# What a Nonverbal Ability Test Is ... and Isn't

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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

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## **Conclusions: IQ Fundamental Flaw**

- ➤ Although IQ tests have been criticized, especially regarding issues of test bias, few understand that these tests are fundamentally flawed because of their reliance on *knowledge*
- > The result:
  - Students who come from low income families, are culturally different, and have limited English proficient are not assessed accurately
  - And they don't reach their potential because they are denied gifted education

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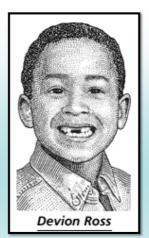
#### **Nonverbal Tests**

Getting the Big Picture



- ➤ Devion lives with his mother and father and two siblings in Springfield, Illinois
- ➤ The family has an annual income of \$12,000
- ➤ Both parents have high-school equivalency diplomas
- ➤ Devion's father, Steven, was recently laid off from a bookbinding job

- Seven-year-old Devion
   Ross lives in a ramshackle
   house opposite a
   pawnshop
- He and an older brother recently slept several nights on bare mattresses in a front room because a raccoon had gnawed through their bedroom ceiling



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#### **Wall Street Journal**

- At home, Devion often reads or does word puzzles while his friends play outside.
- ➤ He is writing a book of several chapters using the family's 10-year-old computer, which was bought second-hand for \$100. It has a broken mouse.
- "I like to read books all day long," he says. "I'm the only one I know that writes stories. It's a special secret I keep."

- ➤ Devion attends class in a middle-class white neighborhood, under a desegregation plan
- ➤ In kindergarten, he scored **141** out of a possible 150 on the *Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test*
- ➤ Devion's high *Naglieri* score brought him an invitation to attend the magnet school last year
- ➤ He was the only African-American at his elementary school to qualify for gifted services
- > But there have been problems

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#### **Wall Street Journal**

- ➤ His parents didn't follow up on his placement in GT.
- Devion's mother missed the appointment because she was exhausted from working an overnight shift as a caretaker.
- ➤ And...
- ➤ He has been barred from two field trips because of misbehavior. Mrs. Gruebel says he is "extremely bright, but he's not doing the work he can do" and often doesn't follow directions.

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- ➤ Devion's teacher recently told the class to write to Mickey Mouse, congratulating the cartoon character on his 75th birthday and on being a good role model. "Second-graders have to learn how to write a friendly letter," she said.
- ➤ Afterward, Devion said the assignment bored him because he prefers Pokemon to Mickey Mouse: "I could write 100 pages about Pokemon. A whole book."

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#### **Wall Street Journal**

- ➤ It is not unusual for smart children like Devion to develop behavior problems and inattention because their intellectual needs aren't met.
- ➤ Devion may soon get more instruction that's geared to his ability.

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- ➤ Although the Iles magnet school is so crowded it rarely accepts transfers, after the *Wall Street Journal* began looking at Devion's situation, he was invited to transfer in.
- ➤ He started there January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

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## **Helping Gifted Children Learn**

- ➤ This presentation is about children with may not have the academic skills or command of the English language to do well in school, yet they are very smart – gifted
- ➤ These children can become very talented given the opportunity to learn
- There are many children like this in our country, and their numbers are growing

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➤ On that day same a group of psychologists held a meeting in Harvard University's Emerson Hall to

discuss the possible role psychologists could play with the war effort (Yerkes, 1921).

> Yerkes, Thorndike, Seashore, Terman, and others...



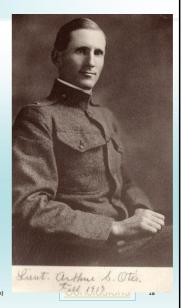
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## **Origins of Traditional IQ**

- ➤ A group of psychologists met at the Training School in Vineland, New Jersey on May 28, 1917 to identify possible tests
- ➤ They considered many options including tests that Lewis Terman's student Arthur S. Otis developed



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## **Origins of Traditional IQ**

- ➤ The goal was to find tests that could efficiently evaluate a wide variety of men, be easy to administer and easy to score.
- ➤ The tests they assembled were examined in a study involving about 4,000 subjects and the data collected and analyzed by another group including: Woodworth, Thorndike (Chief Statistician), Otis, and Thurstone



E. L. Thorndike



R. Woodworth

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## **Origins of Traditional IQ**

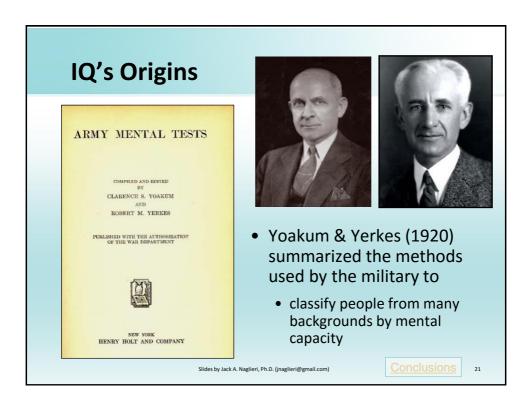
➤ By July of 1917 the first research study showed that the Alpha and Beta tests could

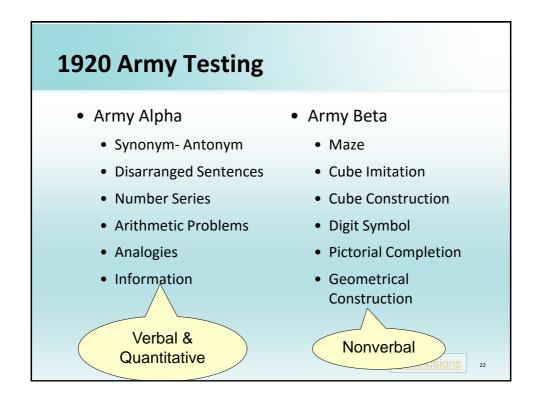
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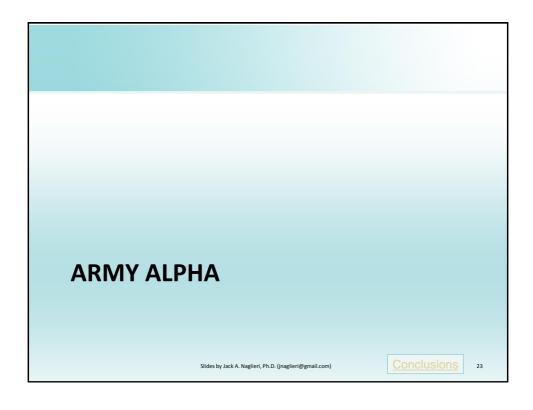
- "aid in segregating and eliminating the mentally incompetent,
- · classify men according to their mental ability; and
- assist in selecting competent men for responsible positions" (p. 19, Yerkes, 1921).
- ➤ Thus, July 20, 1917 is the birth date of the verbal, quantitative, nonverbal IQ test format.

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#### **Verbal and Nonverbal**

- ➤ Now you will take the *Information* subtest from the original Alpha (Verbal) IQ test
- ➤ There will be 10 questions
- ➤ Write your answers to each question
- ➤ You will have 60 seconds...
- ➤ Ready?
- **≻**BEGIN

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## The First IQ TEST: Alpha

1. Bull Durham is the name of

2. The Mackintosh Red is a kind of

3. The Oliver is a

4. A passenger locomotive type is the

Stone & Webster are well know

6. The Brooklyn Nationals are called

7. Pongee is a

8. Country Gentleman is a kind of

9. The President during the Spanish War was

10. Fatima is a make of

tobacco

fruit

typewriter

Mogul

engineers

**Superbas** 

fabric

corn

**Mckinley** 

cigarete

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

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#### **Army Mental Tests** → Information & WISC PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. EXAMINATION Test 5 Information. white 1 The color of fresh snow is blue brown 2 The cars are used in breathing 3. Cows eat mostly meat grass 4 Dogs like best to cat grass seeds fruits 5 Thorns grow on daisies battercups aluminum-ware 6 Bull Durham is the name of chewing gum tohneco clothing Hudson 7 America was discovered by Draka 8 The apple grows on a vine hush tree reed 9 Berlin is the capital of Russia Ocemany England lungu kidneys 10 Blood is pumped by the liver heart 11 Molasses is obtained from honey petroleum turpentine 12 Bowling is played with rackets cards balls dice Virginia Pennsylvania Obio 13 Baltimore is in Maryland Mississlppl Florida 14 St. Paul is in Missouri Minnesota

#### **Army Mental Tests** → **Arithmetic on WISC**

#### TEST 2

Get the answers to these examples as quickly as you can. Use the side of this page to figure on if you need to.

1 2 3 4	MPLES { 1 How many are 5 men and 10 men?	
7	from its first position?	)
9	If you buy 2 packages of tobacco at 8 cents each and a pipe for 55 cents, how much change should you get from a two-dollar bill?	
10	If it takes 8 men 2 days to dig a 160-foot drain, how many men are needed to dig it in half a day?	

## **Army Mental Tests - Vocabulary**

SAMPLES \begin{cases} \text{sky-blue}: \text{grass-table} & \text{green} & \text{warm} & \text{big} \\ \text{fish-swims}: \text{man-paper} & \text{time} & \text{walks} & \text{girl} \\ \text{day-night}: \text{: white-red} & \text{black} & \text{clear} & \text{pure} \end{cases}

In each of the lines below, the first two words are related to each other in some way. What you are to do in each line is to see what the relation is between the first two words, and underline the word in heavy type that is related in the same way to the third word. Begin with No. 1 and mark as many sets as you can before time is called.

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gun—shoots: knife—run cuts hat bird 1

2 ear—hear::eye—table hand sto play 2

3 dress—woman::feathers—bird cock feet bill 3

4 handle—hammer::knob—key room sin doc 4

5 shoe—foot::hat—coat nose hear clar 5

6 water—drink::bread—cake coffee eat ple 6

7 food—man::gasoline—gas oil automatible spark 7

8 eat—fat::starve—thin food read thirsy 8

9 man—home::bird—fiy insect worm nest 9

10 go—come::sell—leave huy money papers 10

11 peninsula—land::bay—boats pay ocean Massachusetts 11

12 hour—minute::minute—man wik short 12

13 abide—depart::stay—over heare play tere 13

14 January—February::June—July May month year 14

15 bold—timid::advance—proceed retreat campaign soldier 15
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# BUT WAIT! How do IQ and Achievement Tests Differ?

The TRUTH about IQ and achievement tests...

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## **VIQ** is Achievement

What does *scared* mean?

Someone who is *glad* is

(The child answers orally)

- (a) tall
- (b) proud
- (c) happy
- (d) alone

Wechsler or Binet Vocabulary item presented orally by the examiner: Stanford Achievement Test Reading Vocabulary

#### **VIQ** is Achievement

"A boy had twelve books and sold five. How many books did he have left?"

Stanford-Binet 5<sup>th</sup> Ed. Quantitative items Peter counted seventeen lily pads at the pond. There were frogs sitting on five of the lily pads, and the rest were empty. How many lily pads were empty?

(a) 22 (b) 13 (c) 12

Stanford Achievement Test Math item

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## **CogAT Form 6 Level D Verbal**

- ➤ CogAT Verbal Classification
  - Which answer goes with the words "red, brown, yellow"

A color

B crayon

C paint

D green

E marker

- ITBS Vocabulary test
  - Select the answer that has the same meaning as the target word.
    - "To peek in the box"

A push

B stand

C break

D look

#### **CogAT Sentence Completion**

➤ The child reads a sentence and selects an option that completes the meaning

Birds \_\_\_\_ in the sky"

A nest C swim

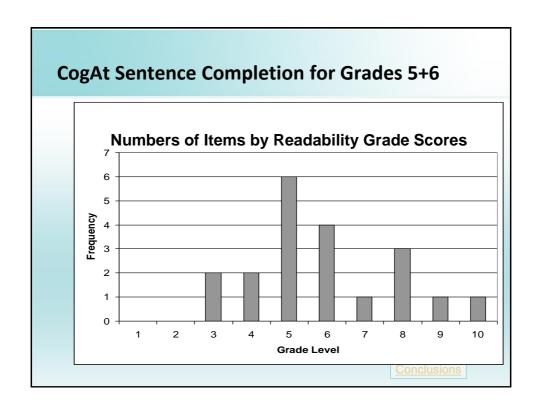
B fly D float

- This is also a vocabulary test
- >And, these questions require reading
- ➤ What level of reading is required?

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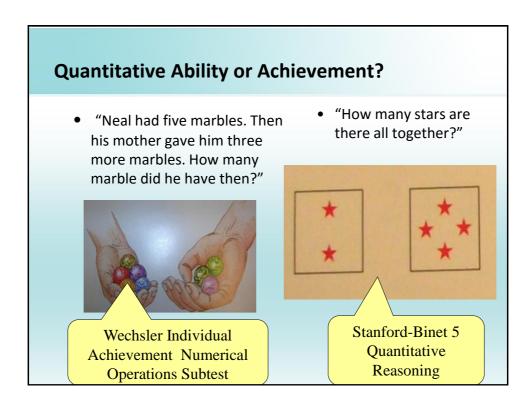
## **CogAt Sentence Completion**

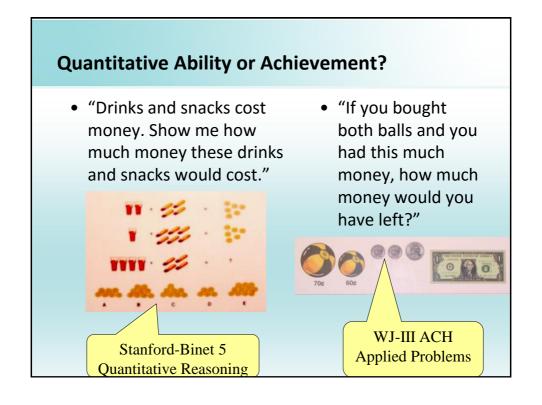
- CogAT Form D Level 6 is intended for children in grades 5 and 6
- ➤ The Sentence Completion test readability grade level is 6.1 (range 3.7 - 10.4) using Flesch-Kincaid readability formula
- ➤ 80% of the items have readability values of grade 5 or more!

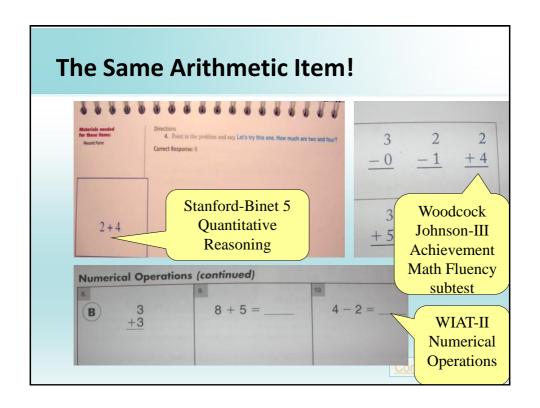


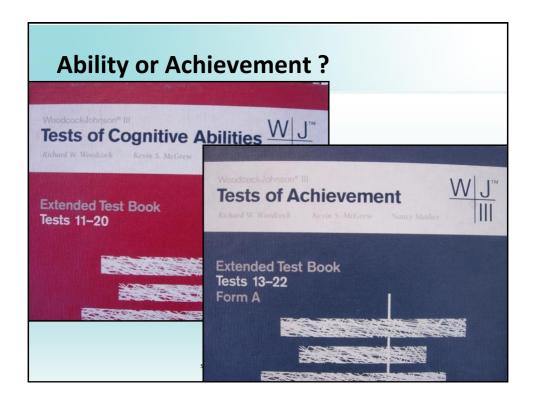
## **CogAt and ITBS Math**

- ➤ The CogAT Equation Building test demands basic math skills to determine how numbers and symbols can be combined to yield a specific numerical value
  - $7 \times 4 = ?$
  - 15 + 4 6 + 2 = ?
- > ITBS Math Concepts also involves equations
  - the student is given a math problem and asked to select which of four possible equations can be used to answer the question





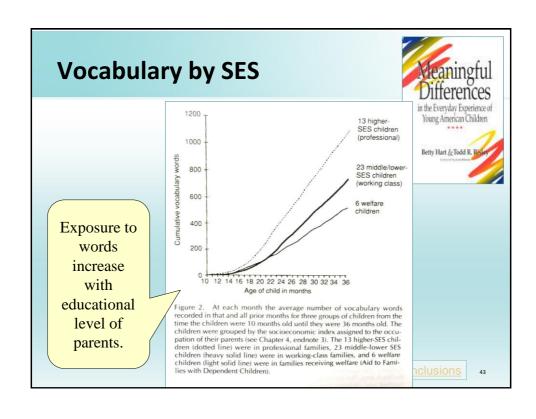


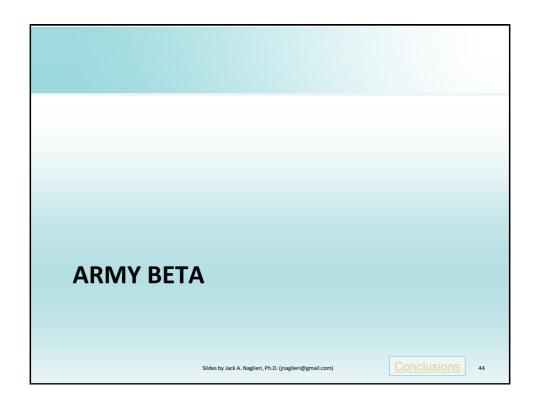


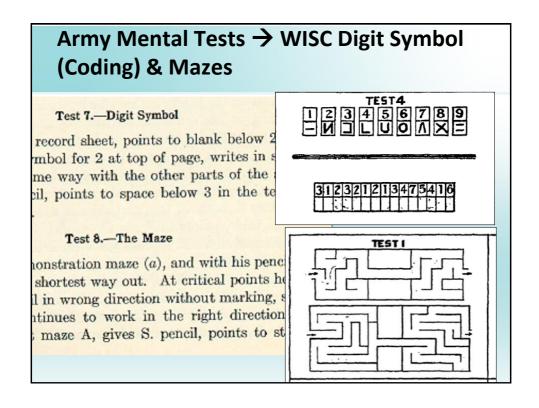
#### Which is Ability and which is Achievement? Test 1A Verbal Comprehension-Picture Vocabulary Test 14 Picture Vocabulary Administration Overview Scoring • 1 = Correct response ■ Test 1 Verbal Comprehension is comprised of four subtests—1A Picture Vo Test 17A Reading Vocabulary-Synonyms Test 1B Verbal Comprehension-Synonyms Administration Overview ITEST 17 Reading Vocabulary is comprised of three subtests—17A Synonyms, 17BA 17C Analogies. You must administer all three subtests to obtain a score for Test 17R Test 17B Reading Vocabulary-Antonyms Test 1C Verbal Comprehension-Antonyms Administration Overview Test 1D Verbal Comprehension-Verbal Analogies Test 17C Reading Vocabulary-Analogies Administration Overview Test 17 Reading Vocabulary is comprised of three subtests—17A Synonyms, 17B Antonyms 17C Analogies. You must administer all three subtests to obtain a score for Test 17 Reading

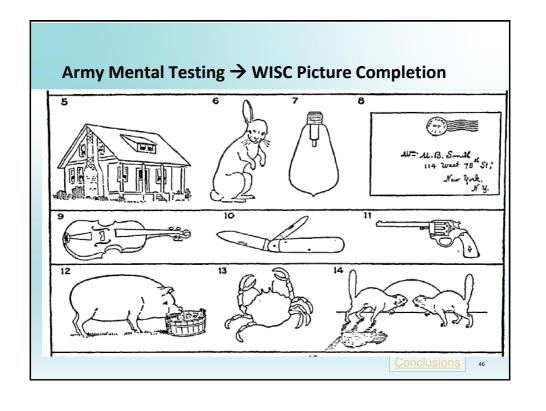
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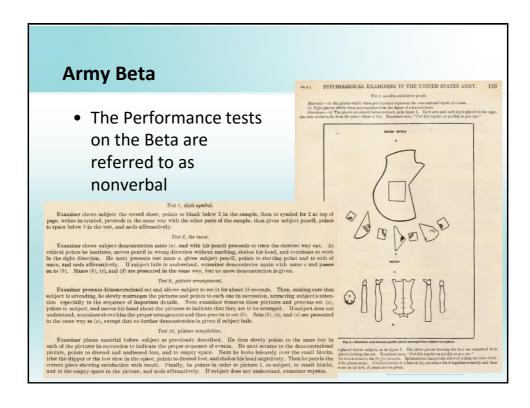
- Verbal and quantitative tests on traditional IQ are too confounded by achievement to be viable measures of general ability for students from poverty and all those with limited opportunity to learn as well as English language learners
- ➤ These tests under-estimate the actual ability of students who did not the the exposure to English and math

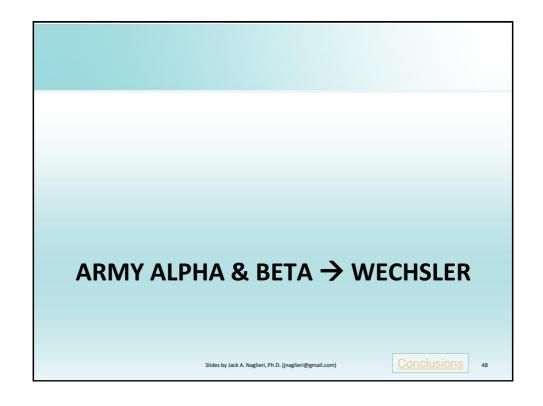












## **Back to the Origins of Traditional IQ**

➤ One of the Enlisted men in the Medical Corps trained in the School for Military Psychology was the 22 year old **DAVID WECHSLER** (Jan 12, 1896 – May 2, 1981)

Ward, Emerson C. April, 1918. do. Upton.
Watkins, Clarence P. November, 1918. do. Upton.
Weber, Chris O. April, 1918. Corporal. Cody.
Wechsler, David. May, 1918. do. Logan.
Wells, Cornelius L. November, 1918. Private. Hoboken.
Werner, Helmuth C, J. May, 1918. do. Dix.
West, Robert W. June, 1918. Corporal. Wheeler.
Westcott, Ralph W. May, 1918. Private Upton.
Whitchead, Guy. April, 1918. Corporal Jackson.

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## **Origins of Traditional IQ**

➤ In May of 1918 a 22 year-old David Wechsler arrived at Camp Logan in Texas to use the newly developed Alpha and Beta (Yerkes, 1921, p. 40)

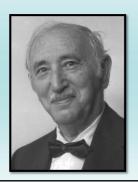


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#### **Army Testing Program?**

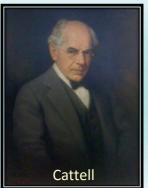
➤ David Wechsler got an idea...make a version of the Army tests for use by clinical psychologists



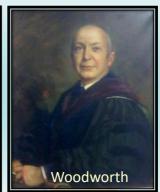


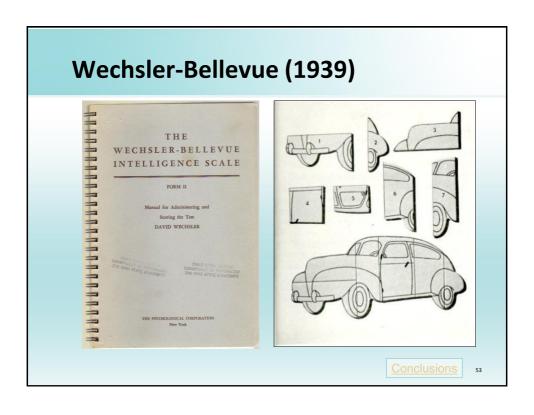
## **The Psychological Corporation**

Cattell, Thorndike and Woodworth all have portraits at corporate headquarters of The Psychological Corporation (now Pearson) in San Antonio, Texas. They were on the board of the and instrumental in the formation of the company.









## **Army Alpha and Beta**

- ➤ The Army Alpha Verbal and Quantitative tests became the Verbal IQ scale
- ➤ The *Army Beta* became the Performance IQ scale (AKA Nonverbal)
- ➤ Did this mean Wechsler believed in Verbal and Nonverbal intelligences?

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#### **Verbal Nonverbal Intelligence?**

- ➤ Verbal / Nonverbal is a practical division
- > Advantages of Verbal tests
  - they correlate with achievement because they have achievement in them
    - Information, Vocabulary, Arithmetic
- ➤ Advantages of Nonverbal Tests
  - they correlate with achievement without having achievement in them
- ➤ Why NONVERBAL ?

#### 1927 Army Testing

#### METHODS AND RESULTS

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Why Beta?

Men who fail in alpha are sent to beta in order that injustice by reason of relative unfamiliarity with English may be avoided. Men who fail in beta are referred for individual examination by means of what may appear to be the most suitable and altogether appropriate procedure among the varied methods available. This reference for careful individual examination is yet another attempt to avoid injustice either by reason of linguistic handicap or accidents incident to group examining.

Note there is no mention of measuring verbal and nonverbal intelligences

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#### What a Nonverbal Test Measures

- ➤ nonverbal assessment describes the content of the tests used to measure general intelligence not a theoretical construct of "nonverbal ability" (Bracken & McCallun, 1998)
- ➤ There is no assumption that nonverbal, as opposed to verbal, abilities are being measured

#### **What a Nonverbal Test Measures**

- ➤ general ability is measured using nonverbal tests so that many individuals may be assessed using the same set of questions
- measuring general ability nonverbally is, therefore, more appropriate, or fair, for culturally and/or linguistically diverse populations

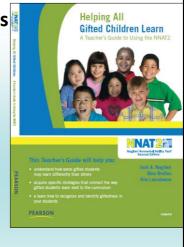
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### **General Intelligence**

- > The meaning of general intelligence
  - "we did not start with a clear definition or general intelligence... [but] borrowed from every-day life a vague term implying allround ability and... we [are] still attempting to define it more sharply and endow it with a stricter scientific connotation" (p. 53)".
  - Intelligence Testing: Methods and Results by Roudolf Pintner (1923)

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

- General ability is what allows us to solve many different kinds of problems
- > The problems 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.

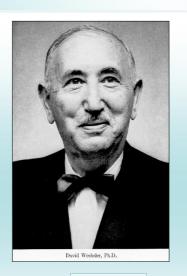


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#### Wechsler's Definition

➤ Definition of intelligence:

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



#### What a Nonverbal Test Measures

🧾 Helping All Gifted Children Learn: A Teacher's Guide to Using the NNAT2

It is important to understand that even though Wechsler's intelligence (IQ) tests were organized into verbal and nonverbal sections, he did not mean that verbal and nonverbal are different types of ability. Wechsler (1958) explicitly stated that the organization of subtests into verbal and performance scales did *not* indicate that two distinctive types of intelligence were being measured. In fact, he

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#### What a Nonverbal Test Measures

wrote: "the subtests are different measures of intelligence, not measures of different kinds of intelligence" (p. 64). Similarly, Naglieri (2003) further clarified that "the term nonverbal refers to the content of the test, not a type of ability" (p. 2). Thus, tests may differ in their content or specific demands, but still measure the concept of general intelligence.



#### **What a Nonverbal Test Measures**



Wechsler (1975) included all of his intelligence tests under the umbrella term called general ability. He wrote "... the attributes and factors of intelligence, like the elementary particles in physics, have at once collective and individual properties" (p. 138). Even though a test may have questions that are verbal, quantitative, or nonverbal, they can be combined under the concept of general ability.

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## **General Intelligence**

- The content of the activities may vary but they all require general ability
- Tests of general ability may be divided on the basis of the content of the questions...but that does not mean that different abilities are being measured

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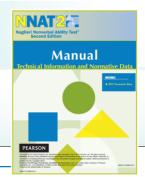
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## Nonverbal Tests of General Ability

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#### What does NNAT2 Measure



#### Content

The NNAT2 is a nonverbal measure of general ability that is predictive of academic success (see Naglieri, 2008). All items share the same essential requirement—that the student examine the relationships among the parts of the design, called a matrix, and determine which response is the correct one based on the information inherent in the item. The item raw scores are summed to get the total raw score which is used to obtain the scaled score,

Naglieri Ability Index (NAI) score, stanine, and percentile rank. The NAI score represents the student's overall level of general ability when measured using nonverbal stimuli.

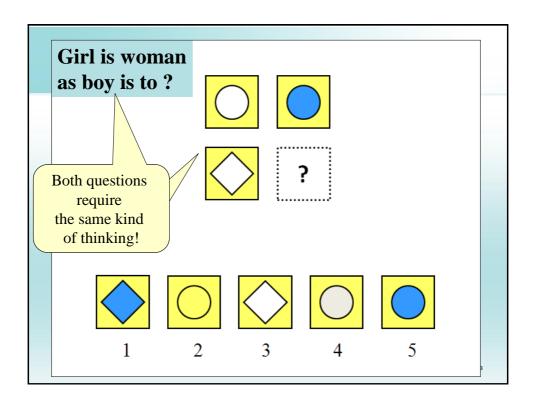
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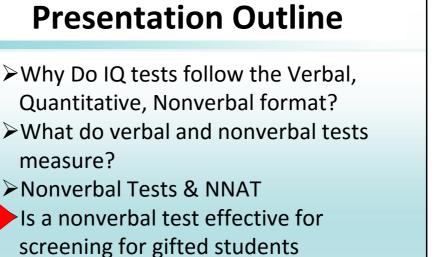
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## Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (Second edition)

A look at some illustrative items

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**Guilty Verdict** 

## My Approach

- ➤ In order to have a scientific basis for use of the NNAT, I conducted research on special groups to answer the following questions:
  - Does the NNAT work for Black and Hispanic students?
  - Does the NNAT work for ELL students?
  - Does the NNAT work for males and females?

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## Does the NNAT work for all groups?

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Comparison of White, African American, Hispanic, and Asian Children on the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test

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This study examined differences between 3 matched samples of White (n=2,306) and African American (n=2,306), White (n=1,176) and Hispanic (n=1,176), and White (n=466) and Asian (n=466) children on the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT', 1A. Naglieri, 1997a). The groups were selected from 22,620 children included in the NNAT standardization sample and matched on geographic region, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, and type of school setting (public or private). There was only a small difference between the NNAT scores for the White and African American samples (d ratio = .25) and minimal differences between the White and Hispanic (d ratio = .17) and between the White and Asian (d ratio = .02) groups. The NNAT was moderately correlated with achievement for the total sample and correlated similarly with achievement for the White and ethnic minority groups. The median correlation of NNAT with reading was .52 and NNAT with math was .63 across the samples. Results suggest that the NNAT scores have use for fair assessment of White and minority children.

Accurate assessment of intelligence for people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds has been a topic of great debate and interest for some time (Sattler, 1988). To effectively evaluate diverse populations, researchers have widely used tests that comprise nonverbal, geometric designs arranged in a progressive matrix because they are considered culturally reduced in their content (Jensen, 1980; Naglieri & Prewett, 1990; Sattler, 1988). For ex-

as psychometric issues such as internal and test-retest reliability (Jensen, 1980; Naglieri, 1985a, 1985b; Naglieri & Prewett, 1990; Nicholson, 1989). In response to these needs, other progressive matrix tests have become available. This includes the Test of Nonverbal Intelligence (Brown, Sherbenou, & Johnsen, 1990), the Matrix Analogies Test—Short Form (MAT-SF; Naglieri, 1985b) and Expanded Form (MAT-EF; Naglieri, 1985a), the Naglieri

	N	Mean	Diff
White	2,306	99.3	
Black	2,306	95.1	4.2
White	1,176	101.4	
Hispanic	1,176	98.6	2.8
White	466	103.6	
Asian	446	103.9	0.3

#### **Race Differences by Test (Naglieri 2015) Table 20.1** Mean score differences in standard scores by race on traditional IQ and second-generation intelligence Naglieri, J. A. (2015). tests 100 Years of Test Difference intelligence testing: **Traditional** Moving from SB-IV (matched) 12.6 traditional IQ to WISC-IV (normative sample) 11.5 second-generation WJ-III (normative sample) 10.9 intelligence tests. In WISC-IV (matched) 10.0 Goldstein, Princiotta Second generation & Naglieri, Handbook KABC (normative sample) 7.0 of Intelligence. New KABC (matched) 6.1 York: Springer. KABC-2 (matched) 5.0 CAS2 (normative sample) 6.3 **NNAT difference** CAS (demographic controls) 4.8 of 4.2 CAS2 (demographic controls) 4.3

# Does the NNAT work for all groups?

- Jack A. Naglieri & Donna Ford (2003).
- Increasing Identification of Gifted Minority Children Using the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT).
- Gifted Child Quarterly.

Addressing Underrepresentation of Gifted Minority Children Using the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT)

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#### ABSTRACT

A persistent problem in education is the underrepresentation of diverse students in gifted education programs. Many educators attribute the poor participation of diverse students in gifted programs to the ineffectiveness of standardized tests in capturing the ability of these students. Thus, a primary agenda of school selection committees is to find more culturally sensitive measures. This study examined the effectiveness of the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT) in identifying gifted Black and Hispanic students in comparison to White students. The sample was comprised of attribute the problem to standardized tests, contending that these tests fail to assess the strengths and abilities of culturally, ethnically, and linguistically diverse populations (e.g., Frazier et al., 1995). Support for this assertion comes from reports showing that Black, Hispanic, and Native American students consistently score lower than White students on traditional standardized tests (Brody, 1992; Sattler, 1988).

Despite the fact that intelligence tests such as the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-Third Edition

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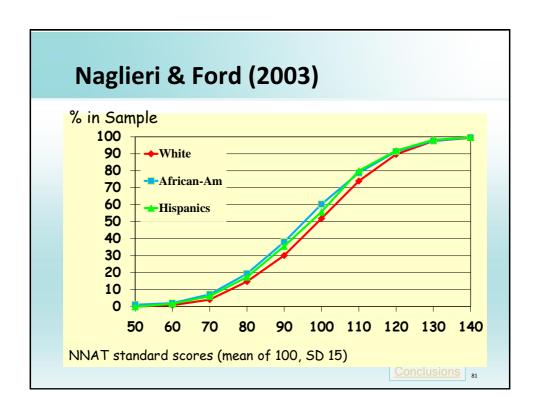
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# Naglieri & Ford (2001)

- ➤Sample:
  - 19,210 children (fall 1995 NNAT sample)
  - Grades K to 12
- ➤ Goal: to examine the differential hit rates of children identified using NNAT scores
  - Cumulative frequency distributions were obtained for White (n = 14, 316), Black (n = 2,880), and Hispanic (n = 2, 014) samples

Conclusions



					GIF	TED IDENT	IFICATION
			Tabl	e 2			
			NNAT	Scores			
	White		Black		Hispanic		Expected
	n	%	n	%	n	%	%
120 & above	1,571	10.3	269	9.4	190	9.5	9.0
125 & above	906	5.6	145	5.1	88	4.4	5.0
130 & above	467	2.5	75	2.6	46	2.3	2.0
135 & above	190	1.1	42	1.5	18	0.9	1.0
140 & above	90	0.6	19	0.6	9	0.4	0.4
Total Sample n	14,141		2,863		1,991		

Note. Expected percentage values are those associated with normal curve probabilities.

relations to achievement provided by Naglieri and Ronning (2000a, 2000b) to include an important examination of the differential rates of identification for diverse groups. These results are similar to previous studies of the NNAT and its earlier version, the MAT (Naglieri, 1985a, 1985b), which demonstrated that the instrument yielded small differences between majority and minority groups (Naglieri, 1985b; Naglieri & Ronning, 2000a). More importantly, however,

quently, provide access to gifted education services. The primary difference between the NNAT and other group ability tests is that the latter typically include verbal, quantitative, as well as nonverbal tests. Some researchers have argued that a general ability test with verbal and quantitative items is limited in utility because it demands English language skills and knowledge directly taught in school (Naglieri, 1999; Naglieri & Prewett, 1990). This study

### Does the NNAT work for ELL students?

Naglieri, Booth, & Winsler (2004). Comparison of Hispanic Children with and without Limited English Proficiency on the NNAT. Psychological Assessment.

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#### BRIEF REPORTS

Comparison of Hispanic Children With and Without Limited English Proficiency on the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test

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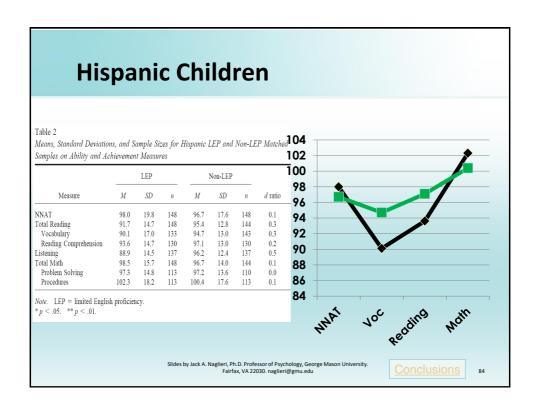
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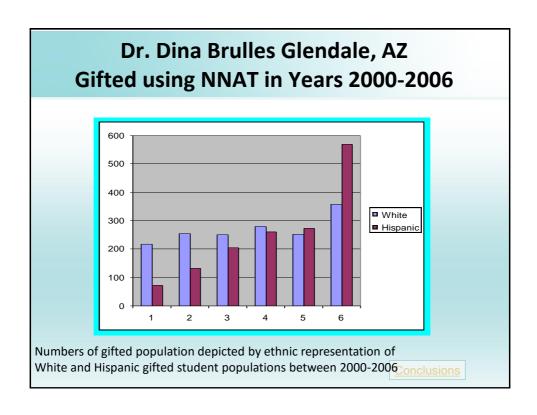
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Hispanic children with (n=148) and without (n=148) limited English proficiency were given the Nagheri Norwebal Abshiry Test (NNAT; J. A. Nagheri, 1997a) and the Stanford Achievement Test—9th edition (A3T–9; 1995). The groups were selected from the NNAT standardization sample (N=22.630) and anathed on geographic regions generally exciscements: titles, undensity, and elameity. There was a matched to geographic region, generally exciscements within unbancity, and elameity. There was a English proficiency (M=98.0) and those without limited English proficiency (M=98.0) and those without limited English proficiency (M=98.0). The NNAT correlated undensity and unstallarly with schements of the 2 group. The sample of children with limited English proficiency exemed considerably lower scores on SAT–9 Reading and Verball subsets). Results suggest that the NNAT may be useful for the assessment of Hupanic children with and without limited English proficiency.

Assessment of intelligence for persons with limited English language skills has been an important issue sance the familiar verbal-converbel organization of tests was intuitily made popular in the Army Alpha and Beta tests (Yookum & Yerkes, 1920). The most of y Yookum & Yerkes, 1920) The most of you want of the property of the proper

Recent research on the nonverbal approach to measuring general shirty has shown that the Naglaria Nonverbal Abrilty Test (NNAT, Naglaria, 1997a) can be an effective way to assess general shirty, yields small race and ething group differences, and shows good prediction of achievement. Naglaria and Ronning (2009) provided a detailed study of mean score differences between matched samples of White (n=2,300) and Black (n=2,300), White (n=1,176) and Hispanic (n=1,176) and White (n=460) and Asian (n=460) children on the NNAT only small differences were found between the NNAT only small differences were found between the NNAT access. For the White and Black sameles (Cobas's d





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2013-2015 Screening pool					
NNAT			COGAT VQN	V	
Ethnic					
Group	Frequency	Percent	Ethnic Grou	p Frequency	Percent
White	1492	80.6%	White	1333	89.0%
Black	87	4.7%	Black	40	2.7%
Hispanic	272	14.7%	Hispanic	125	8.3%
Total	1851		Total	1498	
% Inscrease for Blacks>			54.0	<mark>)%</mark>	
% Inscrease for Hispanics>			54.0	<mark>)%</mark>	

#### Does the NNAT work for males & females?



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Developmental gender differences on the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test in a nationally normed sample of 5–17 year olds

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#### Abstract

Lynn [Lynn, R. (2002). Sex differences on the progressive matrices among 15–16 year olds: some data from South Africa. Personality and Individual Differences 33, 669–673.] proposed that biologically based developmental sex differences produce different IQ trajectories across childhood and adolescence. To test this theory we analyzed the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test-Multilevel Form. San Antonio: Harcourt Assessment Company.]) standardization sample of 79,780 children and adolescents in grades K-12, which was representative of the US census on several critical demographic variables. NNAT data were consistent with Lynn's developmental theory of gender differences insofar as (a)

#### **Gender Differences on NNAT** Chronological ages and NAI scores for males and females by NNAT levels Males Levels Females d-ratio Age NAI NAI M S.D. M S.D. M S.D. M S.D. 100.0 15.5 2912 98.9 2803 0.07 6.1 0.4 6.0 0.4 16.1 В 0.5 7.0 0.5 100.9 3384 -0.087.1 99.6 16.0 3412 15.8 C 8 1 0.5 98 9 154 4044 8.0 0.5 98.6 15.5 4068 0.02 D 9.6 0.8 100.8 16.7 8016 9.5 0.7 100.5 15.5 7984 0.02 11.8 0.8 99.0 16.5 7716 11.7 0.7 999 15.4 7556 -0.0614.2 1.0 99.6 17.1 8878 14.0 1.0 100.3 15.9 9286 -0.0417.1 100.3 16.9 99.6 0.04 \*=p<.05; \*\*=p<.01; \*\*\*=p<.001.NAI diff=gender differences in NNAT NAI scores. 110 105 Males 100 Females 95 90 C Ε G

# Are Verbal and Quantitative Tests Needed? WISC-3 with WIAT N Median r N SAT9 1,284 WISC-3 data from WIAT Manual Table C.1 ages 6-16 NNAT data from Naglieri (1997) NNAT Technical Manual Conclusions

# **Presentation Outline**

- ➤ Why Do IQ tests follow the Verbal, Quantitative, Nonverbal format?
- ➤ What do verbal and nonverbal tests measure?
- ➤ Nonverbal Tests & NNAT
- ➤ Is a nonverbal test effective for screening for gifted students
  - Gifted Ed Discrimination on Trial:
    Guilty Verdict

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# Using a Nonverbal Test does NOT Necessarily Make Gifted Classes more Diverse

U-46 Court Decision about Testing ELL Students for Gifted Programs

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#### Illinois School District U-46

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

DANIEL, DINAH and DEANNA MCFADDEN, minors, by their parent and next friend, Tracy McFadden; KAREN, RODOLFO and KIARA TAPIA, minors, by their parent and next friend, Mariela Montoya; JOCELYN BURCIAGA, minor, by her parent and next friend, Griselda Burciaga; and KASHMIR IVY, minors, by their parent and next friend, Beverly Ivy; KRISTIANNE SIFUENTES, minors, by her parent and next friend, Irma Sifuentes,

Plaintiffs,

V.

BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46,

Defendant.

No. 05 C 0760

Judge Robert W. Gettleman

#### Illinois School District U-46

### ➤ Main question:

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

On July 11, 2013, Judge Robert Gettlemen issued a decision holding that District U46 intentionally discriminated against Hispanic students specific in their gifted
programming (placement), and found problems with policies and instruments for

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## **Judge Gettleman's Decision**

The Court's decision renewed the  $Brown\ v.\ Board\ of\ Education\ (1954)$  principle that 'separate is inherently unequal'.

... The court finds the District's method of identifying gifted Minority

Students was flawed and resulted in an obvious disparate impact on those students by separating them from their gifted White peers.... By singling out most[ly] all Hispanic students for the segregated SET/SWAS program, the District deprived these children of that educational opportunity based on their ethnicity (p. 27).

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# **Judge Gettleman's Decision**

Judge Gettlemen found discrimination

regarding (a) tests for screening and for identification, (b) designated cutoff scores for screening and identification, (c) use of both verbal and math scores at arbitrary designated levels for screening and for identification, (d) use of weighted matrix, as well as content and criteria in weighted matrices that favored achievement and traditional measures, (e) too little reliance on a nonverbal test (Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test) for admission to SWAS, (f) re-testing Hispanic students for middle school gifted program, (g) timing of testing, (h) use of parental referrals, and (i) use of teacher referrals (see Table 2).

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# **Judge Gettleman's Decision**

Table 2. Gatekeepers to SWAS: Policies, Procedures, and Instruments.

Policy, Procedures, and Instruments	Barriers to Under-Representation in SWAS
Tests selected for screening and identification	Traditional tests were gatekeepers to SWAS.
Too little reliance on a nonverbal test for admission to SWAS	Nonverbal test should have been used as it was effective for entry to SET/SWAS for Hispanic students who had exited ELL.
Re-testing Hispanic students for middle school gifted program	Re-testing Hispanic students and eliminating non-verbal test were gatekeepers to middle school SWAS.
Use of parental referrals	Parental referrals were gatekeepers to SWAS; they favored White parents.
Use of teacher referrals	Parental referrals were gatekeepers to SWAS; they favored White parents.

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## **Moving Forward**

- ➤ Black students represent 19% our nation's public schools but only 10% of gifted education
- ➤ Hispanic students represent 25% but only 16% of gifted education
- ➤ At least half a million of these students are not receiving the education they need to reach their potential (Ford, 2010).
- ➤ We can solve this social justice problem by identifying smart children by using nonverbal tests of general ability

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## **Moving Forward**

- ➤ Identify ALL students who are gifted (smart) as well as those who are talented (knowledgeable)
- ➤ Modify the curriculum to meet the needs of ALL gifted students
- This will have a substantial impact of the achievement gap between Black,
  Hispanic, and White students

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