidence-based intervention may be considered at the time of referral, or new data of this type may be collected as part of the Tier 3 comprehensive evaluation.
- Eligibility determination should not be based on any single method, measure, or assessment."

Hale, Naglieri, Kaufman, & Kavale (2004)

Policy Forum

Specific Learning Disability Classification in the New Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: The Danger of Good Ideas

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recently revised IDEA guidelines indicate that a Specific Learning Disability (SLD) can be identified if a child has a disorder in the basic psychological processes. The criteria in the new guidelines for identifying SLD state that; a) a evere discrepancy between achievement and intellectual ability shall not be required; and b) a response to intervention (RTI) may be considered. These criteria are ambiguous regarding how the traditional ability-achievement discrepancy approach should be applied, and they are equally ambiguous about the recently adopted failure to RTI fourth and eighth grades. Averaging across all model. Absent from these criteria is any mention

integrities. Identifying a child's unique pattern of performance on standardized measures not only sures compliance with the new IDEA guidelines. but also allows for recognition of individual cognitive strengths and needs, one of the prerequisites for intervention efficacy.

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The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) recently released the nationwide results of reading and math scores for children in

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- Because the definition of SLD is
 - "... 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."
- "Establishing a disorder in the basic psychology processes is essential for determining SLD"
- So that the legal definition is aligned with the procedural methods used for eligibility
- But how, exactly, would measuring basic psychological processes be used for SLD eligibility determination?

The key question is:

How can we operationalize the identification of a "disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes" which manifests as "the imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or do mathematical calculations"?

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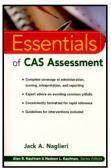
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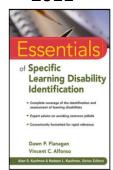
Discrepancy / Consistency Model

- The Discrepancy / Consistency model is a conceptual framework that was first introduced in 1999
- Similar models have been proposed by Hale and Flanagan

1999



2011



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Discrepancy/Consistency Model (DCM)

- Naglieri (2011). The discrepancy/consisten cy approach to SLD identification using the PASS theory. In D. P. Flanagan & V. C. Alfonso (Eds.), Essentials of Specific Learning Disability Identification (145-172). Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.
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THE DISCREPANCY/CONSISTENCY APPROACH TO SLD IDENTIFICATION USING THE PASS THEORY

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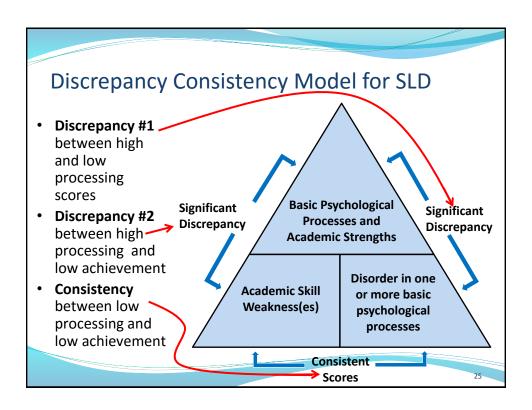
here are many reasons why children experience academic failure (e.g., poor instruction, lack of motivation, visual or auditory problems, lack of exposure to books and reading, instruction that does not meet a child's particular style of learning, overall limited intellectual ability, a specific intellectual ability deficit, etc.). This chapter focuses on those children who have a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes that underlie academic success and failure; that is, children with scores on a reliable and well-validated multi-dimensional test of cognitive processes that vary from the average to the well below-average ranges, with corresponding variability in standardized achievement test scores. These children can only be identified via a comprehensive assessment using nationally normed tests that uncover the processing deficit(s) and associated academic failure, despite adequate instruction and a consideration of other exclusionary factors. These types of children would meet the criteria for a specific learning disability (SLD) as defined by the 2004 reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA; see Hale, Kaufman, Naglieri, & Kavale, 2006).

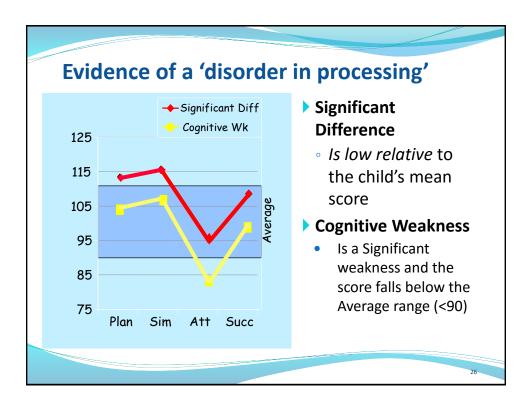
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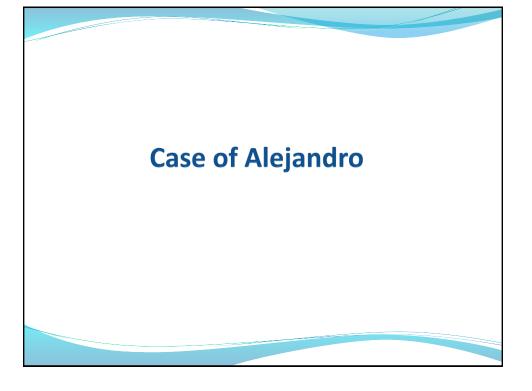
This chapter is about children who have a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes. These children's academic failure may be exacerbated by poor instruction, but inadequate teaching did not cause the problem. These children would likely benefit from frequent progress monitoring, but ongoing progress monitoring is not enough to ensure academic success. In order to understand the reasons for academic failure, these children need to be carefully

Discrepancy / Consistency Model

- The Discrepancy / Consistency Model is a method used to ensure that there is evidence of "a disorder in 1 or more of the basic psychological processes ... which manifests itself in the imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or do mathematical calculations."
- The disorder in 1 or more basic psychological processes is found when a student shows a pattern of strengths and weaknesses in basic psychological processes, and...
- The imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or do mathematical calculations is found when a student shows a pattern of strengths and weaknesses in achievement
- The result is two discrepancies and a consistency







CASE STUDY: ALEJANDRO (C.A. 7-0 GRADE 1)

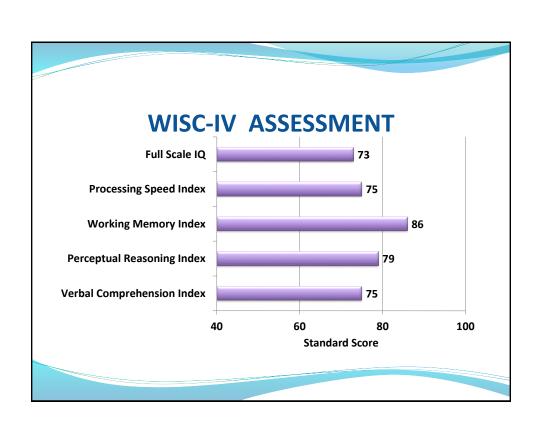
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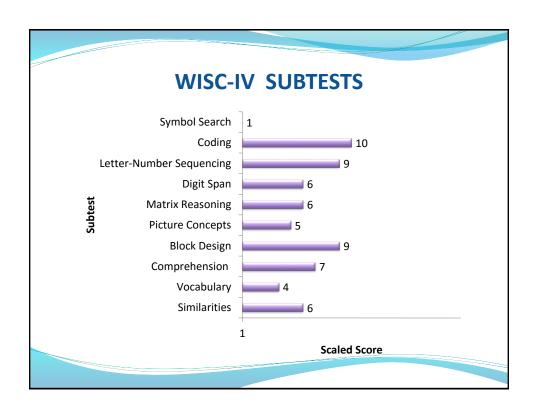
• Academic:

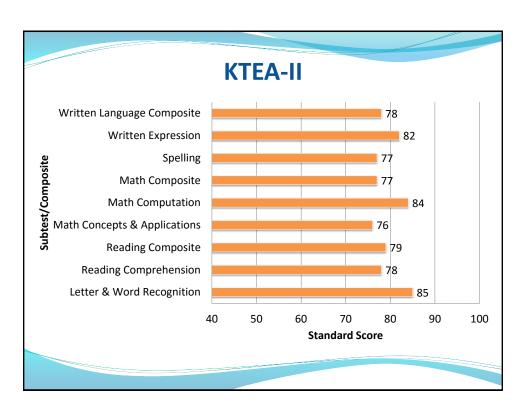
- · Could not identify letters/sounds
- October 2013: Could only count to 39
- All ACCESS scores of 1

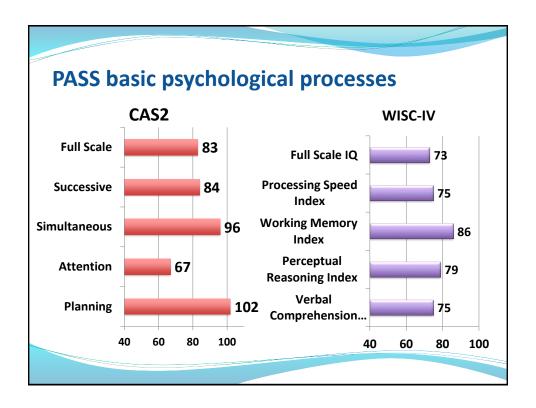
Behavior:

- · Difficulty following directions
- Attention concerns
- Refusal/defiance



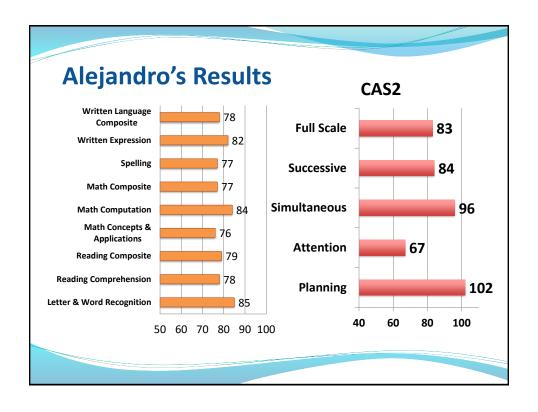


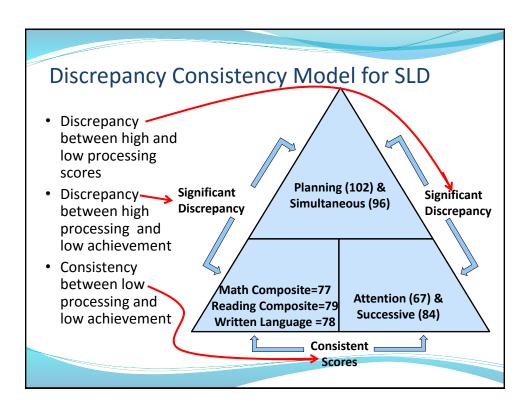




Thoughts about Alejandro

- We want to help our students, but how?
- What have tried to get information from the Wechsler Scales
 - Subtest analysis (doesn't work)
 - Interpretation of subtests according to other views (Working Memory, Speed, CHC, etc.) -doesn't work
- Which test/method should we use?
- All these questions will be answered...





The case of Alejandro (by Dr. Otero)

- Alejandro has a "disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes"
 - Attention = 67 and Successive = 84
- Good scores in basic psychological processes:
 - Simultaneous = 96 and Planning = 102
- He has documented academic failure
- Conclusions: He has intra-individual differences in basic psychological processes that underlie his academic problems

Discrepancy / Consistency Model

- The Discrepancy / Consistency Model is a conceptual approach to ensure that there is evidence of...
 - a discrepancy between high and low (e.g., a significant weakness) scores in basic psychological processes
 - a discrepancy between high scores in basic psychological processes and low academic scores
 - a consistency between low scores in basic psychological processes and low academic scores
- The discrepancies ensure that the student has (1) within student variability in psychological processes and (2) a difference between processing and achievement
- The consistency helps us understand WHY the student has failed and WHAT to do about it

How to Operationalize this Model

- IDEA "each local educational agency shall ensure that assessments ...used to assess a child" are:
 - "selected ... so as not to be discriminatory on a racial or cultural basis"
 - "used for purposes for which the ... measures are valid and reliable"
 - "technically sound [to assess] cognitive factors"
- Standardized norm based tests are the best way to evaluate and calibrate academic skills
 - Tests like the K-TEA, WIAT-III, WJ-IV, FAR, etc.
- Standardized norm based tests are the best way to evaluate and calibrate basic psychological processes

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Time to Think and Talk

START

3 minutes left

- Reactions?
- Which test results make more sense?
- Was WISC-IV information Helpful?
- Did CAS2 Results change your mind?
- Can you determine if the student has a SLD using DCM?
- Your thoughts...

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- Tests that we specifically developed to measure basic psychological processes should be used
 - The K-ABC II (Kaufman & Kaufman, 2004)
 - Planning, Attention, Simultaneous, Successive (PASS) theory as measured by the CAS2 (Naglieri, Das & Goldstein, 2014)
- These and any other tests, will be evaluated based on two essential criteria included in IDEA:
 - Suitability for assessment of diverse populations
 - Validity for use in SLD eligibility determination

Non-discriminatory Tests

Do Students with SLD Have a Pattern of Cognitive Strengths and Weaknesses?

This is essential for intervention planning

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Evolution of IQ (Goldstein, Princiotta & Naglieri, 2015)

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Handbook of
Intelligence
Evolutionary Theory, Historical Perspective,
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Hundred Years of Intelligence Testing: Moving from Traditional IQ to Second-Generation Intelligence Tests

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"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Context

April 6, 1917, is remembered as the day the United States entered World War. On that same day a group of psychologists held a meeting in Harvard University's Emerson Hall to discuss the possible role they could play with the war effort (Yerkes 1921). The group agreed that psychological knowledge and methods could be of importance to the military and utilized to increase the efficiency of the Army and Navy personnel. The group included Robert Yerkes, who was also the president of the American Psychological Association. Yerkes made an appeal to members of APA who responded by

Training School in Vineland, New Jersey, on May 28. The committee considered many types of group tests and several that Arthur S. Otis developed when working on his doctorate under Lewis Terman at Stanford University. The goal was to find tests that could efficiently evaluate a wide variety of men, be easy to administer in the group format, and be easy to sore. By June 9, 1917, the materials were ready for an initial trial. Men who had some educational background and could speak English were administered the verbal and quantitative (Alpha) tests and those that could not read the newspaper or speak English were given the Beta tests (today described as nonverbal).

The Alpha tests were designed to measure general information (e.g., how many months are

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Race by test (Naglieri, 2015)

psychological processes measured by KABC and CAS are the more fair than traditional tests

Table 20.1 Mean score differences in standard scores by race on traditional IQ and second-generation intelligence tests

Test	Difference
Traditional	
SB-IV (matched)	12.6
WISC-IV (normative sample)	11.5
WJ-III (normative sample)	10.9
WISC-IV (matched)	10.0
Second generation	
KABC (normative sample)	7.0
KABC (matched)	6.1
KABC-2 (matched)	5.0
CAS2 (normative sample)	6.3
CAS (demographic controls)	4.8
CAS2 (demographic controls)	4.3
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INTELLIGENCE

Hispanic White difference on CAS Full Scale of 4.8 standard score points

(matched)

Hispanic and non-Hispanic children's performance on PASS cognitive processes and achievement

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Abstract

Hispanics have become the largest minority group in the United States. Hispanic children typically come from working class, homes with parents who have limited English language skills and educational training. This presents children is provided to the considerable verbal and academic (e.g., quantitative) content. Some researchers have suggested that intelligence conceptualized on the basis of psychological processes may have utility for assessment of children from culturally and linguistically diverse populations because verbal and quantitative skills are not included. This study examined Hispanic children's performance on the Cognitive Assessment System (CAS; [Naglieri, J.A., and Das, J.P. (1997). Cognitive Assessment System. Itasea, II.: Riverside].) which is based on the Planning, Attention, Simultaneous, and Successive (PASS) theory of intelligence. The scores of Hispanic (N=244) and White (N=1956) children on the four PASS processes were obtained and the respective correlations between PASS and achievement compared. Three complementary sampling methodologies and data analysis strategies were chosen to compare the Ethnic groups. Sample size was maximized using nationally representative groups and demographic group differences were minimized using smaller matched samples. Small differences between Hispanic and non-Hispanic children were found when ability was measured with tests of basic PASS processes. In addition, the correlation between the PASS constructs and achievement were substantial for both Hispanic and non-Hispanic children and were not significantly different between the groups.

Bilingual Hispanic Children's Performance on the English and Spanish Versions of the Cognitive Assessment System

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This study compared the performance of referred bilingual Hispanic children on the Planning, Attention, Simultaneous, Successive (PASS) theory as measured by English and Spanish versions of the Cognitive Assessment System (CAS; Naglieri & Das, 1997a). The results suggest that students scored similarly on both English and Spanish versions of the CAS. Within each version of the CAS, the bilingual children earned their lowest scores in Successive processing regardless of the language used during test administration. Small mean differences were noted between the means of the English and Spanish versions for the Simultaneous and Successive processing scales; however, mean Full Scale scores were similar. Specific subtests within the Simultaneous and Successive scales were found to contribute to the differences between the English and Spanish versions of the CAS. Comparisons of the children's profiles of cognitive weakness on both versions of the CAS showed that these children performed consistently despite the language difference.

English Spanish CAS

Means, SDs, d-ratios, Obtained and Correction Correlations Between the English a Spanish Version of the CAS (N = 55).

	CAS Er	ıglish	glish CAS Spanish a		<i>d</i> -ratio	Corre	Correlations	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	d	Obtained	Corrected	
Planning	92.6	13.1	92.6	13.4	.00	.96	.97	
Simultaneous	89.0	12.8	93.0	13.7	30	.90	.93	
Attention	94.8	13.9	95.1	13.9	02	.98	.98	
Successive	78.0	13.1	83.1	12.6	40	.82	.89	
Full Scale	84.6	13.6	87.6	13.8	22	.96	.97	

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The Neurocognitive Assessment of Hispanic English-Language Learners With Reading Failure

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This study examined the performance of referred Hispanic English-language learners (N=40) on the English and Spanish versions of the Cognitive Assessment System (CAS, Naglieri & Das, 1997). The CAS measures basic neuropsychological processes based on the Planning, Attention, Simultaneous, and Successive (PASS) theory (Naglieri & Das, 1997; Naglieri & Otero, 2011c). Full Scale (FS) scores as well as PASS processing scale scores were compared, and no significant differences were found in FS scores or in any of the PASS processes. The CAS FS scores on the English (M=86.4, SD=8.73) and Spanish (M=87.1, SD=7.94) versions correlate 94 (uncorrected) and 99 (corrected for range restriction). Students earned their lowest scores in Successive processing regardless of the language in which the test was administered. PASS cognitive profiles were similar on English and Spanish versions of the PASS cales. These findings suggest that students scored similarly on both versions of the CAS and that the CAS may be a useful measure of these four abilities for Hispanic children with underdeveloped English-language proficiency.

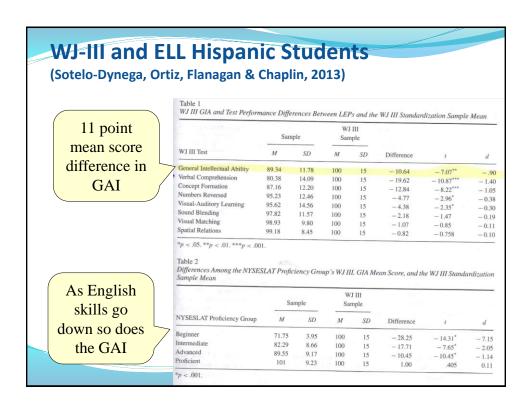
Otero, Gonzales, Naglieri (2012)

"Fagan (2000) as well as Suzuki and Valencia (1997) suggested that a
cognitive processing approach like that used in the CAS would avoid the
knowledge base required to answer verbal and quantitative questions
found on most traditional IQ tests and would be more appropriate for
culturally and linguistically diverse populations. The results of this study
support the assertion (p. 8)."

TABLE 2

Means, Standard Deviations, d Ratios, and Correlations Between the English and Spanish Versions of the Cognitive Assessment System (N=40)

CAS Subtests and Scales	CAS I	CAS English		CAS Spanish			Correlations	
	M	SD	M	SD	d ratio	Obtained	Corrected	
Scales								
Planning	94.60	8.78	94.98	8.59	-0.04	.978	.997	
Simultaneous	92.58	11.34	93.63	12.06	-0.09	.886	.953	
Attention	94.08	8.48	94.78	8.23	-0.08	.973	.997	
Successive	78.65	10.29	78.25	10.08	0.04	.943	.987	
Full Scale	86.40	8.73	87.10	7.94	-0.08	.936	.993	



The First IQ TEST: Alpha

- 1. Bull Durham is the name of tobacco
- 2. The Mackintosh Red is a kind of fruit
- 3. The Oliver is a typewriter
- 4. A passenger locomotive type is the Mogul
- 5. Stone & Webster are well know engineers
- 6. The Brooklyn Nationals are called Superbas
- 7. Pongee is a fabric
- 8. Country Gentleman is a kind of corn
- 9. President during the Spanish War Mckinley
- 10. Fatima is a make of cigarette

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

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CAS in Italy

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Multigroup Confirmatory Factor Analysis of U.S. and Italian Children's Performance on the PASS Theory of Intelligence as Measured by the Cognitive Assessment System

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This study examined Italian and U.S. children's performance on the English and Italian versions, respectively, of the Cognitive Assessment System (CAS; Naglieri & Conway, 2009). Naglieri & Das, 1997), a test based on a neurocognitive theory of intelligence entitled PASS (Planning, Attention, Simultaneous, and Successive; Naglieri & Das, 1997; Naglieri & Otto, 2011). CAS subtest, PASS scales, and Full Scale scores for Italian (N = 809) and U.S. (N = 1.174) samples, matched by age and gender, were examined. Multigroup confirmatory factor analysis results supported the configural invariance of the CAS factor structure between Italians and Americans for the 5- to 7-year-old (root-mean-square error of approximation [RMSEA] = .038; 90% confidence interval [CI] = .033, .043; comparative fit index [CFI] = .96) and 8- to 18-year-old (RMSEA = .036; 90% CI = .028, .043; CFI = .97) age groups. The Full Scale standard scores (using the U.S. norms) for the Italian (100.9) and U.S. (100.5) samples were nearly identical. The scores between the samples for the PASS scales were very similar, except for the Attention Scale (d = 0.26), where the Italian sample's mean score was slightly higher. Negligible mean differences were found for 9 of the 13 subtest scores, 3 showed small d-rators of 20 in favor of the Italian sample's mean score was slightly higher. Negligible mean differences were found for 9 of the 13 subtest scores, 3 showed small d-rators in subtest variances were found. These findings suggest that the PASS theory, as measured by CAS, yields similar mean scores and showed factorial invariance for these samples of Italian and American children, who differ on cultural and linguistic characteristics.

US and Italian Samples— Mean Scores

Table 5

Means and SDs for Italian Children (N=809) on the CAS Subtests and PASS and Full Scales Using U.S. Norms and Comparisons to U.S. Sample (N=1,174), Matched by Age

		Italian		U.S.					
Subtests and scales	M	SD	n	M	SD	n	F	p	d-ratio
CAS composite scales									
Planning	97.7	13.4	809	100.5	15.4	1,174	18.1	<.01	-0.19
Simultaneous	103.0	13.9	809	101.1	14.1	1,174	9.3	<.01	0.14
Attention	104.2	13.7	809	100.6	14.4	1,174	32.2	<.01	0.26
Successive	99.0	12.5	809	100.5	14.5	1,174	5.1	.02	-0.11
Full Scale	100.9	12.9	809	100.5	14.8	1,174	2.3	.13	0.03

Note. CAS = Cognitive Assessment System
SS = Planning, Attention, Simultaneous, and Successive. U.S. sample Ns vary due
Designations for d-ratios are as follows: T =
for Speech Rate (1, 1219) and Sentence (2), S = small (.2), M = medium (.5), and L = large (.8). For all F values the dfs a
(2).

Italian mean = 100.9 &US mean = 100.5

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Why Measure Basic Psych Processes?

- Measures of basic psychological processes in these measures assess abilities without requiring knowledge
 - Vocabulary
 - Arithmetic
 - Similarities
 - Comprehension
 - Information
- The knowledge requirement in traditional IQ tests distorts the measurement of ability

valid and

assessment

reliable

"(3) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—Each local educational agency shall ensure that—

"(A) assessments and other evaluation materials used to assess a child under this section—

"(i) are selected and administered so as not to be discriminatory on a racial or cultural basis;

"(ii) are provided and administered in the language and form most likely to yield accurate information on what the child knows and can do academically, developmentally, and functionally, unless it is not feasible to so provide or administer;

"(iii) are used for purposes for which the assessments or measures are valid and reliable;

"(iv) are administered by trained and knowledgeable personnel; and

"(v) are administered in accordance with any instructions provided by the producer of such assessments;

"(B) the child is assessed in all areas of suspected disability;

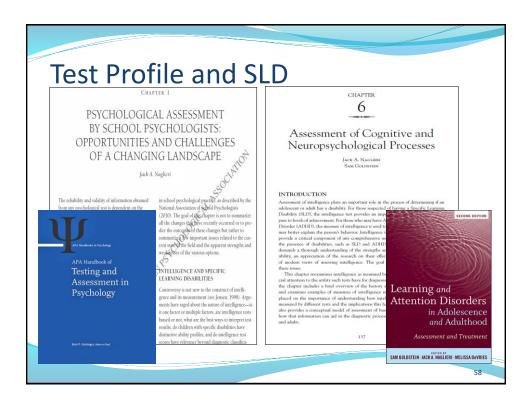
"(C) assessment tools and strategies that provide relevant information that directly assists persons in deter-

SLD vs ADHD Profiles and correlation with achievement

Do Students with SLD Have a Pattern of Cognitive Strengths and Weaknesses?

This is essential for intervention planning

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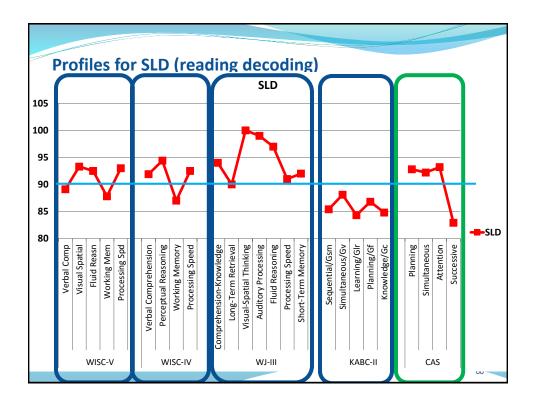
Naglieri & Goldstein (2011)

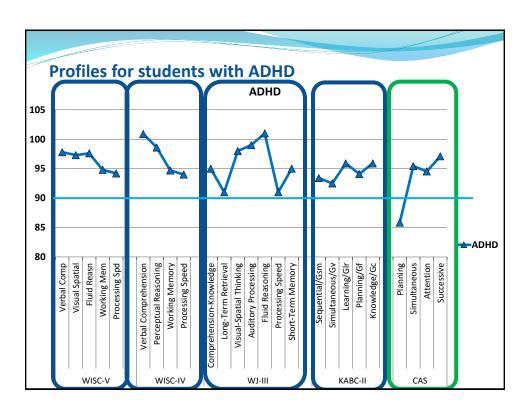
GROUP PROFILES BY ABILITY TEST

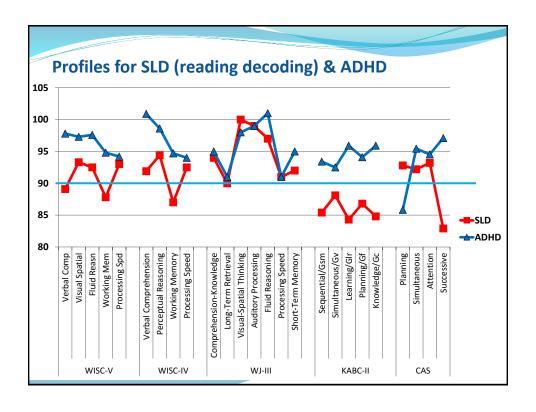
Because ability tests play such an important role in the diagnostic process, it is crucial to understand the sensitivity each test may have to any unique characteristics of those with an SLD or attention deficit. Clinicians need to know if an adolescent or adult has a specific deficit in ability that is related to a specific academic learning problem. There has been considerable research on, for example, Wechsler subtest profile analysis, and most researchers conclude that no profile has diagnostic utility for individuals with SLD or ADHD (Kavale & Forness, 1995). The failure of subtest profiles has led some to argue (e.g., Naglieri, 1999) that scale, rather than subtest, variability should

1. We need to know if intelligence tests yield distinctive profiles

2. Subtest profile analysis is UNSUPPORTED so use scale profiles instead







PASS Profiles and Educational Placement

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

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Can Profile Analysis of Ability Test Scores Work? An Illustration using the PASS Theory and CAS with an Unselected Cohort

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A new approach to ipsative, or intraindividual, analysis of children's profiles on a test of ability was studied. The Planning, Attention, Simultaneous, and Successive (PASS) processes measured by the Cognitive Assessment System were used to illustrate how profile analysis could be accomplished. Three methods were used to examine the PASS profiles for a nationally representative sample of 1,597 children from ages 5 through 17 years. This sample included children in both regular (n = 1,453) and special (n = 144) educational settings. Children with significant ipsatized PASS scores, called Relative

SLD Profiles on CAS ...

Identifying Students
With Learning Disabilities:
Composite Profile Analysis
Using the Cognitive
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Abstract

The detection of cognitive patterns in children with learning disabilities (LD) has been a priority in the identification process. Subtest profile analysis from traditional cognitive assessment has drawn sharp criticism for inaccurate identification and weak connections to educational planning. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to use a new generation of cognitive tests with megacluster analysis to augment diagnosis and the instructional process. The Cognitive Assessment System uses a contemporary theoretical model in which composite scores, instead of subtest scores, are used for profile analysis. 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. The majority of the LD profiles were unique compared with profiles obtained from the general education sample. The implications of this study substantiate the usefulness of profile analysis on composite scores as a critical element in LD determination.

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Johnson, Bardos & Tayebi, 2003

 "this study suggests that the CAS...yields information that contributes to the differential diagnosis of students suspected of having a learning disability in writing" Journal of Psychoeducational Assessment 2003, 21, 180-195

DISCRIMINANT VALIDITY OF THE COGNITIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM FOR STUDENTS WITH WRITTEN EXPRESSION DISABILITIES

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This study explored the PASS cognitive processing theory in junior high students (aged 11-15 years) with and without written expression disabilities. Ninety-six students with (n = 48) and without (n = 48) written expression disabilities were administered the Das-Naglieri-Cognitive Assessment System (DN-CAS; 1997) and the writing subtests of the Wechsler Individual Achievement Test (WAIT; 1992). Discriminant analyses were utilized to identify the DN:CAS subtests and composites that contributed to group differentiation. The Planning composite was found to be the most significant contributor among the four composite scores. Subsequent efficiency of classification analyses provided strong support for the validity of the obtained discriminant functions in that the four DN:CAS composite scale scores correctly identified 85% of the students as members of their respective groups.

Canivez & Gaboury (2010)

 "the present study demonstrated the potential of the CAS to correctly identify students who demonstrated behaviors consistent with ADHD diagnosis." glcanivez@eiu.edu

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Abstract

The present study aimed to examine the nature of the working memory and general cognitive ability deficits experienced by university students with a specific reading comprehension deficit. A total of 32 university students with poor reading comprehension but average word-reading skills and 60 age-matched controls with no comprehension difficulties participated in the study. The participants were assessed on three verbal working memory tasks that varied in terms of their processing demands and on the Das-Noglier Cognitive Assessment System, which was used to operationalize intelligence. The results indicated first that the differences between poor and skilled comprehenders on working memory were amplified as the processing demands of the tasks increased. In addition, although poor comprehenders as a group had average intelligence, they experienced significant difficulties in simultaneous and successive processing. Considering that working memory and general cognitive ability are highly correlated processes, these findings suggest that the observed differences between poor and skilled comprehenders are likely a result of a deficient information processing system.

SLD vs ADHD Profiles

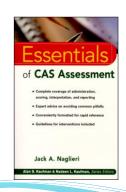
- There needs to be evidence that intelligence tests which are widely used in school psychology yield specific profiles at the scale (theoretical) level.
 - Without such evidence their utility to identify a 'disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes' is limited
 - Subtest profile analysis is not advised
- The next important validity issue is correlation to achievement –
 - Do scores on the cognitive measure relate to academic achievement test scores?

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IQ Correlations with Achievement?

- IQ scores correlate about .5 to .55 with achievement Intelligence (Brody, 1992)
- But traditional tests have achievement in them
- Naglieri (1999) summarized the correlations between several tests and achievement
 - The median correlation between each test's overall score and all achievement variables was obtained



Ability & Achievement (Naglieri, 1999)

Test	s with know	ledge		Tests with	Little knowledge
	WISC-III	DAS	WJ-R	K-ABC	CAS
	<u>FSIQ</u>	GCA	Cog	MPC	<u>FS</u>
Median r	.590	.600	.625	.630	.700
N	1,284	2,400	888	2,636	1,600

WISC-3: WIAT Manual Table C.1 ages 6-16; WJ-R Technical Manual; CAS Interpretive Handbook; K-ABC Interpretative Manual; DAS Handbook. Increase = $(r_1^2 - r_2^2)/r_1^2$ where $r_1^2 = \text{WISC-3 WIAT correlation}$

Conclusion: YOU DON'T need Verbal and Quantitative to correlate with achievement

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Correlations with Achievement

- Next, a summary of ability test correlations with achievement EXCLUDING the scales that clearly require knowledge
- The average correlations of the SCALES with achievement and those without achievement were obtained to avoid criterion contamination...

Correlations with Achievement

- Average correlations between IQ Scales with total achievement scores
- The strength of measuring basic psychological processes as PASS is clear

Note: All correlations are reported in the ability tests' manuals. Values per scale were averaged within each ability test using Fisher z transformations.

			Averag	e Correlation
Correlations	Between Ability and Achieveme	ent		Scales without
Test Scores		All Scales	achievement	
WISC-V	Verbal Comprehension	.74		
WIAT-III	Visual Spatial	.46		
N = 201	Fluid Reasoning	.40		
	Working Memory	.63		
	Processing Speed	.34	.53=	
M1-IA COG	Comprehension Knowledge	.50		
WJ-IV ACH	Fluid Reasoning	.71		
N = 825	Auditory Processing	.52		
	Short Term Working Memory	.55		
	Cognitive Processing Speed	.55		
	Long-Term Retrieval	.43		
	Visual Processing	.45	.54=	
KABC	Sequential/Gsm	.43		
WJ-III ACH	Simultaneous/Gv	.41		
N = 167	Learning/Glr	.50		. 40
	Planning/Gf	.59	F 2 4	.48
	Knowledge/GC	.70	.53	
CAS	Planning	.57		
WJ-III ACH	Simultaneous	.67		
N=1,600	Attention	.50		F0
	Successive	.60		.59

Implications

- Non-discriminatory data suggest that traditional IQ tests yield larger race and ethnic differences than tests of basic psychological processing.
 - Conclusion: KABC2 and CAS2
- Validity data suggests show not all tests yield profiles that differentiate SLD and ADHD, evidence needed for determining strengths and weaknesses suggests.
 - Conclusion: CAS2 yields different profiles
 - And CAS correlates the highest with achievement.

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Time to Think and Talk

START

3
minutes
left

- Reactions?
- Which results were most surprising?
- Do the results match your experiences in the field?
- Do you still think vocabulary is a good way to measure IQ?
- Your thoughts...

Presentation Outline

- From achievement ability discrepancy to a pattern of strengths and weaknesses
- The Discrepancy/Consistency model
- Which tests to use to define a "basic psychological process"

A neurocognitive theory will be suggested

- complex decision making (frontal lobes Planning)
- focus and resistance to distractions (brain stem Attention)
- visual/verbal spatial ability (Occipital/Parietal Simultaneous)
- visual/verbal sequencing (Temporal area Successive)
- Illustrative Case studies
 - How Discrepancy/Consistency yields more accurate eligibility determination
 - How Discrepancy/Consistency leads to intervention planning.

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Defining basic psychological process

- How did we identify 'basic psychological processes'?
 - We should use knowledge from cognitive and neuropsychology to construct a model to test
 - A well tested model can evolve into a THEORY of 'basic psychological processes'
 - We should not assign new labels to traditional IQ subtests
 - We should recognize the limitations of developing a theory from factor analysis – "a research program dominated by factor analyses of test intercorrelations is incapable of producing an explanatory theory of human intelligence"
 (Lohman & Ippel, 1993, p. 41)



Defining basic psychological process

- The term 'basic psychological processes' is a modern term for ability (or intelligence) when traditional verbal tests that are confounded by knowledge (e.g., Information, Similarities, Arithmetic, Vocabulary) are excluded
- 'basic psychological processes' provide us the means to function and acquire knowledge and skills
 - Skills, like reading decoding, phonological coding, or math calculation, are not examples of a cognitive process
 - Skill = knowledge that is well learned and therefore can be performed with little thinking

Cognition or Knowledge?

- What does the student have to know to complete a task?
 - This is dependent on instruction
- How does the student have to think to complete a task?
 - This is dependent on the brain –
 'basic psychological processes'
- We must assess ability and achievement separately

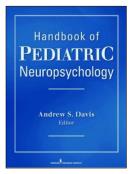


Basic Psychological Processes

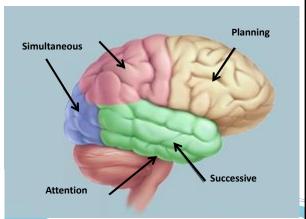
Connecting IDEA with practice

Brain, Cognition, & Intelligence

- The brain is the seat of abilities called PASS
- These basic psychological processes are the foundation of learning (Naglieri & Otero, 2011)



See Naglieri, J. A. & Otero, T. (2011). Cognitive Assessment System: Redefining Intelligence from A Neuropsychological Perspective. In A. Davis (Ed.). Handbook of Pediatric Neuropsychology (320-333). New York: Springer Publishing.



PASS & Basic Psychological Processes

- Planning = THINKING ABOUT HOW YOU DO WHAT YOU DECIDE TO DO
- Attention = BEING ALERT AND RESIST DISTRACTIONS
- Simultaneous = GETTING THE BIG PICTURE
- Successive = FOLLOWING A SEQUENCE
- PASS theory is a modern way to measure neurocognitive abilities related to brain function

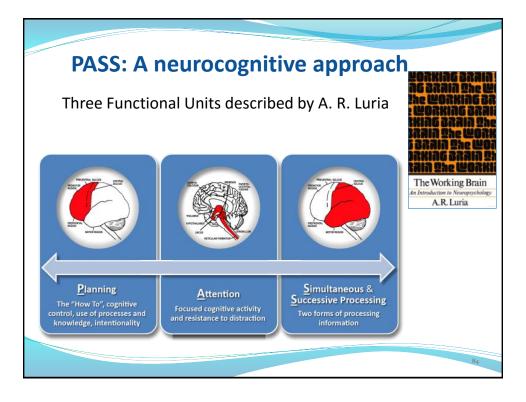
What is a Basic Psychological Process?

- A specific cognitive process provides a unique kind of function
- A variety of cognitive processes is needed to meet the many demands of our complex environment
- A variety of cognitive processes gives us away of achieving the same goal using different types of or different combinations of processes (this is important for intervention planning).

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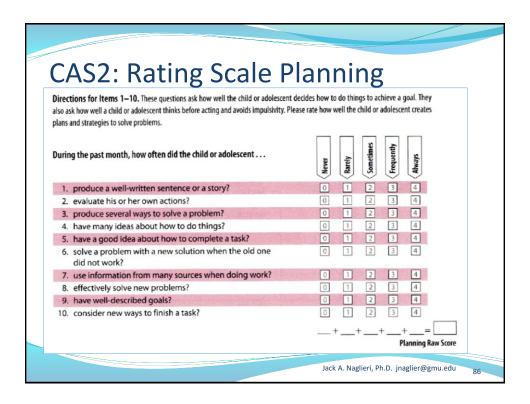
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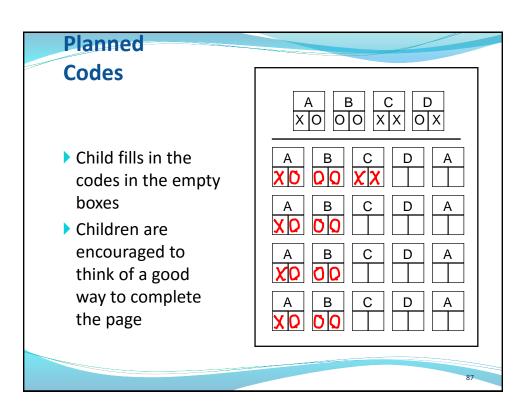




PASS Theory

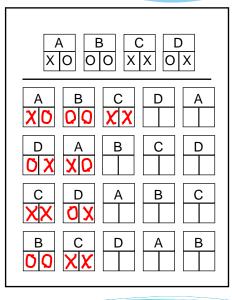
- ▶ Planning is a basic psychological process we use to determine, select, and apply efficient solutions to problems
 - problem solving
 - developing plans and using strategies
 - impulse control and self-control
 - control of processing
 - retrieval of knowledge





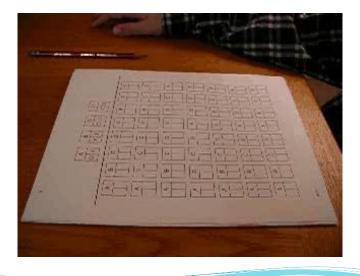
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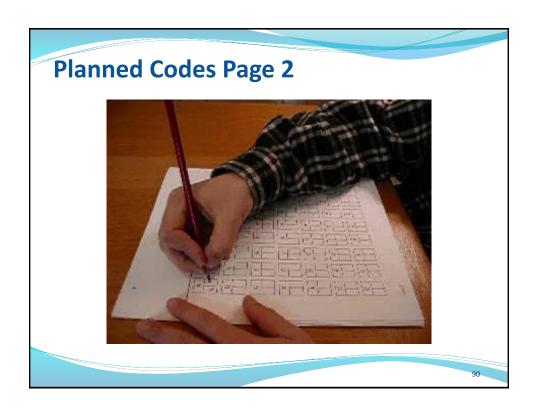
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- Note orientation

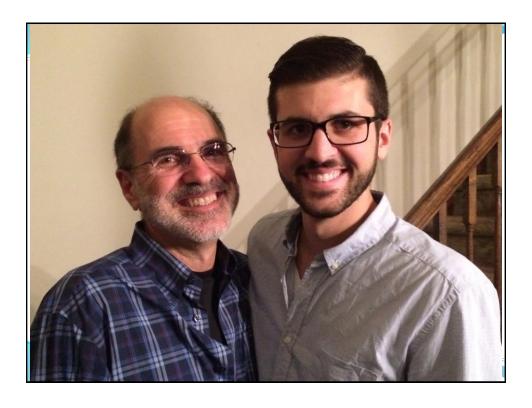


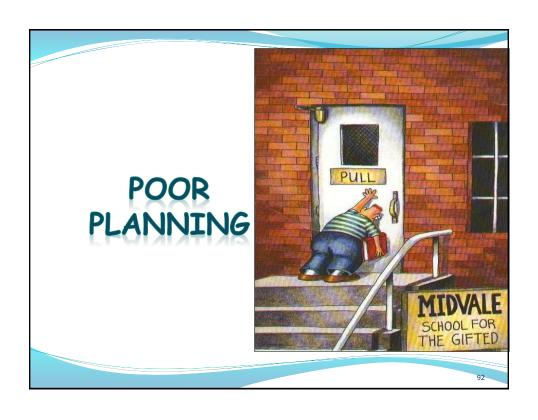
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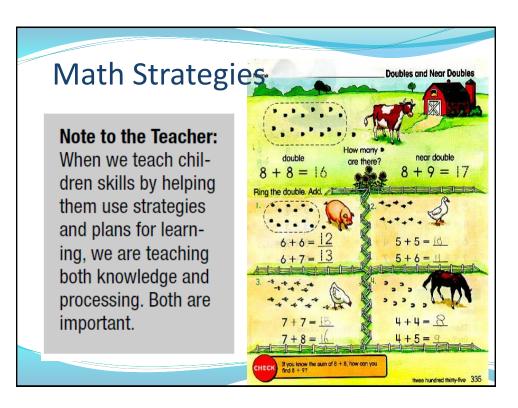
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PASS Theory: Planning

Planning

- · Evaluate a task
- Select or develop a strategy to approach a task
- · Monitor progress during the task
- Develop new strategies when necessary

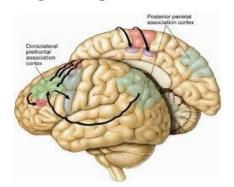
Examples of classroom problems related to <u>Planning</u>

- · Using the same strategy even if it is not effective
- · Struggling with how to complete tasks
- · Not monitorina progress during a task
- · Misinterpretation of what is read

Naglieri, J. and Pickering, E., Helping Children Learn, 2003

CAS-2 Planning & Reading Comprehension

➤ Planning - provides the ability to apply knowledge, use a strategy, and selfmonitor performance while working toward a solution.



➤ <u>Planning & Reading</u> - read with a specific question or purpose in mind when seeking specific information. In other words, plan a strategy!!

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3. pepper											
4. wheel				1					1		
5. guitar	wheel		R			guitar		R			
6. celery											
7. brake]		
8. trumpet	brake		R			trumpet		R			
9. tomato											
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11. piano	carrot	□ R									
12. carrot											

Silent Reading Fluency: Text Planning

- 2 passages and sets of comprehension questions based on grade level; 60 seconds to read each passage
 - Story is removed before asking questions.
 - 4 questions are literal from story (Text Attention)
 - 4 questions are inferential from story (Text Planning)

How to Pair Far & CAS2

➤ CAS2 - determine if there is a cognitive processing weakness (i.e. Planning) and whether that particular weakness directly impacts the academic skill in question (Reading Comprehension) on the FAR.

➤ Far: The Silent Reading Fluency has individual stories followed by sets of questions. The story is removed, and followed by 4 literal and 4 inferential questions. Pair with Word Recall to determine the extent of poor planning at both the word and text level.

Poor Planning (CAS-2) ♣ Poor Comprehension Index (FAR)

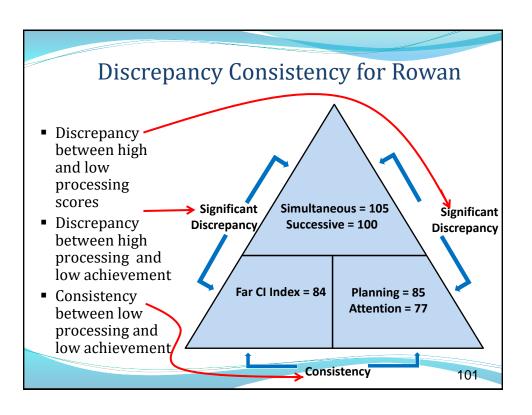
SLD in Reading Comprehension

Rowan 4th grade: ADHD & Reading

CAS-2	COMPOSITE SCORE	RANGE	PERCENTILE RANK
Planning: the ability to apply a strategy, and self-monitor and self-correct performance while working toward a solution.	85	Below Average	16%
Attention: the ability to selectively focus on a stimulus while inhibiting responses from competing stimuli.	77	Poor	6%
Simultaneous Processing- is the ability to reason and problem solve by integrating separate elements into a conceptual whole, and often requires strong visual-spatial problem solving skills.	105	Average	63%
Successive Processing- is the ability to put information into a serial order or particular sequence.	100	Average	50%
CAS-2 COMPOSITE SCORE	87	Below Average	18%

Rowan 4th grade: ADHD & Reading

FAR COMPREHENSION INDEX	Score	Percentile	Descriptor
Semantic Concepts— a multiple choice test requiring the student to select the correct antonym or synonym of a target word.	95	37%	Average
Word Recall – requires the student to repeat back a list of words over a series of two trials. The second trial requires the student to recall a word from a selected list.	82	11%	Below Average
Morphological Processing — a multiple choice test requiring students to choose the correct prefix, suffix, or stem that best completes an incomplete target word.	90	25%	Average
Silent Reading Fluency — requires the student to silently read a passage, and then answer a series of literal and inferential questions about the story. Reading rate is also recorded as well.	75	5%	Moderately Below Average
FAR COMPREHENSION INDEX	84+/-8	14%	Below Average
WIAT III Reading Comprehension	96	39%	Average



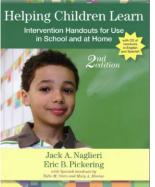
Planning Interventions

- Directional Questions ask questions at the beginning of the text instead of the end.
- 2. **Multiple Exposures** encourage students to skim the material prior to reading, with emphasis on chapter and text headings.
- **3. SOAR to SUCCESS** A comprehension program for grades 3-6 to help students develop a reading plan.
 - 30-35 minute lessons...18 weeks.
 - 4 Key Strategies: Summarize, Clarify, Question, Predict

Planning Interventions

- 4. **Story Maps** pre-reading activity where graphic organizers are used to outline and organize the information.
- 5. Planning Facilitation encourages students to use strategies in reading (and math)

These interventions along with reproducible teacher, parent and student *handouts* are included in **Helping Children Learn-Second Edition**



Your thoughts???

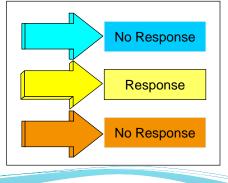
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PASS Theory

- Attention is a basic psychological process we use to selectively attend to some stimuli and ignores others
 - focused cognitive activity
 - selective attention
 - resistance to distraction

RED BLUE



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CAS2: Rating Scale Attention Directions for Items 21-30. These questions ask how well the child or adolescent pays attention and resists distractions. The questions also ask about how well someone attends to one thing at a time. Please rate how well the child or adolescent pays attention. During the past month, how often did the child or adolescent . . . 21. work well in a noisy area? 22. stay with one task long enough to complete it? 23. not allow the actions or conversations of others to interrupt his or her work? 24. stay on task easily? 25. concentrate on a task until it was done? 26. listen carefully? 27. work without getting distracted? 28. have a good attention span? 29. listen to instructions or directions without getting off task? 30. pay attention in class? Attention Raw Score Jack A. Naglieri, Ph.D. jnaglier@gmu.edu

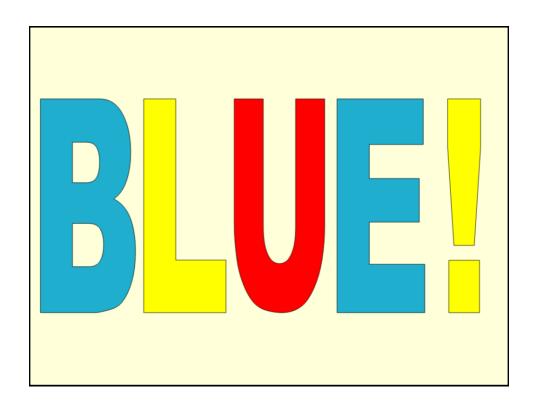
CAS2 Expressive Attention

- n The child says the color not the word
- n Score is time and number correct

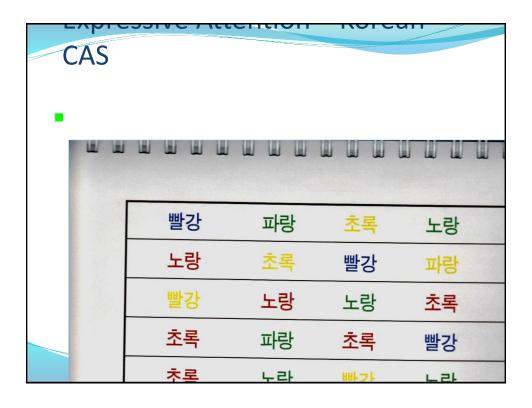
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RED YELLOW YELLOW GREEN
BLUE GREEN RED BLUE
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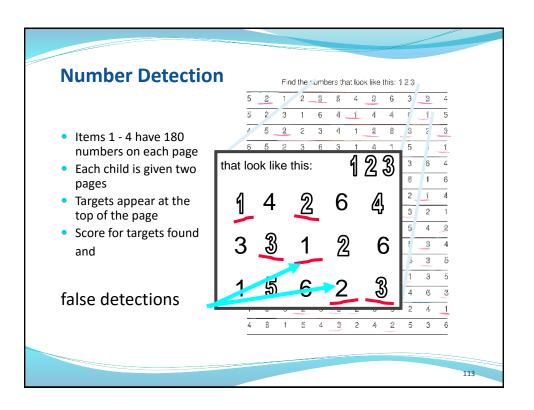
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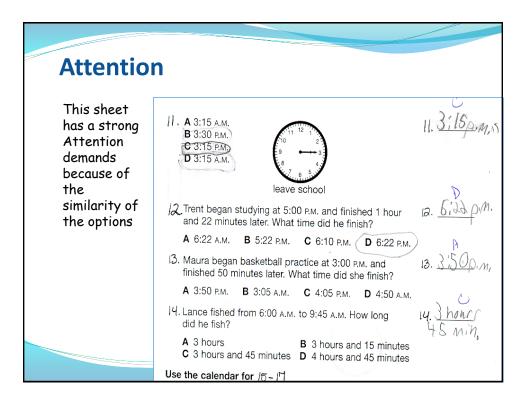
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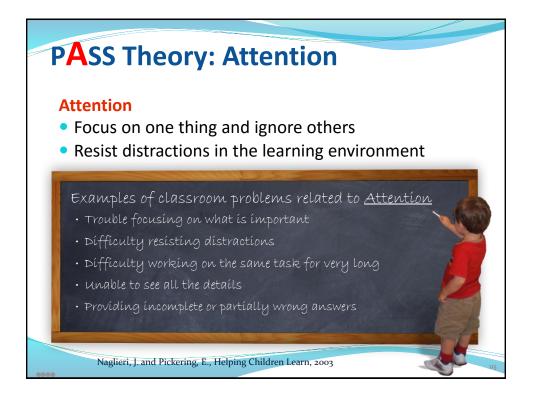


Expressive Attention - Italiano **ROSSO GIALLO** VERDE **BLU** VERDE ROSSO GIALLO ROSSO GIALLO GIALLO **VERDE BLU** VERDE ROSSO **ROSSO** VERDE **GIALLO** BLU **GIALLO**



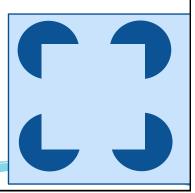




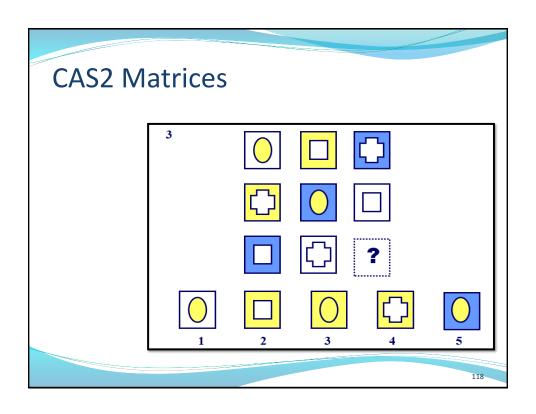


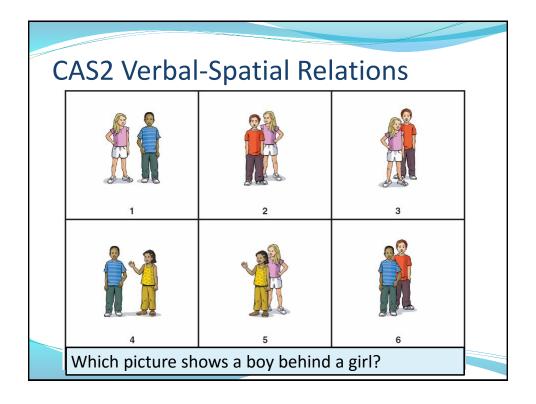
PASS Theory

- Simultaneous is a basic psychological process which we use to integrate stimuli into groups
 - Stimuli are seen as a whole
 - Each piece must be related to the others
 - Content is not relevant



CAS2: Rating Scale Simultaneous Directions for Items 11-20. These questions ask how well the child or adolescent sees how things go together. They also ask about working with diagrams and understanding how ideas fit together. The questions involve seeing the whole without getting lost in the parts. Please rate how well the child or adolescent visualizes things as a whole. During the past month, how often did the child or adolescent . . . 11. like to draw designs? 12. figure out how parts of a design go together? 13. classify things into groups correctly? 14. work well with patterns and designs? 15. see how objects and ideas are alike? 16. work well with physical objects? 17. like to use visual materials? 18. see the links among several things? 19. show interest in complex shapes and patterns? 20. recognize faces easily? Simultaneous Raw Score Jack A. Naglieri, Ph.D. jnaglier@gmu.edu





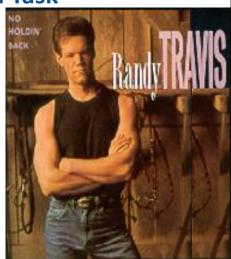
Simultaneous Verbal Task

- Simultaneous processing using verbal content
- Who is this song about?

My momma's daddy was his oldest son.







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PASS Theory: Simultaneous

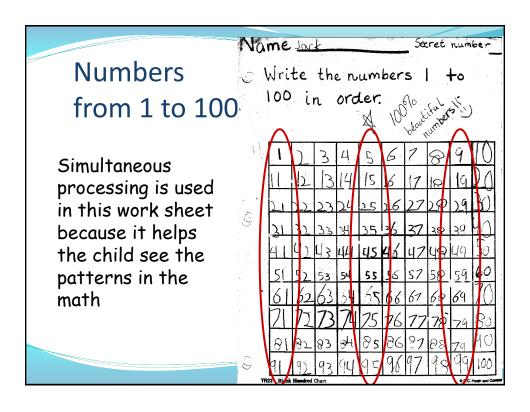
Simultaneous Processing

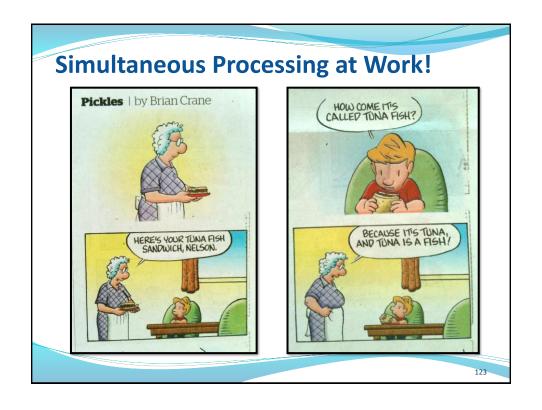
- Relate separate pieces of information into a group
- See how parts related to whole
- Recognize patterns

Examples of classroom problems related to <u>Simultaneous</u>

- · Difficulty comprehending text
- · Difficulty with math word problems
- · Trouble recognizing sight words quickly
- Trouble with spatial tasks
- Often miss the overall idea







Simultaneous Processing at Work!





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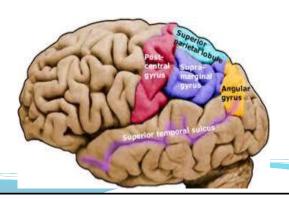
CAS-2 Simultaneous Processing & Reading Fluency

<u>Simultaneous Processing</u>- the ability to integrate separate elements into a conceptual whole, and often requires visual-spatial problem solving skills.

<u>Simultaneous & Reading</u> -the ability to automatically and instantaneously recognize words in print without sounding out each individual phoneme. An extremely important skill in developing reading fluency.

Simultaneous Processing and Reading Fluency

Angular Gyrus – the ability to ascribe meaning to spatial arrays and symbols. Educators often refer to this as **orthographic processing**.



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Irregular Word Fluency: Simultaneous Processing

Far Irregular Word Reading Fluency:

(60 seconds)

yacht

debt

answer

seizure

gnome

malign

conscience

plaque

How to Pair the Far with CAS2

CAS-2: Determine if the there is a cognitive processing weakness in **Simultaneous** and a weakness in reading speed and accuracy on the Far.

Far: The Fluency Index is a measure of reading efficiency based upon both orthographical processing tests, rapid automatic naming tasks, and reading irregular words.

Poor Simultaneous (CAS-2) ♣ Poor Fluency Index(FAR) ■ SLD in Reading Fluency

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Nelson 4th grade

Presenting Concerns: Reading, Writing, Math Fluency

COMPOSITE SCORE	RANGE	PERCENTILE RANK
103	Average	58%
84	Below Average	14%
79	Very Low	8%
91	Average	27%
82	Below Average	12%
81	Below Average	10%
80	Below Average	9%
90	Average	25%
86	Below Average	18%
	103 84 79 91 82 81 80 90	103 Average 84 Below Average 79 Very Low 91 Average 82 Below Average 81 Below Average 80 Below Average 90 Average

Nelson 4th grade

CAS-2	COMPOSITE SCORE	RANGE	PERCENTII E RANK
Planning: the ability to apply a strategy, and self- monitor and self- correct performance while working toward a solution.	94	Average	35%
Attention: the ability to selectively focus on a stimulus while inhibiting responses from competing stimuli.	98	Average	45%
Simultaneous Processing- is the ability to reason and problem solve by integrating separate elements into a conceptual whole, and often requires strong visual-spatial problem solving skills.	74	Very Low	4%
Successive Processing- is the ability to put information into a serial order or particular sequence.	90	Average	25%
CAS-2 COMPOSITE SCORE	89	Below Average	23%

Nelson 4th grade

FAR index	Standard score	%tile	Qualitative descriptor
Phonological Index	90	25%	Average
Fluency Index	73	3%	Mod Below Average
Mixed Index	81	10%	Below Average
Comprehension Index	97	42%	Average
FAR Total Index	84	14%	Below Average

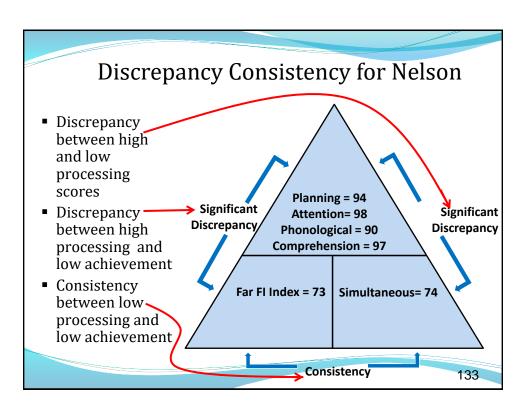
Nelson 4th grade

KEY INTERPRETATION	Score	Percentile	Descriptor
Isolated Word Deading Fluores, the student reads a			
Isolated Word Reading Fluency - the student reads a	06	100/	D-1 A
list of phonologically regular words arranged in order	86	18%	Below Average
of increasing difficulty in 60 seconds. Irregular Word Reading Fluency – the student reads	71	3%	Moderately
	/1	3%	
a list of phonologically irregular words arranged in			Below Average
order of increasing difficulty in 60 seconds.			

➤ Nelson can apply decoding skills to familiar words, but lacks an effective strategy when reading phonologically irregular words.

KEY INTERPRETATION	Score	Percentile	Descriptor
Visual Perception – requires the student to identify letters printed backwards that are embedded within an array of words. A timed measure of text perception.	75	5%	Moderately Below Average
Orthographic Processing – the student must recall a group of letters in the correct order that are embedded within a target word presented for 1 second. A measure of orthographic working memory skills.	72	4%	Moderately Below Average

➤ Nelson struggles with both text perception, as well as orthographic processing, both of which are hindering his reading pace and fluency 32



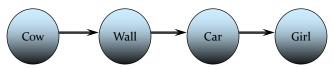
Fluency Intervention: Read Naturally

- ➤ A fluency based program designed to develop speed, accuracy, and proper expression.
- ➤ Designed to be used 3 times per week...30 minutes, mainly for students between 2nd (51wpm) though 8th (133 wpm) grades.
- ➤ Each level of the program has 24 non-fiction stories.
 - a) Student placed in level and goal is set.
 - b) Cold read for one minute graphing wpm and identifying difficult words.
 - c) Read with tape three times consecutively.
 - d) Hot read is attempted.
 - e) Comprehension questions involve main idea, details, vocabulary, inferences, & short answers.

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Modern 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
 - Stimuli are not inter-related



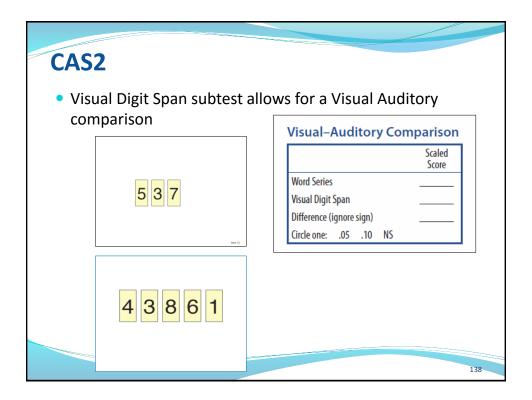
The child answers a question about a statement read by the examiner such as:

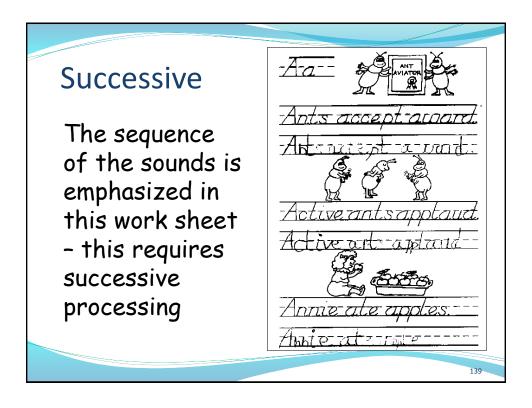
The red greened the blue with a yellow. Who got greened?

CAS2: Pating Scale Su	uccossivo
Directions for Items 31–40. These questions ask how well the child or adolescent n about working with numbers, words, or ideas in a series. The questions also ask about doing the child or adolescent works with things in a specific order.	emembers things in order. The questions ask
During the past month, how often did the child or adolescent	Rarely Sometimes Frequently Always
31. recall a phone number after hearing it?	0 1 2 3 4
32. remember a list of words?	0 1 2 3 4
33. sound out hard words?	0 1 2 3 4
34. correctly repeat long, new words?	0 1 2 3 4
35. remember how to spell long words after seeing them once?	0 1 2 3 4
36. imitate a long sequence of sounds?	0 1 2 3 4
37. recall a summary of ideas word for word?	0 1 2 3 4
38. repeat long words easily?	0 1 2 3 4
39. repeat sentences easily, even if unsure of their meaning?	0 1 2 3 4
40. follow three to four directions given in order?	0 1 2 3 4
	+ + + + = Successive Raw Score
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Word Series, Sentence Repetition (Ages 5-7) or Sentence Questions (Ages 8-17)

- Word Series
 - Child repeats high imagery single syllable words presented at 1 per second
- Sentence Repetition
 - Child repeats sentences exactly as stated by the examiner such as:
 - The red greened the blue with a yellow.
- Sentence Questions
 - Child answers a question about a statement made by the examiner such as:
 - The red greened the blue with a yellow. Who got greened?





Speech and Successive processing (Samantha at age 3 ½ yrs)



Learning Math Facts

$$8 + 9 = 17$$

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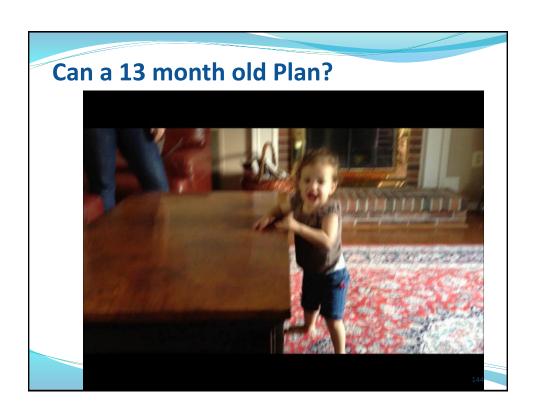


PASS Theory: Successive Successive Processing Use information in a specific order Follow instructions presented in sequence Examples of classroom problems related to Successive Processing Trouble blending sounds to make words Difficulty remembering numbers in order Reading decoding problems Difficulty remembering math facts when they are taught using rote learning (4 + 5 = 9).

Relationships between PASS, knowledge and skills

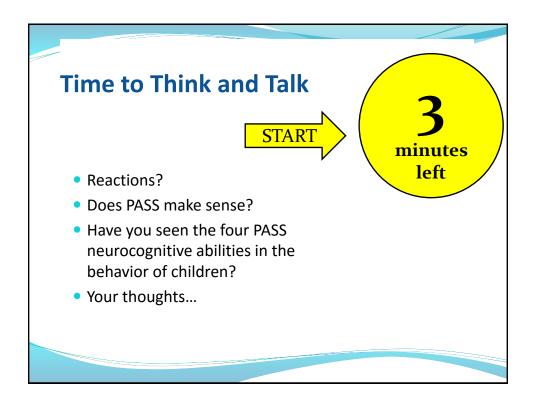
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Knowledge and Planning Learning Curves At first, basic psychological processes play a major role in learning NEW EXECUTIVE When a new task is learned and practiced it becomes a skill and **BRAIN** execution requires retrieval and application of knowledge (Goldberg, 2009). Role of Knowledge and Skills **Role of PASS** Maximum Use Minimum Use Novel Task Well Learned Task Over time and with experience



Presentation Outline

- From achievement ability discrepancy to a pattern of strengths and weaknesses
- The Discrepancy/Consistency model
- Which tests to use to define a "basic psychological process"
- A neurocognitive theory will be suggested
 - complex decision making (frontal lobes Planning)
 - focus and resistance to distractions (brain stem Attention)
 - visual/verbal spatial ability (Occipital/Parietal Simultaneous)
 - visual/verbal sequencing (Temporal area Successive)

Illustrative Case studies

- How Discrepancy/Consistency yields more accurate eligibility determination
- How Discrepancy/Consistency leads to intervention planning.

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The Case of Rocky – Discrepancy Consistency Model example

From assessment to intervention

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The case of Rocky

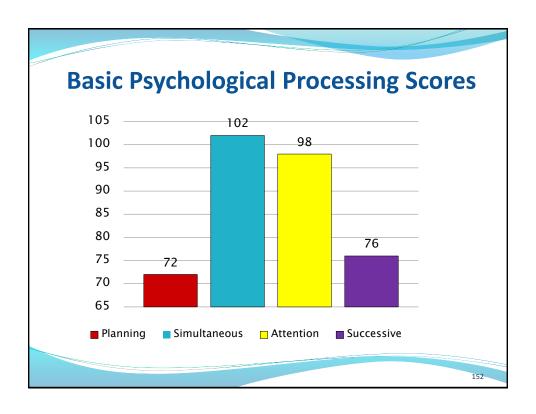
- Rocky¹ is a real child with a real problem
- ▶ He lives in a large middle class school district
 - a wide variety of services are available
- In first grade Rocky was performing significantly below grade benchmarks in reading, math, and writing.
 - He received group reading instruction weekly and six months of individual reading instruction from a reading specialist
 - He made little progress and was retained

Note: This child's name and other potentially revealing data have been changed to protect his identity.

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The case of Rocky

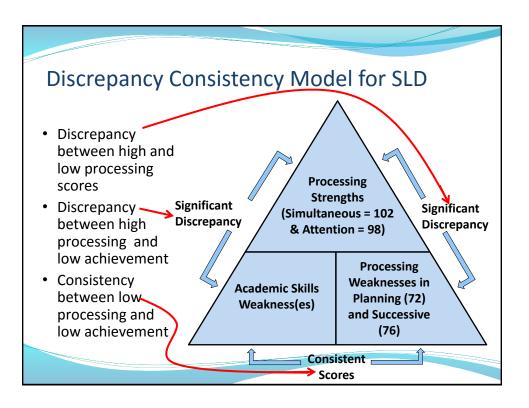
- By the middle of his second year in first grade Rocky was having difficulty with
 - decoding, phonics, and sight word vocabulary; math problems, addition, fact families, and problem solving activities;
 - and focusing and paying attention."
- After two years of special team meetings and special reading instruction he is now working two grade levels below his peers and is having difficulty in reading, writing, and math
- A comprehensive evaluation was conducted
- Here is a look at just the evidence of a 'disorder in basic psychological processes'



The case of Rocky

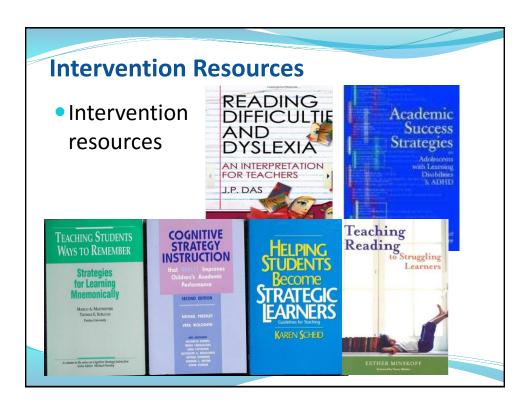
- ▶ He has intra-individual differences in cognitive processes that underlie his academic problems
- Rocky has a "disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes"

	Score	Diff	Significant	s/w
Planning	72	-15.0	yes	Weakness
Simultaneous	102	15.0	yes	
Attention	98	11.0	yes	
Successive	76	-11.0	yes	Weakness
PASS mean	87.0			



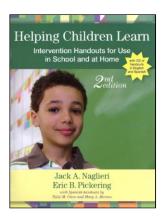
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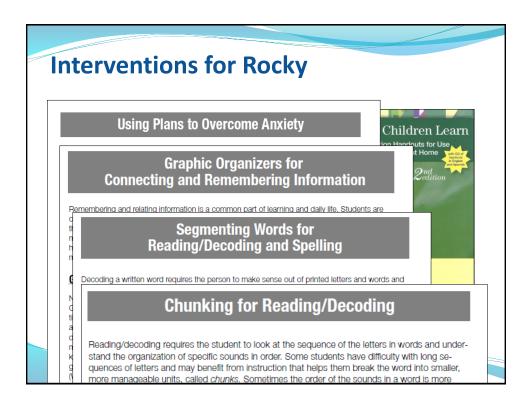
- ▶ Rocky meets the definition of SLD in IDEA
 - He requires specialized intervention that takes into account his learning needs
 - Intervention should emphasize the use of strategies and plans in all content areas
 - Intervention should include ways to better work with serial information
 - Rote memory and phonics instruction are illadvised



Interventions

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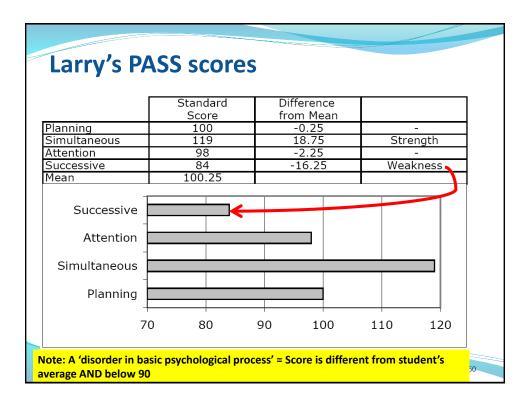


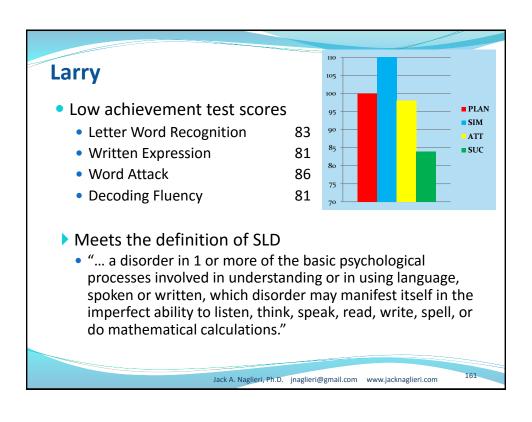
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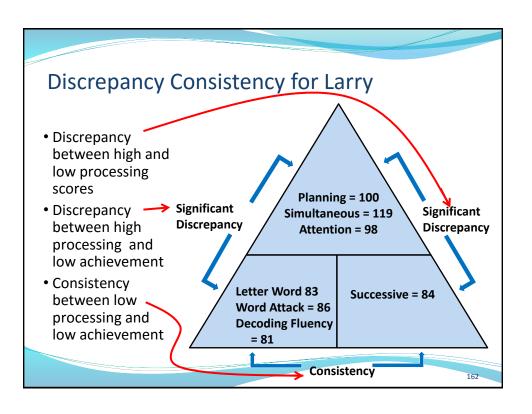
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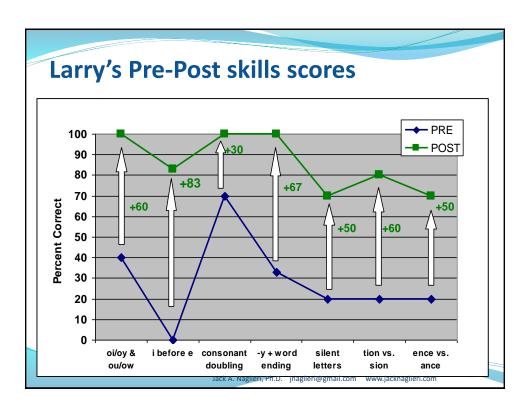
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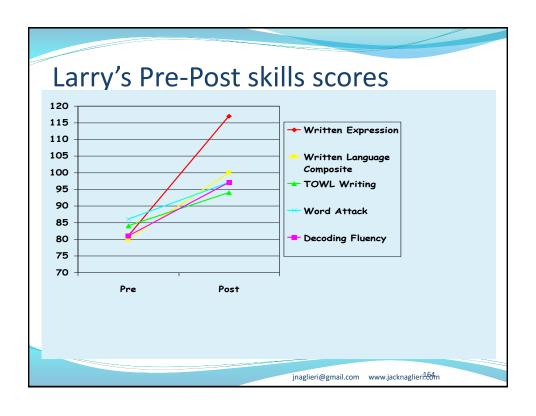
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Basic Psychological Processes and Intervention

The first time a test of ability has been shown to be relevant to instruction/intervention

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A Cognitive Strategy Instruction to Improve Math Calculation for Children With ADHD and LD: A Randomized Controlled Study

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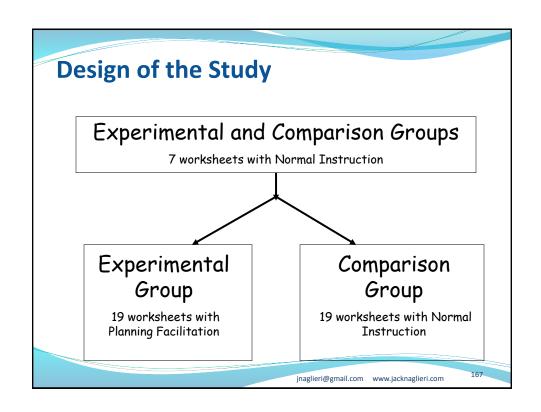
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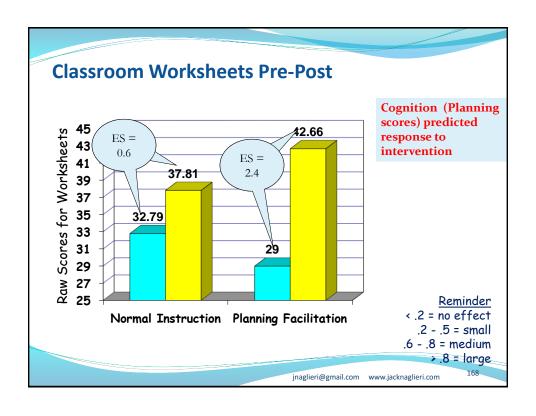
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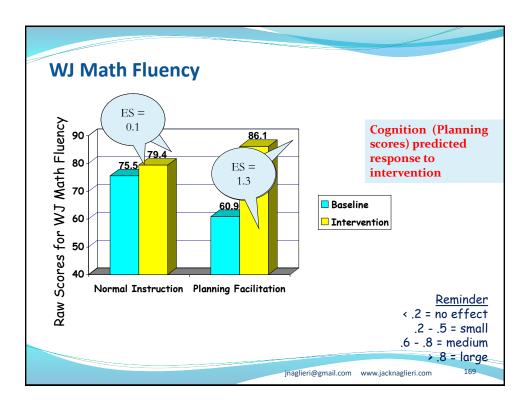
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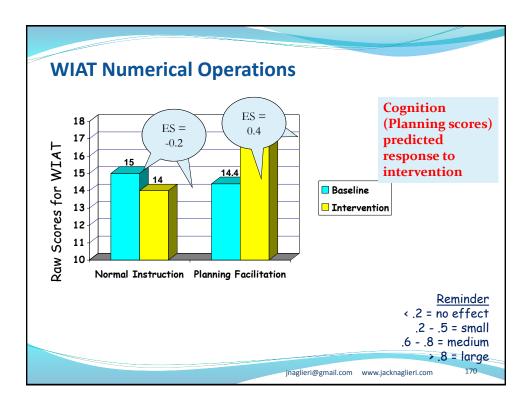
The authors examined the effectiveness of cognitive strategy instruction Successive) given by special education teachers to students with ADHD experimental group were exposed to a brief cognitive strategy instruction development and application of effective planning for mathematical comparts that instruction. Standardized tests of cognitive processes a students completed math worksheets throughout the experimental planson Tests of Achievement, Third Edition, Math Fluency and Wechsle Numerical Operations) were administered pre- and postintervention, a follow-up. Large pre-post effect sizes were found for students in the experiment worksheets (0.85 and 0.26), Math Fluency (1.17 and 0.09), and Numerical Operations) were administered pre- in the experiment students with ADHD evidenced greater improvement in math works (which measured the skill of generalizing learned strategies to other sin when provided the PASS-based cognitive strategy instruction.











One Year Follow-up

At 1-year follow-up, 27 of the students were retested on the WJ-III ACH Math Fluency subtest as part of the school's typical yearly evaluation of students. This group included 14 students from the comparison group and 13 students from

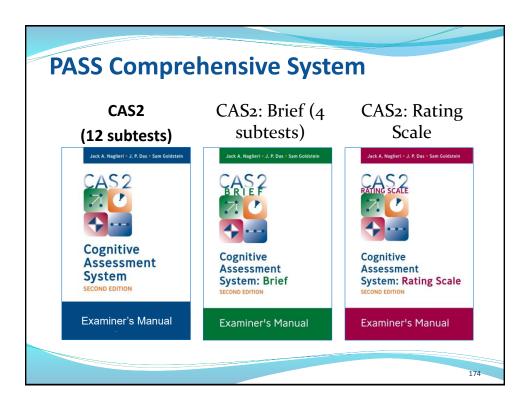
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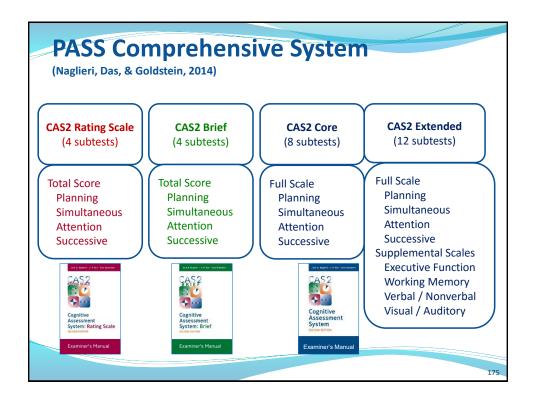
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PASS Comprehensive System

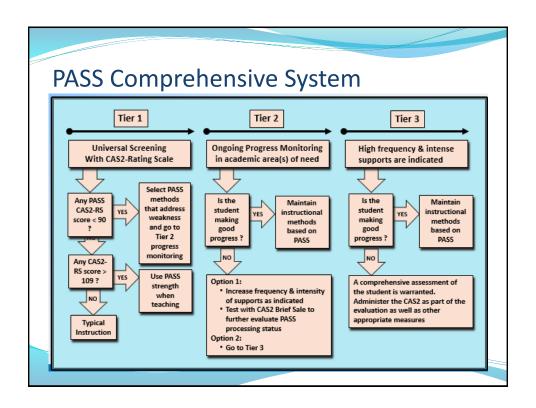
GOAL: Create a set of tools to measures PASS Theory for use across multiple settings and multiple tiers





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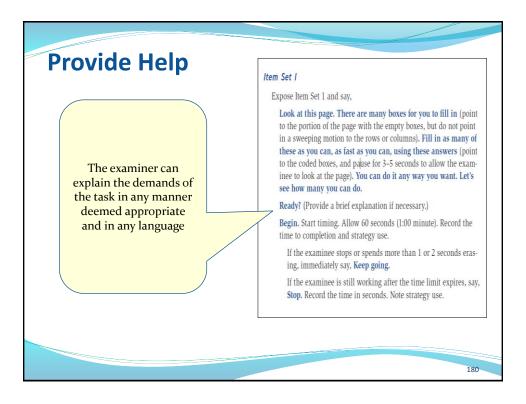
- At Tier 1 CAS2: Rating Scale can be completed by a teacher and depending upon those results...
- At Tier 2 the CAS2: Brief scale could be given to inform instruction and for screening
- At Tier 3 the CAS2: Extended Battery could be given for full evaluation of his neurocognitive abilities
- This PASS Comprehensive System provides three ways to learn about a student's learning strengths and weaknesses

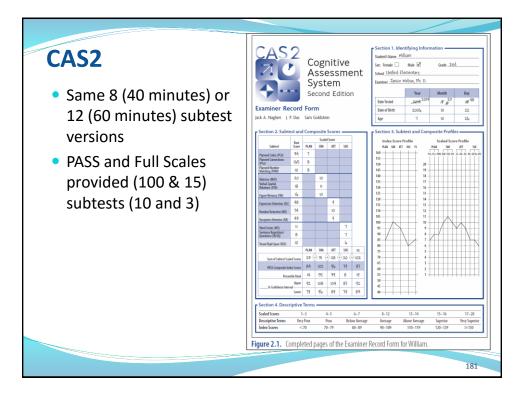


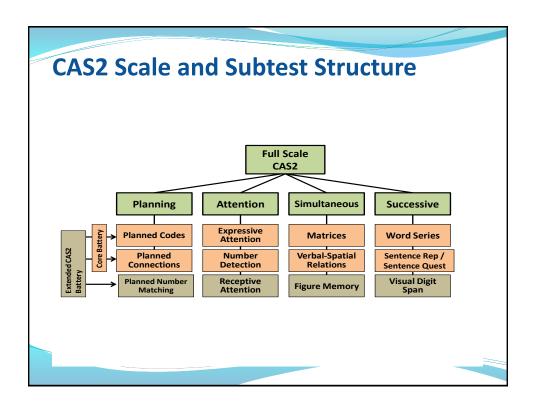


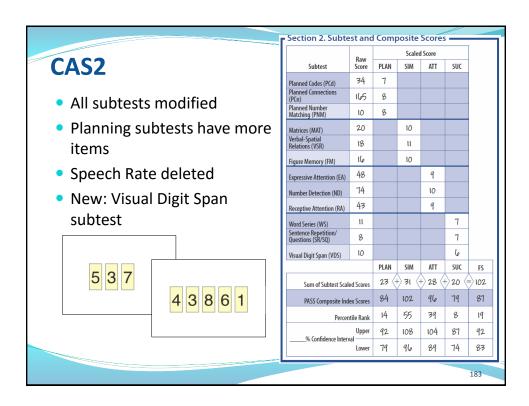
CAS2 Development Goals

- CAS2
 - New norms
 - Strengthen reliability of the scales by modifying subtest formats
 - Improve factor structure
 - Add/delete items
 - Add a visual Successive subtest
 - Add new scales beyond PASS
 - · Retain Administration format of
 - Examiner demonstrates,
 - Child does a sample
 - · Directions for remaining items is given
 - · And opportunity to Provide Help is given









CAS2

- Supplementary Scales: Executive Function, Working Memory, Verbal, Nonverbal
- Added: A Visual and Auditory comparison

	Scaled
	Score
Word Series	
Visual Digit Span	
Difference (ignore sign)	
Circle one: .05 .10 NS	

	Scaled Score				
Subtest	EF w/o WM	EF w/ WM	WM	VC	NvC
Planned Codes					7
Planned Connections	8	8			
Matrices					10
Verbal-Spatial Relations		ш	11	11	
Figure Memory					10
Expressive Attention	9	9			
Receptive Attention				9	
Sentence Repetition/Questions		7	7	7	
	EF w/o WM	EF w/ WM	WM	VC	NvC
Sum of Subtest Scaled Scores	П	35	18	27	27
Composite Index Scores	91	91	94	93	92
Percentile Rank	27	27	34	32	30
Upper % Confidence Interval	101	99	101	101	99
% Confidence Interval Lower	84	85	88	87	86

► Supplemental Composite Scores

CAS2 Planning & Simultaneous

- Planned Number Matching
 - Variation on the original version
- Planned Codes
 - Variation on the original version
- Planned Connections
 - Additional items

- Matrices
 - More items added

Memory; VC = Verbal Content; NvC = Nonverbal Content.

- Verbal-Spatial Relations
 - More items added
- Figure Memory
 - More items added

CAS2 Attention & Successive

- Expressive Attention
 - No in color
- Number Detection
 - New format
- Receptive Attention
 - New format

- Word Series
- Sentence Repetition
 - Ages 5-7
- Sentence Questions
 - Ages 8-18
- Visual Digit Span
 - New subtest

CAS2 Online Scoring and Report Writing

CAS2 Online Score & Report

http://www.proedinc.com/customer/ProductView.aspx?ID=7277

- Enter data at the subtest level or enter subtest raw scores
- Online program converts raw scores to standard scores, percentiles, etc. for all scales.
- A narrative report with graphs and scores is provided



CAS2 Online Score & Report

- As values are entered the program completes the record form
- Supplemental scales are automatically computed
 - Executive Function
 - Working Memory
 - Verbal
 - Nonverbal



CAS2 Online Score & Report

 Narrative report can be obtained in Word or PDF



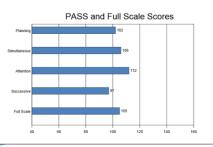
Scoring and Interpretive Report Jack A. Naglieri

Name: Jack Nag Age: 8 Gender: Male Date of Birth: 07-12-2005 Grade: 5 School: East Lake

This computerized report is intended for use by qualified individe information can be found in the CAS2 Interpretive Manual.

ULL SCALE

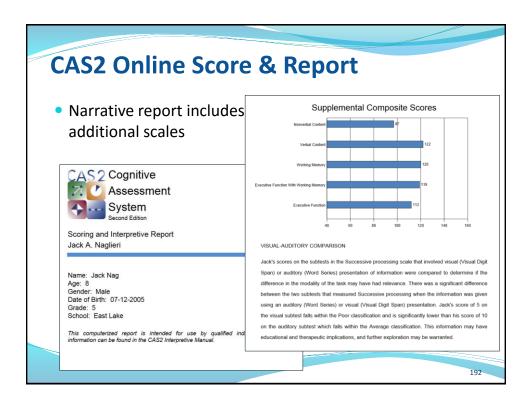
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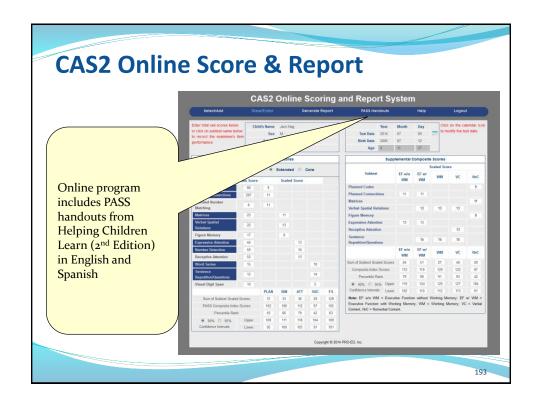


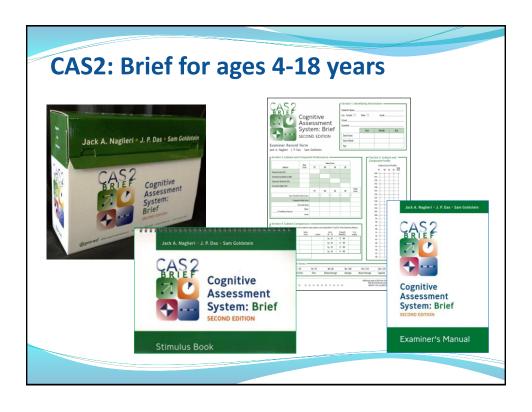
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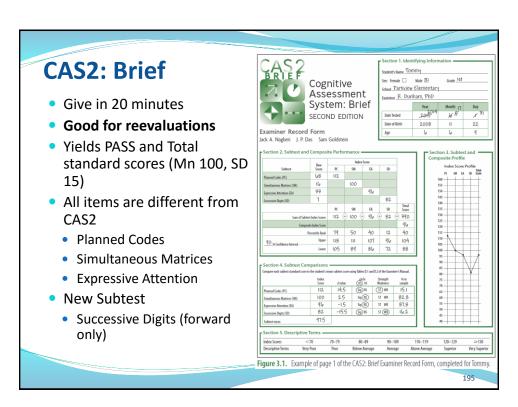
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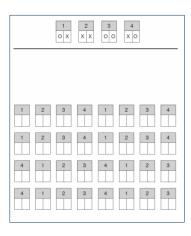


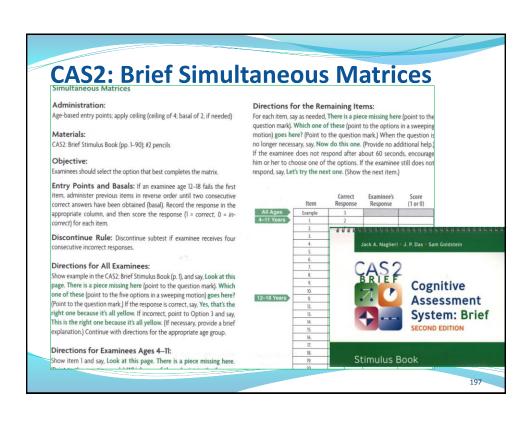


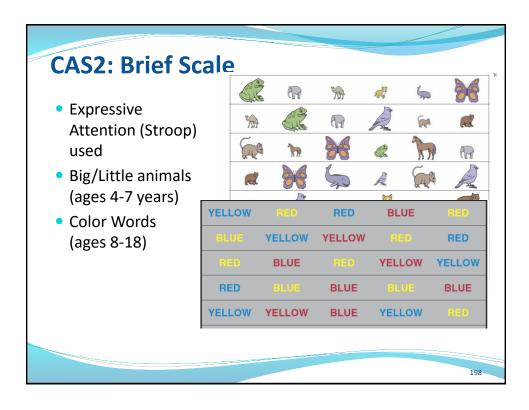


CAS2: Brief Scale

- Planned Codes is used for Planning ability
- Eight items using numbers not letters as in CAS2 and different orientation of the pages







CAS2: Brief Planned Codes & Successive Digits

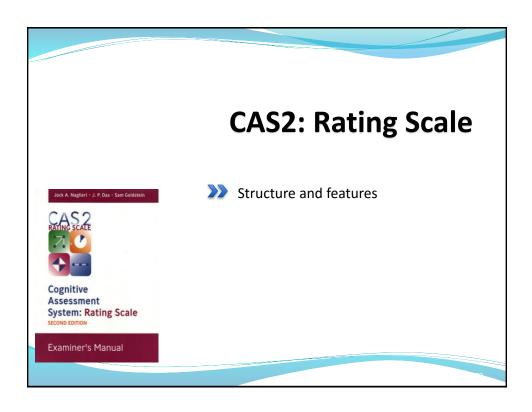
- Planned Codes has 8 items using numbers not letters and has different patterns
- Successive Digits uses numbers (not words)

Directions for Reported Strategies:

After all item sets have been completed, with Item Set 6 still showing, say, Tell me how you did these. Indicate the pages in the Student Response Booklet just completed by the examinee. If necessary, say, How did you complete the pages? You may briefly clarify the question, provided that you give no examples. Record the examinee's reported strategies in the "Reported" column of the Strategy Checklist, as applied to each item set.

	Item Set	Time Limit	Time in Seconds	Accuracy Score (Number Correct)	Ratio Score (see pages 9–11)
All Ages	Example A				
	1.	60" (1:00)			
	Example B				
	2.	60" (1:00)			
	3.	60" (1:00)			
	Example C				
	4.	60" (1:00)			
	Example D				
	5.	60" (1:00)			
	6.	60" (1:00)			
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		Raw Score	e (sum of r	atio scores)	

		Strategy Checklist		
Observed Reported		Description of Strategy	Item Set	
		Coded left to right, top to bottom		
		2. Said codes to self out loud		
		3. Coded one letter at a time (e.g., did As, then Bs)		
		4. Coded neatly and slowly		
		5. Used a pattern found in a previous item		
		6. Looked for the pattern in the item		
		7. Looked at codes already completed, rather than using the key		



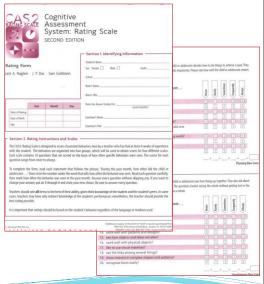
CAS2 Rating Scales (Ages 4-18 yrs.)

- The CAS2: Rating measures behaviors associated with PASS constructs
- Normed on a nationally representative sample of 1,383 students rated by teachers



CAS2 Rating Scales

- The CAS2: Rating form contains 40 items
- 10 items for each PASS scale
- PASS and Total scales are set to have a mean of 100 and standard deviation of 15



CAS2 Rating Scales

- The rater is given a description of what each scale is intended to measure.
- This informs teachers about PASS

Directions for Items 1–10. These questions ask how well the child or adolescent decides how to do things to achieve a goal. They also ask how well a child or adolescent thinks before acting and avoids impulsivity. Please rate how well the child or adolescent creates plans and strategies to solve problems.

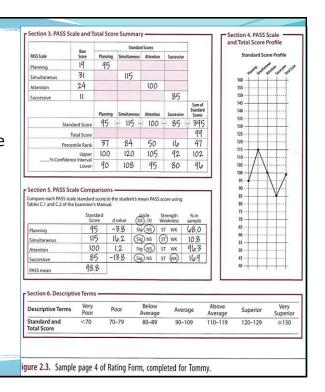
Directions for Items 11–20. These questions ask how well the child or adolescent sees how things go together. They also ask about working with diagrams and understanding how ideas fit together. The questions involve seeing the whole without getting lost in the parts. Please rate how well the child or adolescent visualizes things as a whole.

Directions for Items 21–30. These questions ask how well the child or adolescent pays attention and resists distractions. The questions also ask about how well someone attends to one thing at a time. Please rate how well the child or adolescent pays attention.

Directions for Items 31–40. These questions ask how well the child or adolescent remembers things in order. The questions ask about working with numbers, words, or ideas in a series. The questions also ask about doing things in a certain order. Please rate how well the child or adolescent works with things in a specific order.

CAS2 Rating Scales

 The CAS2: Rating Scale scores can be used as part of a larger comprehensive evaluation or for instructional planning



PASS: Across the Three Measures CAS2 Brief CAS2 Rating Scale CAS₂ Items ask how well the child. Planned Codes **Planned Codes** thinks before acting, creates plans, uses strategies to **Planned Connections** achieve a goal. Planned Number Matching **Planning** can focus attention to one **Expressive Attention Expressive Attention** thing at at time and resists **Number Detection** distractions. Attention Receptive Attention understands how parts Matrices Simultaneous Matrices combine to make a whole and Verbal-Spatial Relations Figure Memory Simultaneous see the big picture. works with numbers, words or Word series Successive Digits ideas that are arranged in a Sentence Repetition/Questions Successive specific series. Visual Digit Span

SLD and Basic Psychological Processes

- The IDEA definition of SLD is
 - "... 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."
- Measuring basic psychological processes is essential to address the SLD definition
- School psychologists should choose wisely when selecting a measure of basic psychological processes

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