

# Equitable Assessment, Eligibility Determination and Intervention: Application of the PASS Theory using the CAS2

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**How  
Are You  
Feeling  
Today ?**



# Let's Get Ready to Learn



Mindful Breathing



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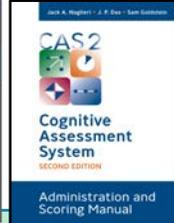
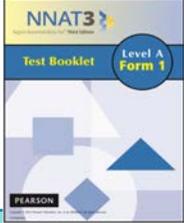
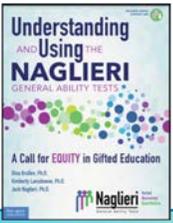
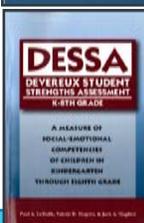
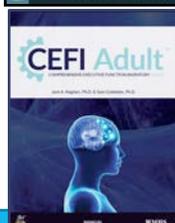
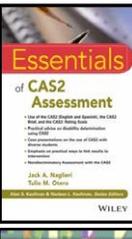
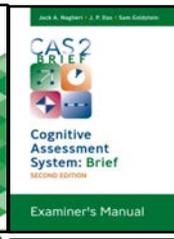
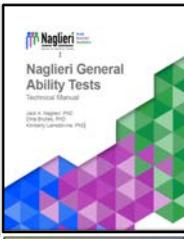
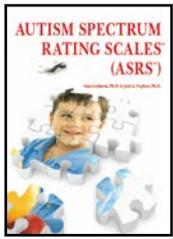
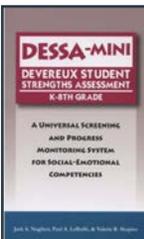
Executive Function

Social Emotional

Autism

Gifted Identification

PASS Neurocognitive Theory: Assessment & Intervention Handouts



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CAS2 Online  
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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO MY WEB PAGES

## Core Group Discussion → Deeper Learning

- **Coach** – Help the group decide what to do
- **Organizer** – Guide the discussion
- **Recorder** – Keep notes and speak for the group
- **Energizer** – Focus the group !

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## The BIG picture

- The comprehensive assessments we provide can alter the course of a student's life; making this one of the most important tasks we have.
- We want Intellectual assessment that
  - Is consistent with IDEA and state regulations regarding SLD determination
  - Helps us understand WHY a student fails
  - Informs us about academic strengths & weaknesses and interventions
  - Is fair for students from diverse populations
- These goals can be achieved if we use second-generation tests that measure the way students THINK to LEARN
  - The definition of THINKING should be based on BRAIN function
  - PASS theory is a way of defining THINKING and the Cognitive Assessment System-2<sup>nd</sup> Edition a way to measure a student's ABILITY to think



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## Case of Paul: gr. 4 Dyslexia (Steve Feifer)

- **Case of Paul** -A 9-year-old in 4<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Problems in reading and math
  - Can't remember the sequence of steps when doing math and math facts
  - Good memory for details
  - Can't sound out words
  - Poor spelling
  - Poor reading comprehension



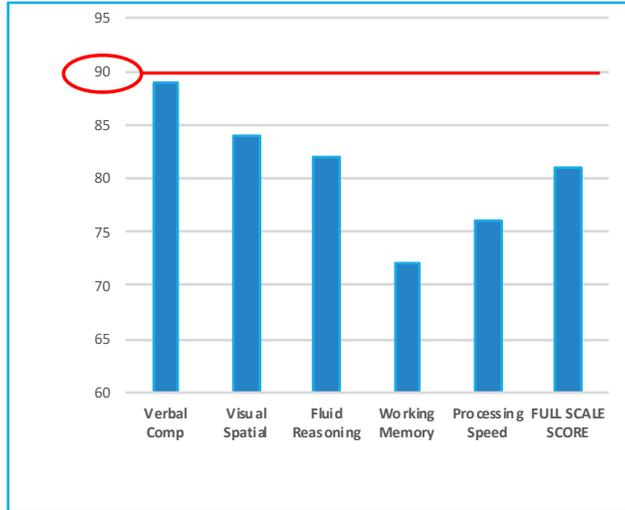
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## Paul – age 9 years

### Presenting Concerns: Reading, Math Word Problems, Anxiety

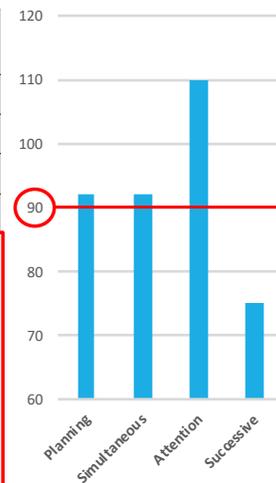
WISC-V	STANDARD SCORE	PERCENTILE RANK
Verbal Comprehension	89	23%
Visual Spatial	84	14%
Fluid Reasoning	82	12%
Working Memory	72	3%
Processing Speed	76	6%
FULL SCALE SCORE	81	10%
WIAT III Reading	81	9%
WIAT III Math	90	25%
WIAT III Writing	94	34%



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## Paul – age 9 years

CAS-2	STANDARD SCORE	Classification
Planning	92	Average
Simultaneous	92	Average
Attention	110	Average
Successive	75	Very Low



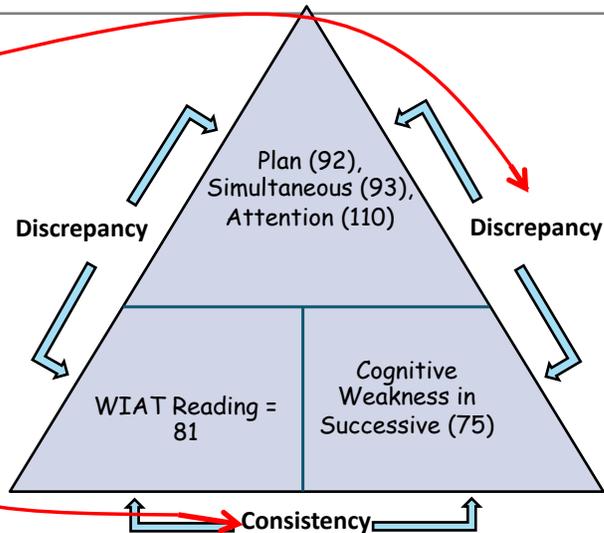
Differences Between PASS Scale Standard Scores and the Student's Average PASS Score Required for Significance for the CAS2 12-Subtest EXTENDED battery AGES 8-18 Years.

Cognitive Assessment System - 2	Standard Score	Difference from PASS Mean of: 92.3	Significantly Different (at $p < .05$ ) from	Strength or Weakness	
				Strength	Weakness
Planning	92	-0.3	no		
Simultaneous	92	-0.3	no		
Attention	110	17.8	yes	Strength	
Successive	75	-17.3	yes		Weakness

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## Paul's Discrepancy Consistency Results

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



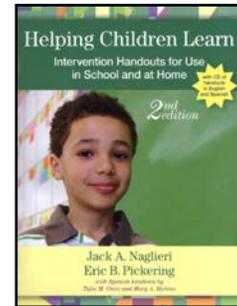
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## Intervention Protocol (Naglieri & Kryza, 2019)

1. Help child understand their PASS strengths and challenges (be intentional & transparent)
2. Encourage Motivation & Persistence (student's mindset)
3. Encourage strategy use (build skill sets)
4. Encourage independence and self efficacy (metacognition, self assessment & self correction)

# Be Intentional and Transparent

- The test results showed that your brain is strong at
  - Noticing details (Attention),
  - seeing how things go together (Simultaneous)
  - And figuring out how to do things (Planning)
- The results also showed that
  - It is very hard for you to follow a sequence (Successive)
- But we can help you with that...
  - Handouts for students to manage sequences



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## Ideas to Consider



### A Theory Based on Brain Function

- Thinking vs Knowing

### From PASS to CAS2

- A Different View of People

### Research Update

- PASS and Equity – Measure Thinking not Knowing
- To *g* or not to *g*

### Administration and Interpretation Issues

- Test order, subtest interpretation, etc.

### Reasons To Change

- Validity of PASS Theory

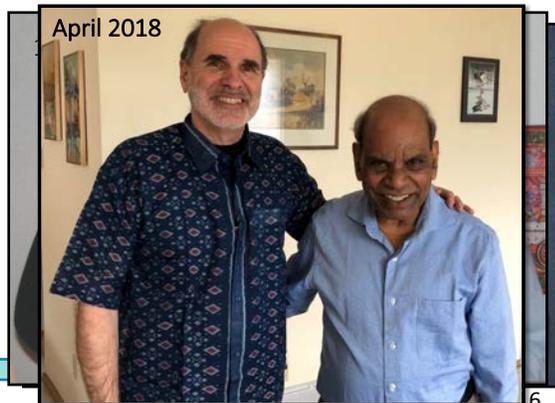
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Intelligence Tests

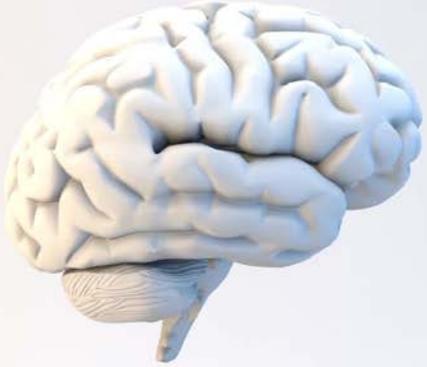
→ Wechsler, et al

→ Cognitive Assessment System 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

## Intelligence as Neurocognitive Functions

- In my first working meeting with JP Das (February 11, 1984) we proposed that intelligence was better REinvented as neurocognitive processes and we began development of the **Cognitive Assessment System** (Naglieri & Das, 1997).
- We conceptualized intelligence as Planning, Attention, Simultaneous, and Successive (PASS) neurocognitive processes based on Luria's concepts of brain function.





## Key Attributes of a Second-Generation Intelligence Test

1. We started with a THEORY of intelligence based on the BRAIN as described by A. R. Luria
2. We selected and created test questions to measure THINKING defined as PASS
3. We did not include test questions that demand KNOWING such as Vocabulary, etc.
4. There is now considerable research to demonstrate that PASS scores from the CAS are equitable, interpretable beyond the total score, yields profiles for strengths and weaknesses, and leads to intervention

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# Neuropsychological Correlates of PASS

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Naglieri, J. A., & Otero, T. M. Redefining Intelligence as the PASS Theory of Neurocognitive Processes.

**CHAPTER 6** •••••

**Redefining Intelligence with the Planning, Attention, Simultaneous, and Successive Theory of Neurocognitive Processes**

Practitioners and test authors have become increasingly conscious of the need for theory-based intelligence tests. Although several theories of intelligence have been attached to traditional ability tests such as the Wechsler scales (Pucker & Esping, 2014), one theory, first described by Das, Kirby, and Jarman (1979), was used explicitly to develop a new way to construct an intelligence test. In 1997, Naglieri and Das (1997a) published the Cognitive Assessment System (CAS), which was based on a neurocognitive theory called planning, attention, simultaneous, and successive (PASS) processing. These authors argued that a neurocognitive theory of intelligence provides the foundation necessary for test construction and is equally important for test interpretation. They also suggested that traditional IQ tests, which were based largely on the work of the U.S. military (see Naglieri, 2015), were too limited and could be improved if the constructs that were measured were related to brain functions. Naglieri and Das anticipated that the PASS neurocognitive approach would yield better diagnostic information, have relevance to instructional decision making, and be more appropriate for diverse populations (Naglieri & Otero, 2011, 2017).

the four PASS processes. PASS theory has been most recently operationalized in the Cognitive Assessment System—Second Edition (CAS2; Naglieri, Das, & Goldstein, 2014a), the CAS2: Spanish (Naglieri, Moreno, & Otero, 2017), the CAS2: Brief (Naglieri, Das, & Goldstein, 2014b), and the CAS2: Rating Scale (Naglieri, Das, & Goldstein, 2014c). We describe these tests in Chapter 15 of this book. The measures are based on the PASS theory and neurocognitive perspective from that of traditional but in part, subsets requiring knowledge). These batteries the Army mental testing program and Yerkes (1920) also PASS theory, as operationalized CAS2, has created an open field of intelligence and also emphasizing (1) that a test be based on a theory of intelligence, (2) that the test should measure processes defined by the theory, and (3) that the test be based on the content of the

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**Cognitive Assessment System: Redefining Intelligence From a Neuropsychological Perspective**

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**INTRODUCTION**

Pediatric neuropsychology has become an important field for understanding and treating developmental, psychiatric, psychosocial, and learning disorders. By addressing both brain functions and environmental factors intrinsic in complex behaviors, such as thinking, reasoning, planning, and the variety of executive capacities, clinicians are able to offer needed services to children with a variety of learning, psychiatric, and developmental disorders. Brain-behavior relationships are investigated by neuropsychologists by interpreting several aspects of an individual's cognitive, language, emotional, social, and motor behavior. Standardized instruments are used by neuropsychologists to collect information and derive inferences about brain-behavior relationships. Technology, such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), functional MRI (fMRI), positron emission tomography, computerized tomography, and diffusion tensor imaging, has reduced the need for neuropsychological tests to localize and assess brain damage. Neuropsychological tests, however, Such tools should not only evaluate the underlying processes necessary for efficient thinking and behavior but also provide for the development of effective interventions and address the p

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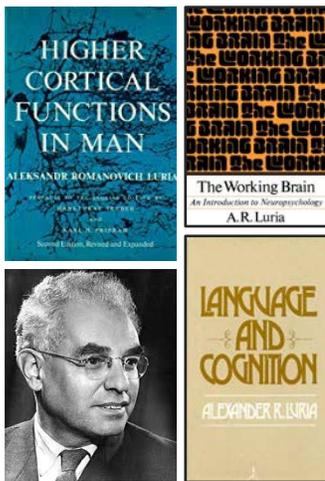
## CAS2 Measures Thinking (PASS) not Knowing

- What does the student have to **know** to complete a task?
  - *This is dependent on educational opportunity (e.g., Vocabulary, Arithmetic, phonological skills, etc.)*

How does the student have to **think** to complete a task?  
*This is dependent on the brain's neurocognitive processes*



## PASS Neurocognitive Theory



- **P**lanning = THINKING ABOUT HOW YOU DO WHAT YOU DECIDE TO DO
  - **A**ttention = BEING ALERT AND RESISTING DISTRACTIONS
  - **S**imultaneous = GETTING THE BIG PICTURE
  - **S**uccessive = FOLLOWING A SEQUENCE
- PASS** = 'basic psychological processes'
- NOTE:** Easy to understand concepts!

## PASS Provides a Common Language

- Psychologists, teachers, parents, and students can all use a common language to describe abilities without the esoteric terms we have used for years – NO psychobabble

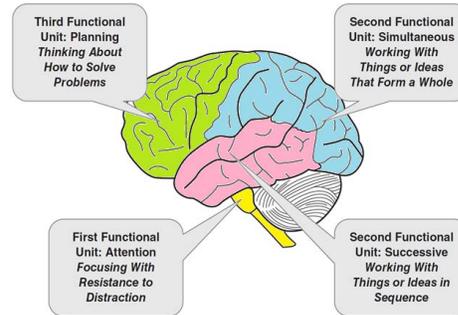


Figure 1.2 Three Functional Units and Associated Brain Structures

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

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## Frankie was struggling in school at age 11



None of the images of students are real pictures of the person

- Referred by parents after a history of reading and self esteem problems
- High level of anxiety
  - he was too anxious to look closely at the words, and he would rather get the task completed and move on.
  - Frankie could not attend to the details of the sequence of letters for correct spelling, and the order of sound-symbol associations

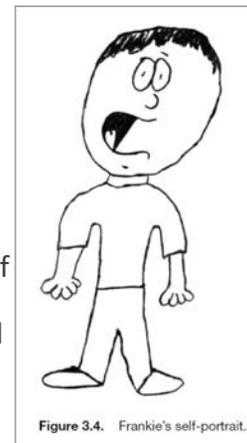


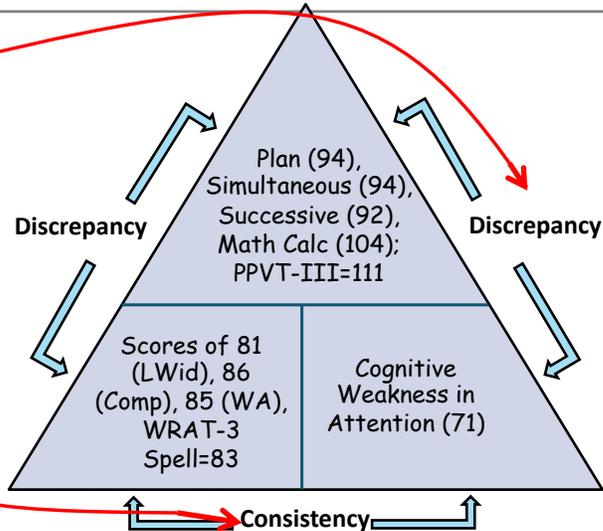
Figure 3.4. Frankie's self-portrait.

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## Frankie: Then

- I informed Frankie of his PASS scores, and everything changed
- He learned to manage his attention problem by using good Planning which helped him
  - recognize when he is off task
  - Think of possible ways to manage his attention
  - recognize when he needed a change in the environment to reduce distractions
- Perhaps most importantly: He was given hope – that he could succeed

## and Now

- Is married and has a Frankie graduated High School and went to college
- few children
- He is a graphic designer
- He uses his knowledge and good Planning, Simultaneous and Successive processing to manage any obstacles he may still have with attention

# Public Education and the Rest of my Story



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## PASS Theory Based on Brain Function – Planning

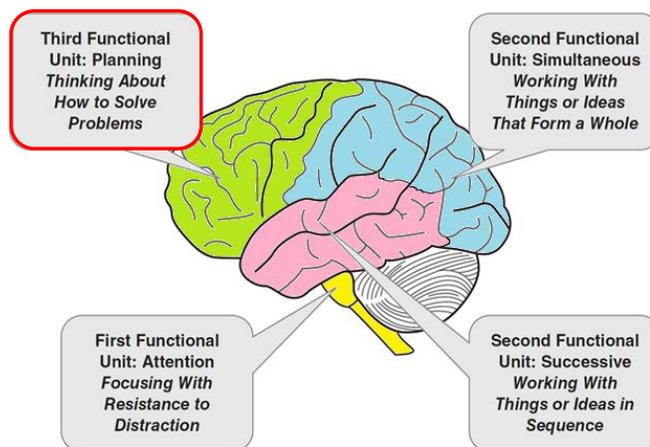


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# PASS Theory: Planning

- Planning is a term used to describe a neurocognitive function similar to metacognition and executive function
- Planning is needed for setting goals, making decisions, predicting the outcome of one’s own and others actions, impulse control, strategy use and retrieval of knowledge
- Planning helps us make decisions about how to solve any kind of a problem from academics to social situations and life in general
- Math calculation, written expression, etc

# CAS2: Rating Scale Planning

**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.

During the past month, how often did the child or adolescent . . .

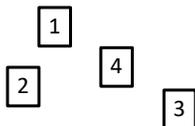
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Frequently	Always
1. produce a well-written sentence or a story?	0	1	2	3	4
2. evaluate his or her own actions?	0	1	2	3	4
3. produce several ways to solve a problem?	0	1	2	3	4
4. have many ideas about how to do things?	0	1	2	3	4
5. have a good idea about how to complete a task?	0	1	2	3	4
6. solve a problem with a new solution when the old one did not work?	0	1	2	3	4
7. use information from many sources when doing work?	0	1	2	3	4
8. effectively solve new problems?	0	1	2	3	4
9. have well-described goals?	0	1	2	3	4
10. consider new ways to finish a task?	0	1	2	3	4

+  +  +  +  =   
 Planning Raw Score

# Planning Subtests

Planned Codes

Planned Connections



Planned Number Matching

5176   5761   5167   1576   5176   1567



**Examiner Record Form**  
Jack A. Naglieri J. P. Das Sam Goldstein

Section 2. Subtest and Composite Scores

Subtest	Raw Score	Scaled Score				
		PLAN	SIM	ATT	SUC	
Planned Codes (PGC)						
Planned Connections (PCN)						
Planned Number Matching (PRM)						
Matrices (MAT)						
Verbal-Spatial Relations (VSR)						
Figure Memory (FM)						
Expressive Attention (EA)						
Number Detection (ND)						
Receptive Attention (RA)						
Word Series (WS)						
Sentence Repetition/Questions (SR/QS)						
Visual Digit Span (VDS)						
		PLAN	SIM	ATT	SUC	FS
Sum of Subtest Scaled Scores		+	+	+	+	
PASS Composite Index Scores						
Percentile Rank						
Upper						
% Confidence Interval						
Lower						

## Planned Codes Page 1

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

A	B	C	D	A
X O	O O	X X		

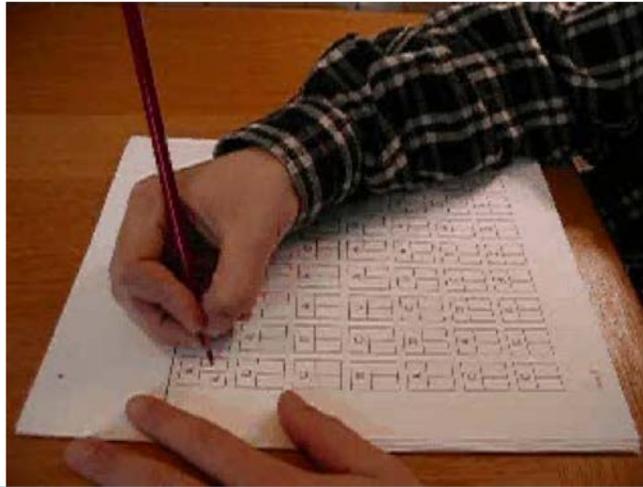
A	B	C	D	A
X O	O O			

A	B	C	D	A
X O	O O			

- ▶ Jack Jr. at age 5
- ▶ Child fills in the codes in the empty boxes
- ▶ After being told the test requirement, examinees are told: "You can do it any way you want"

## Planned Codes Page 2 Jack Jr age 10



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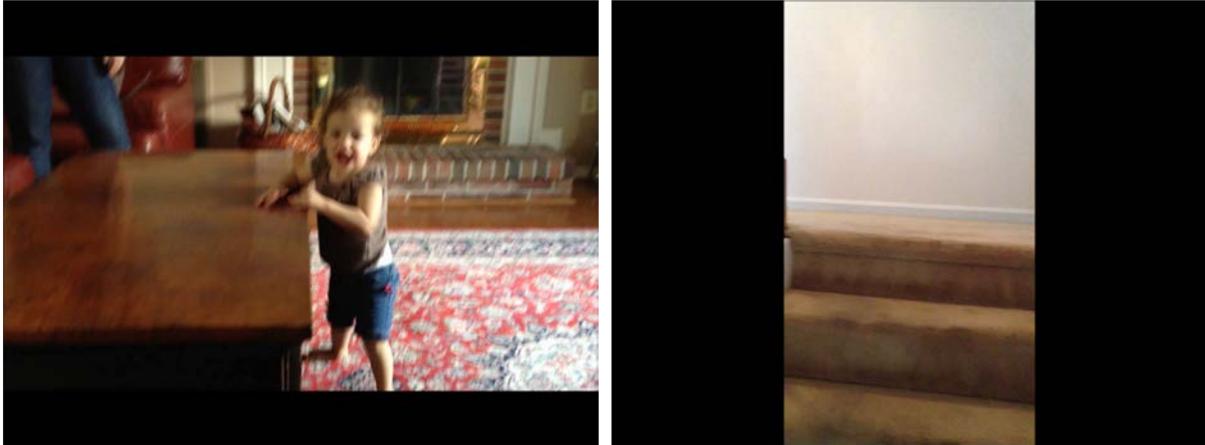
## 20 Years Later Planning is the Key to Success

A screenshot of a web browser displaying a blog post from Panther. The browser address bar shows the URL "panther.com/blog/security-automation-panther-tines/". The page features a navigation menu with "Product", "Integrations", "Pricing", "Learn", and "Company". A "Request a Demo" button is visible in the top right. The main content area shows a post titled "Automated Detection and Response with Panther" by Jack Naglieri, dated 1 Dec, 2020. The post includes a profile picture of Jack Naglieri and a thumbnail image of a city skyline at night with data visualization elements.

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## A 13 month old's Plan      At 19 months Planning & Knowledge

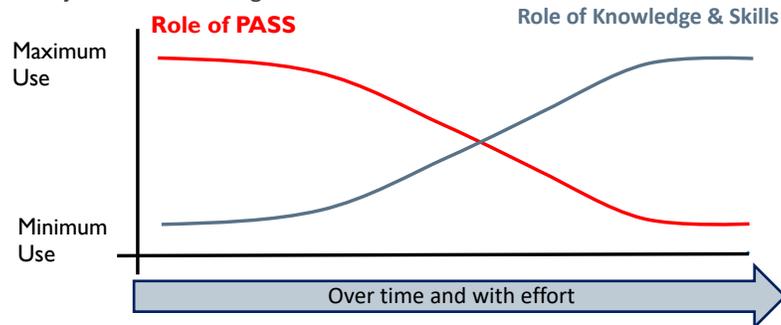


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## Planning Learning Curves

- Learning depends upon many factors especially PASS
- When a task is practiced and learned it requires less thinking (PASS) and becomes a skill
- At first, PASS plays a major role in learning



Note: A **skill** is the ability to do something well with minimal effort (thinking)

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## Math strategies stimulate thinking

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Doubles and Near Doubles**

double  
 $8 + 8 = 16$

How many are there? near double  
 $8 + 9 = 17$

Ring the double. Add.

1.  $6 + 6 = 12$   
 $6 + 7 = 13$

2.  $5 + 5 = 10$   
 $5 + 6 = 11$

3.  $7 + 7 = 15$   
 $7 + 8 = 16$

4.  $4 + 4 = 8$   
 $4 + 5 = 9$

**CHECK** If you know the sum of  $6 + 6$ , how can you add  $6 + 7$ ?

three hundred thirty-five 335

This work sheet encourages the child to use strategies (plans) in math such as: "If  $8 + 8 = 16$ , then  $8 + 9$  is 17"

**Note to the Teacher:** When we teach children skills by helping them use strategies and plans for learning, we are teaching both knowledge and processing. Both are important.

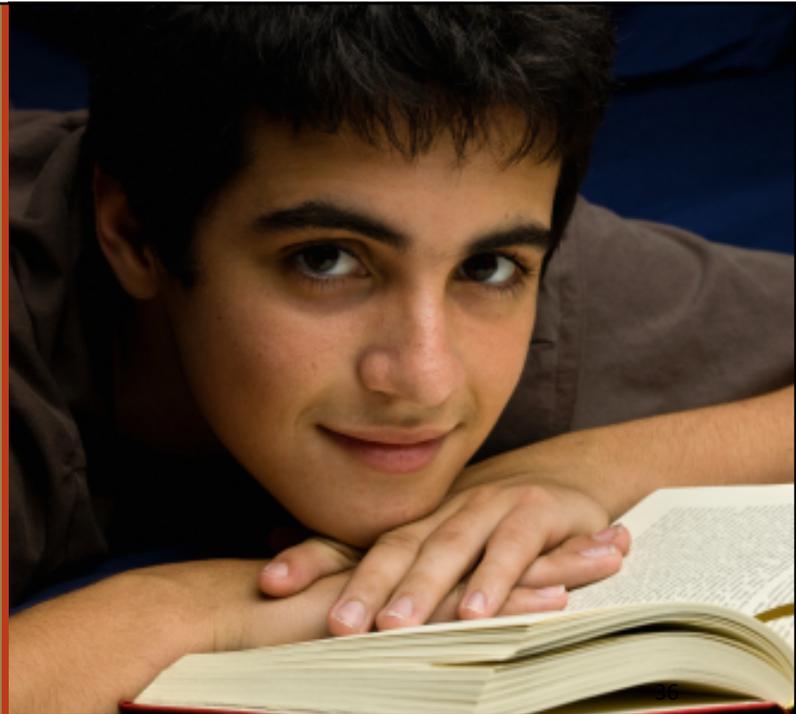
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## The Case of Rocky

Strengths with Specific Learning Disability and

ADHD

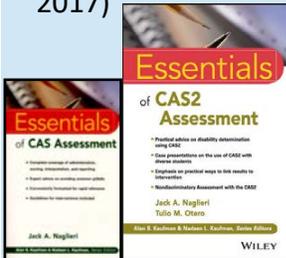


# The case of Rocky

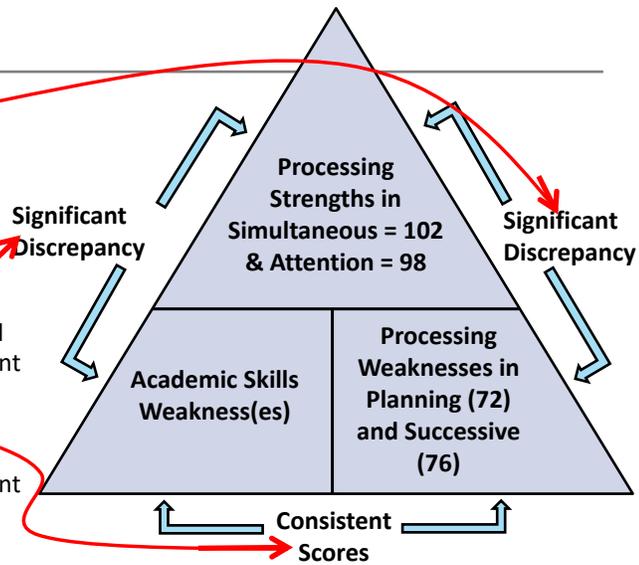
- ▶ Rocky<sup>1</sup> went to school in a large middle-class district
- ▶ In first grade Rocky was significantly below grade benchmarks in reading, math, and writing.
  - He received group reading instruction weekly and six months of individual reading instruction but minimal progress →retained
- ▶ By the middle of his second year in first grade he still struggling
  - decoding, phonics, and sight word vocabulary; math problems, addition, 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 in reading, writing, and math

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

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



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# Interventions for Rocky

**Using Plans to Overcome Anxiety**

Some children feel very anxious when they approach a new situation, and they are not sure what to do. This is a common problem for many children. They may feel nervous or shy when they are in a new situation. They may not know what to do or how to act. They may feel that they are not good enough or that they are not smart enough. They may feel that they are not liked or that they are not wanted. They may feel that they are not safe or that they are not protected. They may feel that they are not in control or that they are not in charge. They may feel that they are not heard or that they are not understood. They may feel that they are not valued or that they are not appreciated. They may feel that they are not loved or that they are not cared for. They may feel that they are not respected or that they are not honored. They may feel that they are not recognized or that they are not acknowledged. They may feel that they are not supported or that they are not encouraged. They may feel that they are not helped or that they are not assisted. They may feel that they are not guided or that they are not directed. They may feel that they are not taught or that they are not instructed. They may feel that they are not trained or that they are not prepared. They may feel that they are not equipped or that they are not ready. They may feel that they are not qualified or that they are not capable. They may feel that they are not confident or that they are not sure of themselves. They may feel that they are not brave or that they are not courageous. They may feel that they are not strong or that they are not powerful. They may feel that they are not smart or that they are not intelligent. They may feel that they are not good or that they are not excellent. They may feel that they are not successful or that they are not happy. They may feel that they are not loved or that they are not cared for. They may feel that they are not respected or that they are not honored. They may feel that they are not recognized or that they are not acknowledged. They may feel that they are not supported or that they are not encouraged. They may feel that they are not helped or that they are not assisted. They may feel that they are not guided or that they are not directed. They may feel that they are not taught or that they are not instructed. They may feel that they are not trained or that they are not prepared. They may feel that they are not equipped or that they are not ready. They may feel that they are not qualified or that they are not capable. They may feel that they are not confident or that they are not sure of themselves. They may feel that they are not brave or that they are not courageous. They may feel that they are not strong or that they are not powerful. They may feel that they are not smart or that they are not intelligent. They may feel that they are not good or that they are not excellent. They may feel that they are not successful or that they are not happy.

**Graphic Organizers for Connecting and Remembering Information**

Remembering and relating information is a common part of learning and daily life. Students are often expected to learn large amounts of new and unfamiliar information. Learning facts requires the student to see how information is connected or related. Students often remember the information better when they use graphic organizers to connect the information.

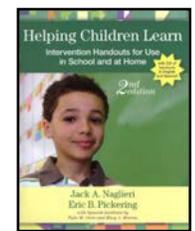
**Segmenting Words for Reading/Decoding and Spelling**

Decoding a written word requires the person to make sense out of printed letters and words and to translate letter sequences into sounds. This demands understanding the sounds that letters make and how they are put together to form words. Students who have difficulty with reading often have difficulty with decoding. They may not know how to break a word into smaller parts or how to put the parts back together. They may not know how to use the sounds of the letters to help them read. They may not know how to use the sounds of the letters to help them spell. They may not know how to use the sounds of the letters to help them write. They may not know how to use the sounds of the letters to help them communicate. They may not know how to use the sounds of the letters to help them learn. They may not know how to use the sounds of the letters to help them live. They may not know how to use the sounds of the letters to help them grow. They may not know how to use the sounds of the letters to help them succeed. They may not know how to use the sounds of the letters to help them be happy. They may not know how to use the sounds of the letters to help them be healthy. They may not know how to use the sounds of the letters to help them be kind. They may not know how to use the sounds of the letters to help them be brave. They may not know how to use the sounds of the letters to help them be strong. They may not know how to use the sounds of the letters to help them be smart. They may not know how to use the sounds of the letters to help them be good. They may not know how to use the sounds of the letters to help them be excellent. They may not know how to use the sounds of the letters to help them be successful. They may not know how to use the sounds of the letters to help them be happy.

**Chunking for Reading/Decoding**

Reading/decoding requires the student to look at the sequence of the letters in words and understand the organization of specific sounds in order. Some students have difficulty with long sequences of letters and may benefit from instruction that helps them break the word into smaller, more manageable units, called *chunks*. Sometimes the order of the sounds in a word is more easily organized if the entire word is broken into these units. These chunks can be combined into a whole word.

- Helping Children Learn Intervention Handouts for Use in School and at Home, *Second Edition*  
By Jack A. Naglieri, Ph.D., & Eric B. Pickering, Ph.D.,
- Spanish handouts by
- Tulio Otero, Ph.D., &
- Mary Moreno, Ph.D.



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### Planning Facilitation for Math Calculation

Math calculation is a complex activity that involves recalling basic math facts, following procedures, working carefully, and checking one's work. Math calculation requires a careful (i.e., planful) approach to follow all of the necessary steps. Children who are good at math calculation can move on to more difficult math concepts and problem solving with greater ease than those who are having problems in this area. For children who have trouble with math calculation, a technique that helps them approach the task planfully is likely to be useful. Planning facilitation is such a technique.

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nd continued advantage 1 year later

## Instructional Sessions

- Math lessons were organized into “instructional sessions” delivered over 13 consecutive days
- Each instructional session was 30-40 minutes
- Each instructional session was comprised of three segments as shown below

10 minutes	10-20 minutes	10 minutes
10 minute math worksheet	Planning Facilitation or Normal Instruction	10 minute math worksheet

### Experimental Group

19 worksheets with Planning Facilitation

Vs.

### Control Group

19 worksheets with Normal Instruction

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## Planning (Metacognitive) Strategy Instruction

### Teachers Asked

- Teachers *facilitated* discussions to help students become more self-reflective about use of strategies
- Teachers asked questions like:
  - What was your goal?
  - Where did you start the worksheet?
  - What strategies did you use?
  - How did the strategy help you reach your goal?
  - What will you do again next time?

### Students Responded

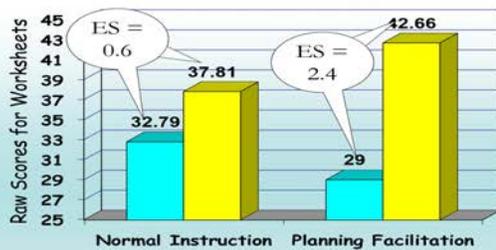
- “My goal was to do all of the easy problems on every page first, then do the others.”
- “I do the problems I know, then I check my work.”
- “I draw lines to keep the columns straight”
- “I did the ones that took the least time”

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## Pre-Post Means and Effect Sizes for the Students with LD and ADHD

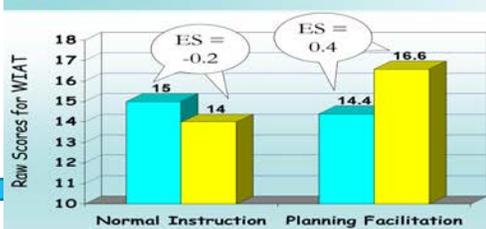
**Worksheet Pre-Post Means**



**WJ Math Fluency Means**



**WIAT Numerical Operation Means**

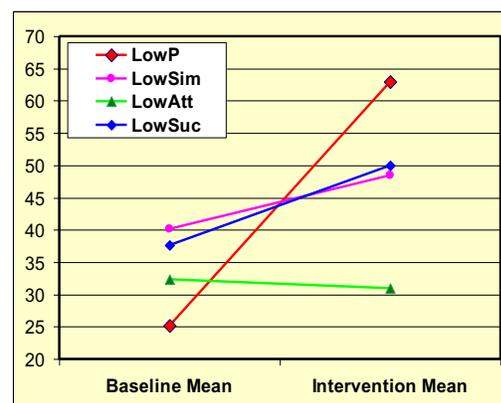


At 1-year follow-up, 27 of the students were retested on the WJ-III ACH Math Fluency subtest as part of the school's typical yearly evaluation of students. This group included 14 students from the comparison group and 13 students from the experimental group. The results indicated that the improvement of students in the experimental group ( $M = 16.08$ ,  $SD = 19$ ,  $d = 0.85$ ) was significantly greater than the improvement of students in the comparison group ( $M = 3.21$ ,  $SD = 18.21$ ,  $d = 0.09$ ).

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## Pre-Post Changes for the Students with LD and ADHD

- The students with a weakness in Planning, Simultaneous or Successive processing scales benefited from the Planning Facilitation method
- Importantly, the students with a weakness in Planning improved the most
- This has been the case in all the studies of Planning Facilitation
- **COGNITION PREDICTS RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION**



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## Summary of PASS Intervention Research in Essentials of CAS2

**Effectiveness of a Cognitive Strategy Intervention in Improving Arithmetic Computation Based on the PASS Theory**

Jack A. Naglieri and Deanne Johnson

**Abstract**

The purpose of this study was to determine if an instruction designed to facilitate planning, given by teachers to their class as a group, would have differential effects depending on the specific cognitive characteristics of the students. A cognitive strategy instruction that encouraged planning was given to the group of 19 students with learning disabilities and mild mental impairments. All students completed math worksheets during 7 baseline and 14 intervention sessions. During the intervention phase, students engaged in self-reflection and verbalization of strategies about how the arithmetic computation worksheets should be completed. The sample was sorted into one experimental and four control groups after the experiment. There were four groups with a cognitive worksheet in each PASS scale from the Cognitive Assessment System and one control group.

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**REMEDATING READING COMPREHENSION DIFFICULTIES: A COGNITIVE PROCESSING APPROACH**

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**Abstract**

The efficacy of a cognitive-based remediation program was investigated with 14 English-as-a-second-language (ESL) poor readers in Grade 4 who had significant difficulty in comprehension and 14 normal ESL readers in Grade 4 who were control or nonintelligent. Both groups were selected from 2 English-medium schools in a nonintelligent, controlled test of educational assessment, reading.

**Mathematics Instruction and PASS Cognitive Processes: An Intervention Study**

Jack A. Naglieri and Suzanne H. Gottling

**Abstract**

The purpose of this study was to determine if an instruction designed to facilitate planning, given by group, would have differential effects depending on the specific cognitive characteristics of the students. The instruction that facilitated planning was provided to a group of 12 students with learning disabilities. All work sheets during 7 sessions of baseline and 21 sessions of intervention (when the instruction designed previously). During the intervention phase, students engaged in self-reflection and verbalization of strategy problems were completed. The class was sorted according to planning scores, obtained using the Cog which is based on Planning, Attention, Simultaneous, Successive (PASS) theory and low- and high-achievers identified. The results, consistent with previous research, showed that teaching control and regulated beneficial effects for all students but was especially helpful for those who were poor in planning, as the implications of these findings are provided.

**PLANNING FACILITATION AND READING COMPREHENSION: INSTRUCTIONAL RELEVANCE OF THE PASS THEORY**

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**Abstract**

The purpose of this study was to evaluate whether instruction designed to facilitate planning would have differential benefits on reading comprehension depending on the specific Planning, Attention, Simultaneous, and Successive (PASS) cognitive characteristics of each child. A sample of 60 fourth-grade general education children was sorted into three groups based on each PASS scale possible from the Cognitive Assessment System (CAS). The groups did not differ by CAS Full Scale standard score, chronological age, gender, or general reading comprehension scores. After each child's pretest reading comprehension instructional level was determined, a cognitive strategy instruction intervention was conducted. The children completed a reading comprehension post-test at their respective instructional levels after the intervention. Results showed that children with a Planning weakness ( $n = 19$ ) benefited substantially (effect size of 1.52) from the instruction designed to facilitate planning. Children with no weakness ( $n = 21$ ) effect size = .32) or a Successive weakness ( $n = 11$ ) effect size of .04) did not benefit as much. These results support previous research suggesting that PASS profiles are relevant to instruction.

**Essentials of CAS2 Assessment**

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## Jessica

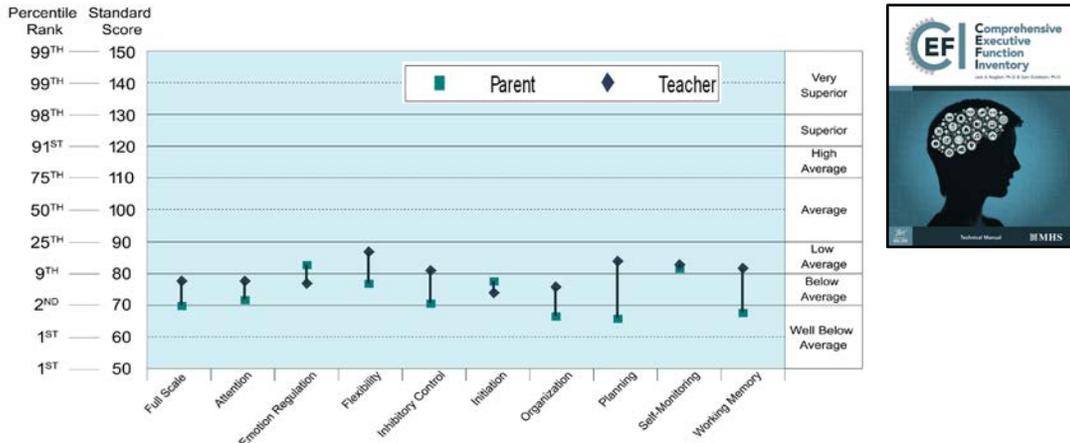
- Previous diagnoses of ADHD, ODD, Anxiety and Depression.
- Received OT since 1st grade.
- Since 3rd grade the OT focus was helping the teacher to teach strategies for self monitoring, attention, visual sequencing, and organization
- Problems following verbal directions, inefficient work, struggles to work in a noisy setting, is distractable, fiddles with objects, inflexible, and frustrates easily.
- She receives speech and language services for language processing issues.
- Currently takes medications to manage her diagnoses, she takes Clonidine 0.2 mg to help with sleep and anger issues. She also takes Ritalin 40 mg ER in the am and 10 mg booster at lunch time.



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## Comprehensive Executive Function Inventory- CEFI



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## Impressions

- This case is an example of the behaviors (CEFI) that predict a low planning score on CAS2.
- Based on the data and teacher reports/observations, I see her low performance is driven by Low planning, EF, and Attention. She can't get to the point where she can fully recruit Simultaneous and Successive processes.

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# PASS Theory Based on Brain Function — Attention

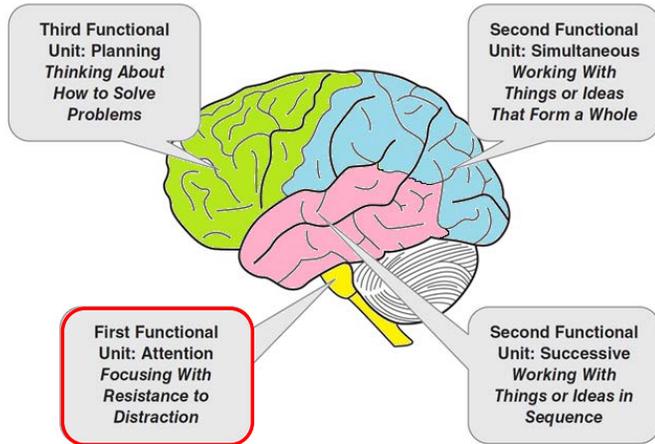


Figure 1.2 Three Functional Units and Associated Brain Structures  
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## Attention Subtests

Expressive Attention

Number Detection

Find the numbers that look like this: 1 2  
1 5 1 4 2 2 5

Receptive Attention

N n	T r	b t
TR	n b	A a



Examiner Record Form  
Jack A. Naglieri J. P. Das Sam Goldstein

Subtest	Raw Score	Scaled Score				
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Figure Memory (FM)						
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Number Detection (ND)						
Receptive Attention (RA)						
Word Series (WS)						
Sentence Repetition/Questions (SR/SQ)						
Visual Digit Span (VDS)						
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Sum of Subtest Scaled Scores		+	+	+	+	
PASS Composite Index Scores						
Percentile-Rank						
Upper						
% Confidence Interval						
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# PASS Theory: Attention

- Attention is a basic psychological process we use to
  - selectively attend to some stimuli and ignores others
  - Focus our cognitive activity
  - Selective attention
  - Resistance to distraction
  - Listening, as opposed to hearing

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빨강 파랑 초록 노랑

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

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11. A 3:15 A.M. B 3:30 P.M. C 3:15 P.M. D 3:15 A.M.



leave school

11. 3:15 p.m.

12. Trent began studying at 5:00 P.M. and finished 1 hour and 22 minutes later. What time did he finish?

A 6:22 A.M. B 5:22 P.M. C 6:10 P.M. D 6:22 P.M.

12. 6:22 p.m.

13. Maura began basketball practice at 3:00 P.M. and finished 50 minutes later. What time did she finish?

A 3:50 P.M. B 3:05 A.M. C 4:05 P.M. D 4:50 A.M.

13. 3:50 p.m.

## Attention

READING COMPREHENSION IS DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF THE SIMILARITY OF THE OPTIONS

Jose: Age 10, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade,  
Bilingual Student  
by Tulio M. Otero, Ph.D.

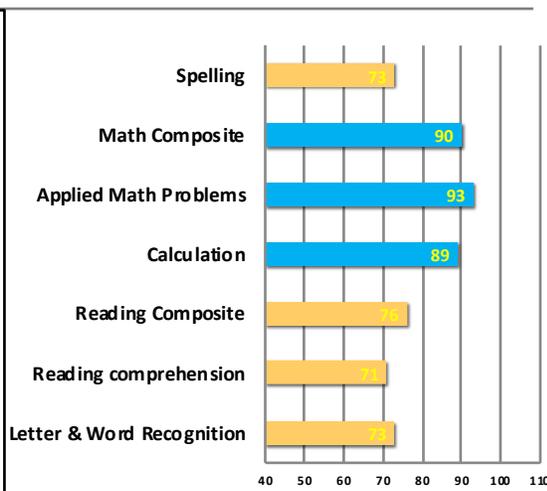
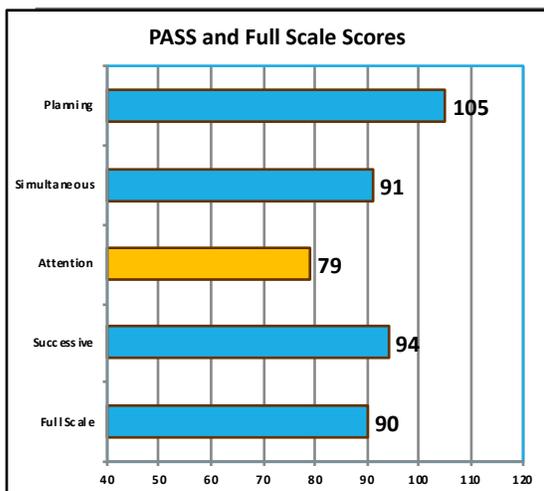
Jose reading problems and the teacher these concerns:

phonemic awareness, reading fluency, reading comprehension math problem-solving, spelling, written expression

Jose also receives ELL services and his current ACCESS scores are as follows: Listening 5.8, Speaking 1.9, Reading 2.8, Writing 3.5.

2018 WISC4 Spanish : VCI 55, PRI 92, WM 86, PS 91

## CAS2 and KTEA-III Scores (January 2020)



## Intervention Protocol (Naglieri & Kryza, 2019)

1. Help child understand their PASS strengths and challenges (be intentional & transparent)
2. Encourage Motivation & Persistence (student's mindset)
3. Encourage strategy use (build skill sets)
4. Encourage independence and self efficacy (metacognition, self assessment & self correction)

## Jose was given this simple intervention

Remember to check how well you are attending. If you are having a problem, use a plan and look at this (taped to his desk).

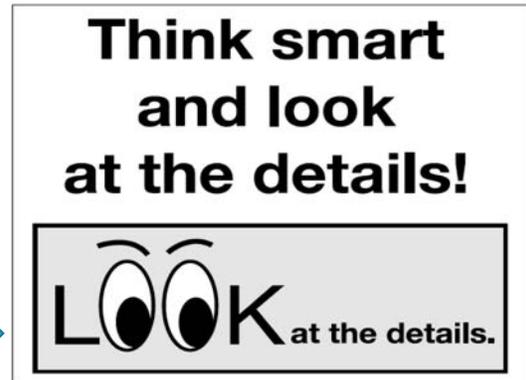


Figure 1. A graphic that reminds students to focus on information being discussed.

From: Naglieri, J. A., & Pickering, E. B. (2010). *Helping Children Learn: Intervention Handouts for Use at School and Home (Second Edition)*. Baltimore, MD: Brookes Publishing.

## Two weeks later!

- Teacher reported that José has increased his reading accuracy by at least 80%.
- He read 16 words correctly out of a list of 20.
- He has done this over the last 3 sessions.



## PASS Theory Based on Brain Function - Simultaneous Processing

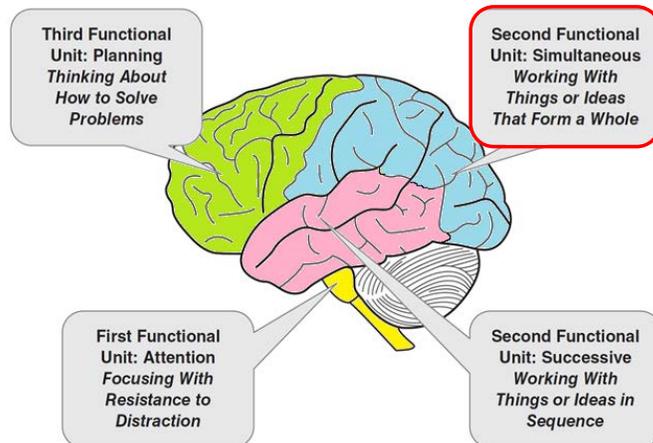


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**CAS 2**  
Cognitive Assessment System  
Second Edition

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## Simultaneous Subtests

Matrices

Verbal Spatial Relations

Figure Memory

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Percentile Rank						
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Lower						

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## PASS Theory: Simultaneous

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

 1	 2	 3
 4	 5	 6

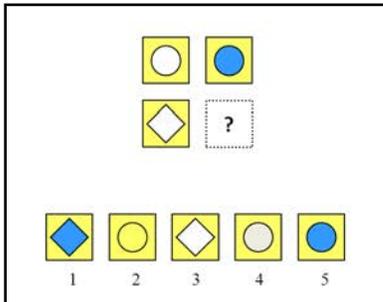
Which picture shows a ball under the table?

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## Thinking vs Knowing

Solving these analogies demands the same kind of thinking



Girl is woman as boy is to \_\_\_\_?

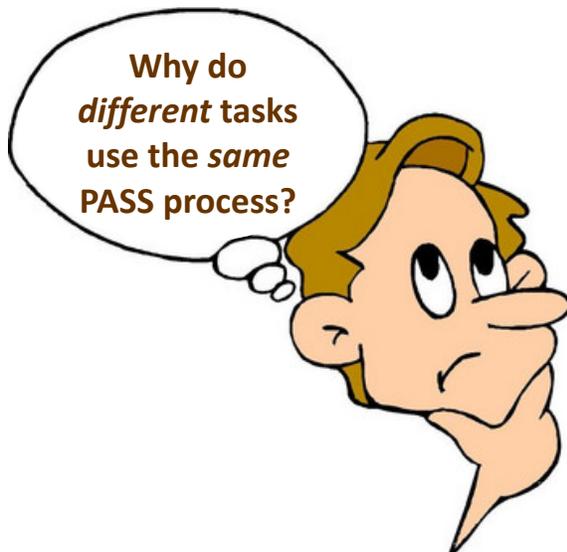
3 is to 6 as 4 is to \_\_\_\_?

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

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## And Consider this...



- Even though the tasks were different in content (shapes, words, numbers & musical notations) and modality (auditory and visual), they required **Simultaneous** processing!

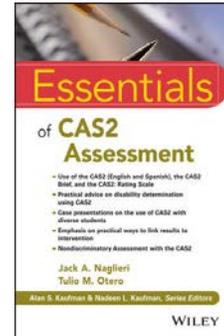
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## Case: Neil (Naglieri & Feifer, 2017, Intervention Chapter 5)

- Neil (9 year-old 4<sup>th</sup> grader)
  - Difficulty with spelling and written language math facts, and inconsistent with reading comprehending skills.
  - Difficulty keeping pace with his peers and often failed to complete his work in a timely manner.
  - The Child Development Team (CDT) recommended a comprehensive psychological evaluation.



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### Case: Neil 4<sup>th</sup> grade –CAS2

CAS-2	STANDARD SCORE	RANGE
Planning:	94	Average
Attention:	98	Average
<i>Simultaneous</i> 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
<i>Successive</i>	90	Average
<b>CAS-2 Full Scale</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>Below Average</b>

FAR index	Standard score
Phonological Index	90
Fluency Index	73
Mixed Index	81
Comprehension Index	97
<b>FAR Total Index</b>	<b>84</b>



## Case: Neil- FAR Subtest Interpretation

Simultaneous

KEY INTERPRETATION	Score	Percentile	Descriptor
<b>Isolated Word Reading Fluency</b> – the student reads a list of phonologically regular words arranged in order of increasing difficulty in 60 seconds.	86	18%	Below Average
<b>Irregular Word Reading Fluency</b> – the student reads a list of phonologically irregular words arranged in order of increasing difficulty in 60 seconds.	71	3%	Moderately Below Average

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

Simultaneous

KEY INTERPRETATION	Score	Percentile	Descriptor
<b>Visual Perception</b> – 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
<b>Orthographic Processing</b> – 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

Simultaneous

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



## Case: FAM Scores for Neil

Like Verbal Spatial Relations subtest

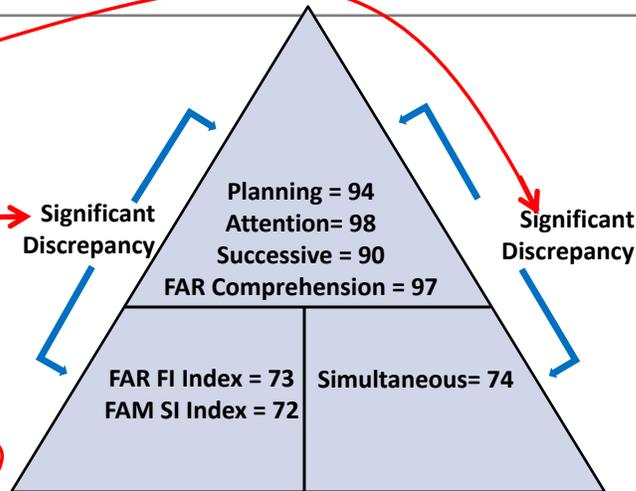
Simultaneous

FAM Index	Standard Score	Percentile	Range
<b>Procedural Index</b> – measures the ability to count, order, and/or sequence numbers.	94	34%	Average
<b>Verbal Index</b> – measures the ability to automatically identify numbers, retrieve facts, and understand math terminology.	86	18%	Below Average
<b>Semantic Index</b> – measures the ability to determine magnitude representations, estimation, pattern recognition, and quantitative reasoning.	72	3%	Moderately Below Average
<b>FAM TOTAL INDEX</b>	79	8%	Moderately Below Average



## Case: Discrepancy Consistency for Neil

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



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## Case: FAM Report Writer Websites and Apps

### 1. Khan Academy <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

The Khan Academy is full of helpful videos explaining a variety of math topics, as well as other academic topics. There is an initial pre-test upon first logging in that determines appropriate starting levels.

### 2. Hooda Math <http://www.hoodamath.com/>

Hooda Math is geared toward helping kids practice and learn through games and computer activities. Specific math topics include addition, subtraction, multiplication, addition, geometry, basic physics, fractions, integers, and algebra.

### 3. Estimation 180 <http://www.estimated180.com>

Estimation 180 is a website that presents a new estimation challenge every day of the school year.

### 4. Patrick JMT <http://patrickjmt.com/>

The "JMT" in Patrick JMT stands for "Just Math Tutorials." This website has clear math videos on a variety of math related topics.

### 5. Cool Math 4 Kids <https://www.coolmath4kids.com>

A highly entertaining and interactive website offering games, activities, puzzles, and challenges for a variety of math topics for children.



# PASS Theory Based on Brain Function – Successive Processing

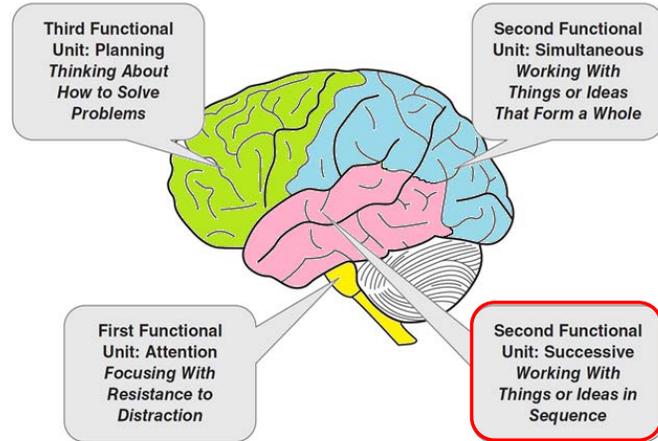


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## Successive Subtests

Word Series

Sentence Repetition or Sentence Questions

Visual Digit Span



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Subtest	Raw Score	Scaled Score				
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## PASS Theory: Successive

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

Recall of Numbers in Order  
Successive Processing

4 3 8 6 1

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## Successive and Syntax

- ▶ **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 following:
    - ***The red greened the blue with a yellow. Who got greened?***

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# CASE by Tulio Otero: Alex (C.A. 6-7 GRADE 1)

## REASON FOR REFERRAL

Is classified as Intellectual Disability. Team is interested in changing eligibility

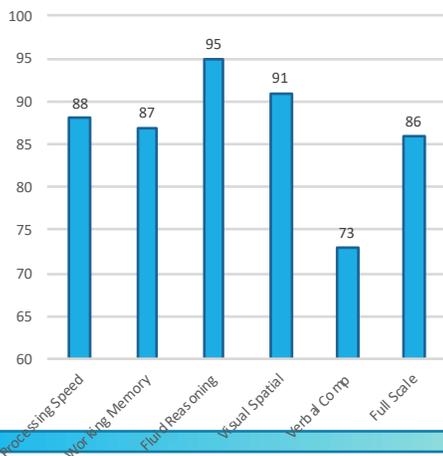
- Academic:
  - Limited skill to identify letters sounds
  - Possible ASD
- Conversationally Bilingual
- Behavior:
  - Difficulty following directions
  - Attention concerns



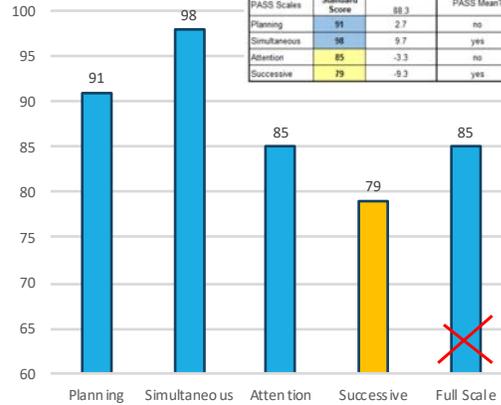
Note: this is not a picture of Alex

# WISC-V and CAS2 Scores Alex (C.A. 6-7 Grade 1)

## WISC-V

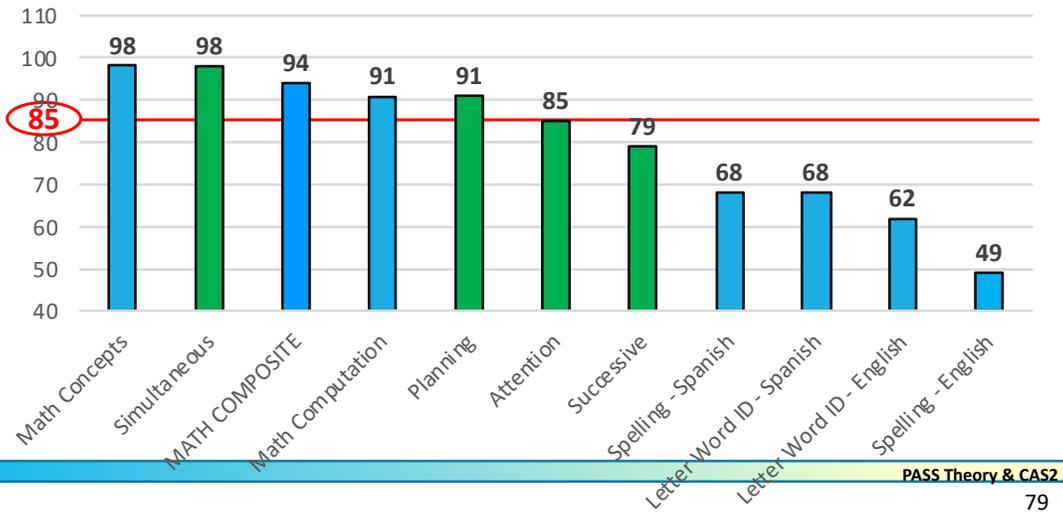


## CAS2



Cognitive Assessment System	PASS Mean & Differences	Significantly Different (at p = .05) from PASS Mean?	Strength or Weakness
PASS Scales	Standard Score		
Planning	91	2.7	no
Simultaneous	98	9.7	yes
Attention	85	-3.3	no
Successive	79	-9.3	yes

# KTEA 3 and CAS2 Scores for Alex



# PASS Strengths & Weakness with KTEA

**CAS2 12-Subtest Extended Battery**

**BOX #1: Is there a PASS Pattern of Strengths and Weaknesses (Discrepancy 1)?**  
Differences Between PASS Scale Standard Scores and the Student's Average PASS Score ( $p < .05$ ) for the CAS2 12-Subtest EXTENDED Battery.

Cognitive Assessment System	PASS Mean & Standard Score	Differences	Significantly Different (at $p < .05$ ) from PASS Mean?	Strength or Weakness
Planning	91	2.7	no	
Simultaneous	98	9.7	yes	
Attention	85	-3.3	no	
Successive	79	-8.3	yes	Weakness

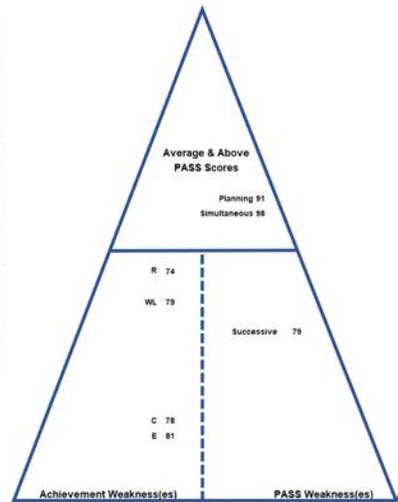
**Notes:**  
 1. A Weakness is defined as PASS standard score that is significantly below the child's average PASS score (positive comparison at the .05 level) and the PASS score is below 90 (i.e. below the Average range).  
 2. A Strength is defined as PASS standard score that is significantly above the child's average PASS score (positive comparison at the .05 level) and the PASS score is above 100 (i.e. above the Average range).  
 3. See Essentials of CAS2 Assessment Interpretation Chapter for more details and examples. Note Comparisons @ p.7-95.

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

Standard Scores	PASS Scores from CAS2			
	Planning	Simultaneous	Attention	Successive
91	98	85	79	

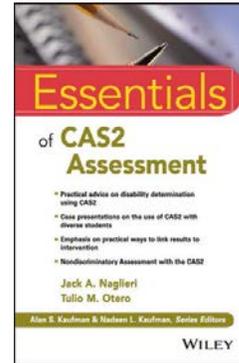
**Kaufman Test of Educational Achievement 3rd Edition**

Standard Scores	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent	Consistent
74 R: Reading				
98 M: Math				
79 W: Written Language	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent	Consistent
ASB Academic Skills Battery				
SS Sound-Symbol				
DF Decoding Fluency				
RF Reading Fluency				
RU Reading Understanding				
CL Oral Language				
OR Oral Fluency				
78 C: Comprehension	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent	Consistent
81 E: Expression		Discrepant	Consistent	Consistent
OP Orthographic Processing				
AF Academic Fluency				



## Alex and PASS (by Dr. Otero)

- ▶ Alex's profile is revealing
- ▶ He has good processing scores:
  - ▶ Simultaneous = 91 and Planning = 98
- ▶ He has a “disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes”
  - Attention = 85 and Successive = 79
- ▶ Using the Discrepancy Consistency Method (1999, 2017) he meets criteria for SLD (see Naglieri & Otero, 2017).



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## Intervention Protocol (Naglieri & Kryza, 2019)

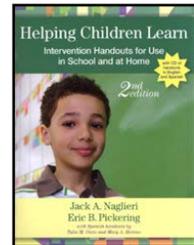
1. Help child understand their PASS strengths and challenges (be intentional & transparent)
2. Encourage Motivation & Persistence (student's mindset)
3. Encourage strategy use (build skill sets)
4. Encourage independence and self-efficacy (metacognition, self-assessment & self-correction)

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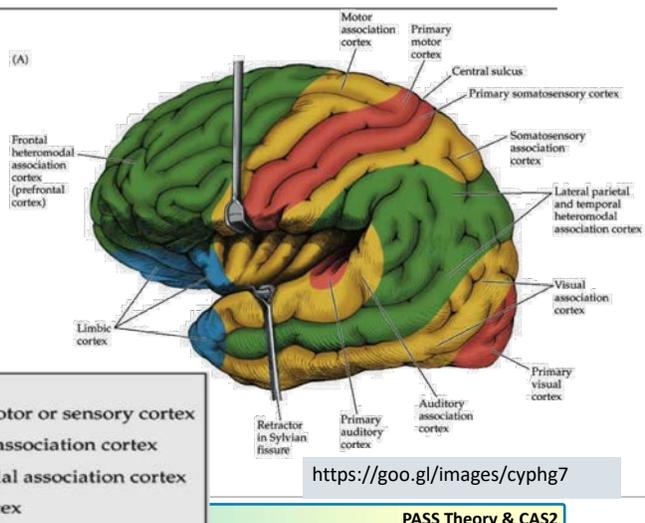
# Be Intentional and Transparent

- Give Alex the PASS handouts
  - *“The test showed that your brain is strong in seeing the BIG PICTURE (Simultaneous Processing) and Recognizing strategies to use. (Planning Processing) Does that make sense to you?”*
- Explain to him the PASS areas that are challenges for him
  - The part of your brain that makes learning challenging for you is the part that helps pay close attention, not get distracted by things around you, and keep all kinds of information in sequence ( in order).
  - We’re going to work on using your strengths and helping you develop more skills.



# Heteromodal Association Cortex (Goldberg, 2006)

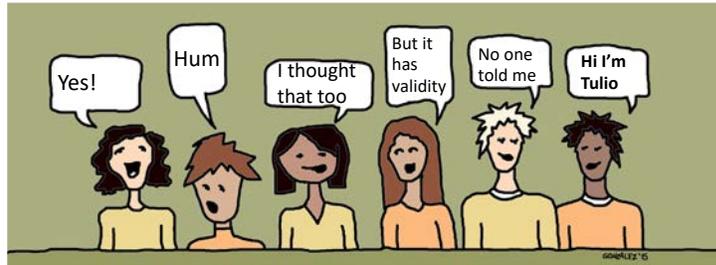
- Our brains ***merge stimuli*** coming in from the senses (unimodal association cortex) into one stream of information in the **Heteromodal association cortex**
- (green areas)



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# Core Group Activity

- **QUESTIONS:**
- **What are the advantages of using PASS theory as measured by the CAS2**
- **What are the obstacles?**



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## PASS → CAS2



- A Theory Based on Brain Function**
  - Thinking vs Knowing and Social Justice
- From PASS to CAS2**
  - A Different View of People
- Research Update**
  - PASS and Equity – Measure Thinking not Knowing
  - To *g* or not to *g*
- Administration and Interpretation Issues**
  - Test order, subtest interpretation, etc.
- Reasons To Change**
  - Validity of PASS Theory

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# PASS Comprehensive System

(Naglieri, Das, & Goldstein, 2014)

## Ways to Measure PASS

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

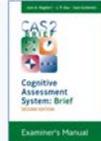
**CAS2 Rating Scale**  
(4 subtests)

Total Score  
 Planning  
 Simultaneous  
 Attention  
 Successive



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

Total Score  
 Planning  
 Simultaneous  
 Attention  
 Successive



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

Full Scale  
 Planning  
 Simultaneous  
 Attention  
 Successive



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

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

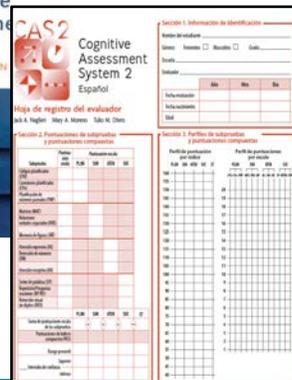
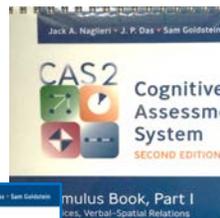


**CAS2 Digital**  
(English & Spanish)  
coming in 2022

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- comparing CAS2 subtest and PASS scale scores to identify significant intra-individual differences;
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providing intervention options.

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**Section 1. Identifying Information**

Student's Name: Tommy  
 Sex:  Female  Male Grade: 1st  
 School: Partisvie Elementary  
 Examiner: F. Durham PhD

Date Tested: 2009 Year 11 Month 8 Day 31  
 Date of Birth: 2008 Year 11 Month 22  
 Age: 6 Year 6 Month 9

**Section 2. Subtest and Composite Performance**

Subtest	Raw Score	Index Score				Total Score
		PC	SM	EA	SD	
Planned Codes (PC)	128	112				
Simultaneous Matrices (SM)	154		100			
Expressive Attention (EA)	99			94		
Successive Digits (SD)	7				82	
		PC	SM	EA	SD	Total Score
Sum of Subtest Index Scores		112	100	94	82	390
Composite Index Score						94
Percentile Rank		79	50	40	12	40
10-N Composite Interval	Upper	118	111	107	94	104
	Lower	105	89	84	72	88

**Section 3. Subtest and Composite Profile**

Index Score Profile

PC SM EA SD Total Score

140  
135  
130  
125  
120  
115  
110  
105  
100  
95  
90  
85  
80  
75  
70  
65  
60  
55  
50  
45  
40

112 100 94 82

**Section 4. Subtest Comparisons**

Compare each subtest standard score to the student's mean subtest score using Tables B1 and B2 of the Examiner's Manual.

Index Score	Z-score	Circle	Strength	Weakness
Planned Codes (PC)	112	14.5	100	15.1
Simultaneous Matrices (SM)	100	2.5	54	82.8
Expressive Attention (EA)	94	-1.5	34	87.8
Successive Digits (SD)	82	-15.5	10	14.2
Subtest mean	94.5			

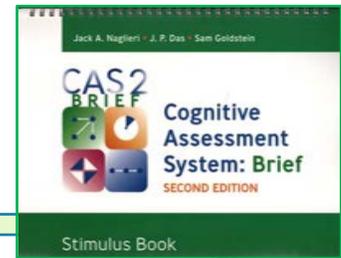
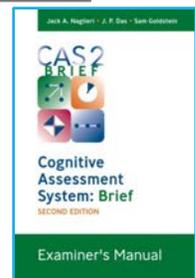
**Section 5. Descriptive Terms**

Index Scores	<70	70-79	80-89	90-109	110-119	120-129	≥130
Descriptive Terms	Very Poor	Poor	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Superior	Very Superior

Figure 3.1. Example of page 1 of the CAS2: Brief Examiner Record Form, completed for Tommy.

## CAS2: Brief

- ▶ Yields PASS and Total standard scores (Mn 100, SD 15)
- ▶ Directions for administration are in the Record Form
- ▶ For Re-evaluations and Screening
- ▶ All items are different from CAS2
  - Planned Codes
  - Simultaneous Matrices
  - Expressive Attention
  - Successive Digits



# CAS2: Brief

- CAS2: Brief takes 20 minutes to administer
- It is intended to be used for instructional planning during Tier 2
- It is also used as a screening tool for a fast evaluation of PASS neurocognitive ability scores
- Also helpful for re-evaluations



CAS2: Brief Standard Scores			
Planning	Attention	Simultaneous	Successive
133	91	103	125
94	82	94	78
81	91	90	100
91	92	97	100
70	83	100	70
65	75	66	50
40	89	68	80
87	87	87	85
89	85	90	70
96	103	101	85
59	61	62	55
99	98	105	125
56	82	92	85
103	83	92	80
97	99	100	115
94	89	99	90
95	76	97	122
81	98	70	75
96	105	100	95
75	89	98	55
81	79	104	110
77	85	100	80
52	81	80	65
94	82	82	100
56	145	106	115
86	95	75	80
80	74	82	75
134	89	107	85
96	83	85	100
88	79	73	80
64	129	98	121
98	118	85	75
85	97	75	80
98	107	102	83
64	91	90	65
83	91	93	60
MN	83.8	91.2	86.5
SD	20.1	15.6	20.4

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# CAS2 Rating Scales (Ages 4-18 yrs.)

- The CAS2: Rating measures behaviors associated with PASS constructs
- Completed by teachers and can be used by psychologists, special educators and regular educators

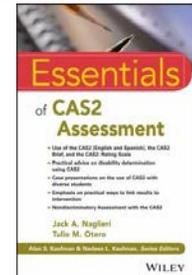
The collage includes the following elements:

- Cover of the CAS2 Rating Scales Manual:** Shows the title 'CAS2 Cognitive Assessment System: Rating Scale' and authors 'Jack A. Naglieri, J. P. Das, Sam Goldstein'.
- Sample Rating Form:** A form with fields for 'Student Name', 'Sex', 'Grade', 'Date of Birth', and 'Age'. It also includes a section for 'Teacher Name' and 'Teacher Title'.
- Behavioral Item Grid:** A grid of 20 behavioral items, each with a response scale from 0 to 4. Items include:
  - 1. How often does the child or adolescent decide how to do things to be before acting and avoid impulsivity?
  - 2. How often does the child or adolescent... (unclear)
  - 3. How often does the child or adolescent... (unclear)
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## CAS2, CAS2 Online Score and Report Write, CAS2-Espanol, CAS2: Brief, CAS2 Rating Scale

- This book is the most complete discussion of PASS theory and its measurement
- Chapters cover all versions of the CAS2 as well as the online scoring and report writer
- Administration, scoring, interpretation
- Reliability, validity (PASS profiles, evidence of test fairness,
- Discrepancy Consistency Method for SLD
- Intervention planning and clinical case studies



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## CAS2 is Different



My Professional Journey

- An Awakening About Traditional Intelligence Tests

A Theory Based on Brain Function

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Research Update

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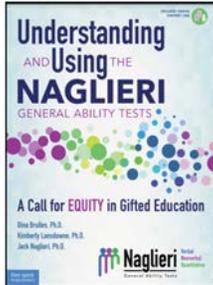
- Test order, subtest interpretation, etc.

Reasons To Change

- Validity of PASS Theory

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# Race and Ethnic Differences by Ability Test



## Traditional and 2nd-Generation Ability Tests

	By Race	By Ethnicity
<b>Tests that require knowledge</b>	<b>Mn = 9.5</b>	<b>Mn = 5.2</b>
Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (distric wide)	13.6	
Stanford-Binet IV (normative sample)	12.6	
WISC-V (normative sample)	11.6	
WJ- III (normative sample)	10.9	10.7
CogAT7 (Nonverbal scale)	11.8	7.6
CogAT7 - Verbal	6.6	5.3
CogAT7-Quantitative	5.6	3.6
CogAT- Nonverbal	6.4	2.9
CogAT-Total (V, Q & NV)	7.0	4.5
WISC-V (statistical controls normative sample)	8.7	
<b>Tests that require minimal knowledge</b>	<b>Mn = 4.3</b>	<b>Mn = 2.9</b>
K-ABC (normative sample)	7.0	
K-ABC (matched samples)	6.1	
KABC-II (adjusted for gender & SES)	6.7	5.4
CAS-2 (normative sample)	6.3	4.5
CAS (statistical controls normative sample)	4.8	4.8
CAS-2 (statistical controls normative sample)	4.3	1.8
CAS-2 Brief (normative samples)	2.0	2.8
NNAT (matched samples)	4.2	2.8
Naglieri General Ability Test-Verbal	2.2	1.6
Naglieri General Ability Test-Nonverbal	1.0	1.1
Naglieri General Ability Test-Quantitative	3.2	1.3

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

Note: Even though a test may not show psychometric bias those tests with academic content that show large mean score differences are not equitable and are unfair.

Note: The results summarized here were reported for the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test by Avant and O'Neal (1986); Stanford-Binet IV by Wasserman (2000); Woodcock-Johnson III race differences by Edwards and Oakland (2006) and ethnic differences by Sotelo-Dynega, Ortiz, Flanagan, and Chaplin (2013); CogAT7 by Carman, Walther and Bartsch (2018) and Lohman (2016); WISC-V by Kaufman, Raiford, and Coalson (2016); Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children-II by Lichtenberger, Volkmer, Kaufman & Kaufman, (2006); CAS by Naglieri, Rojahn, Matto, and Aquilino (2005); CAS-2 and CAS2-Brief by Naglieri, Das, and Goldstein, 2014a and 2014b; Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test by Naglieri and Ronning (2000), and Naglieri General Ability Tests by Naglieri, Brulles, and Lansdowne (2022).

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## PASS Scores for Hispanics

Naglieri, Rojahn, Matto (2007)

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### Hispanic and non-Hispanic children's performance on PASS cognitive processes and achievement<sup>a,c</sup>

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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 challenges to psychologists who assess these children using traditional IQ tests because of 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, Itasca, IL: Riverside.] which includes the Planning, Attention, Simultaneous, and Successive (PASS) theory of intelligence. The scores of Hispanic (N = 1956) children on the four PASS cognitive processes and the total PASS score were compared to scores of White children (N = 1956) using nationally standardized sampling procedures. Small differences

Hispanic White difference on CAS Full Scale of 4.8

## WJ-III and ELL Hispanic Students

(Sotelo-Dynega, Ortiz, Flanagan & Chaplin, 2013)

Table 1  
WJ III GIA and Test Performance Differences Between LEPs and the WJ III Standardization Sample Mean

WJ III Test	Sample		WJ III Sample		Difference	t	d
	M	SD	M	SD			
General Intellectual Ability	89.34	11.78	100	15	-10.64	-7.07**	-.90
Verbal Comprehension	80.38	14.09	100	15	-19.62	-10.87***	-1.40
Concept Formation	87.16	12.20	100	15	-12.84	-8.22***	-1.05
Numbers Reversed	95.23	12.46	100	15	-4.77	-2.96*	-0.38
Visual-Auditory Learning	95.62	14.56	100	15	-4.38	-2.35*	-0.30
Sound Blending	97.82	11.57	100	15	-2.18	-1.47	-0.19
Visual Matching	96.58	11.57	100	15	-1.07	-0.85	-0.11
Spatial Relations	96.58	11.57	100	15	-0.82	-0.758	-0.10

\*p < .05. \*\*p < .01. \*\*\*p < .001.

Table 2  
Differences Among the NYSESLAT Proficiency Group's WJ III, GIA Mean Score, and the WJ III Standardization Sample Mean

NYSESLAT Proficiency Group	Sample		WJ III Sample	
	M	SD	M	SD
Beginner	71.75	3.95	100	15
Intermediate	82.29	8.66	100	15
Advanced	89.55	9.17	100	15
Proficient	101	9.23	100	15

\*p < .001.

11-point mean score difference in GIA

As English skills go down so does the GIA

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# PASS scores – English and Spanish

**Bilingual Hispanic Children's Performance on the English and Spanish Versions of the Cognitive Assessment System** School Psychology Quarterly 2007, Vol. 22, No. 3, 432-448

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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. No differences were noted between the Simultaneous and Successive processing scores. Specific subtests were found to contribute to differences between versions of the CAS. Comparisons on both versions of the CAS revealed that the sixty-two children with underdeveloped English-language skills performed similarly on both the English and Spanish versions of the CAS. These findings suggest that the CAS may be a useful measure of cognitive ability in bilingual children.

Keywords: bilingual assessment, cognitive assessment, non-biased assessment

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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). Scores as well as PASS processing scale scores were found in FS scores or in any of English (M = 86.4, SD = 8.73) and Spanish (uncorrected) and .99 (corrected for range) scores in Successive processing regardless of the language used. PASS cognitive profiles were similar on both versions of the CAS. These findings suggest that students with underdeveloped English-language skills performed similarly on both the English and Spanish versions of the CAS. These findings suggest that the CAS may be a useful measure of cognitive ability in bilingual children.

Very similar scores in English and Spanish versions of CAS

>90% agreement between PASS weakness & strengths using English and Spanish CAS in BOTH studies

# CAS in Italy

Using US norms, Italian sample (N = 809) CAS Full Scale was 100.9 and matched US sample (N = 1,174) was 100.5 and factorial invariance was found



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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 & Otero, 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-ratios (2 in favor of the Italian sample), and 1 was large (in favor of the U.S. sample), but some differences 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.

# Measuring Thinking using CAS

- **White** children earned similar scores on the Verbal and Performance scales
- **Black** children earned lower VIQ than PIQ scores due to language / achievement tasks → low Full Scale
- **Black** children earned **higher** Full Scale scores on CAS than whites
- **Fewer** Black children would be identified as having intellectual disability based on Full Scale scores using CAS than WISC-III
- **THIS IS A SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE.**

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## Intellectual Classification of Black and White Children in Special Education Programs Using the WISC-III and the Cognitive Assessment System

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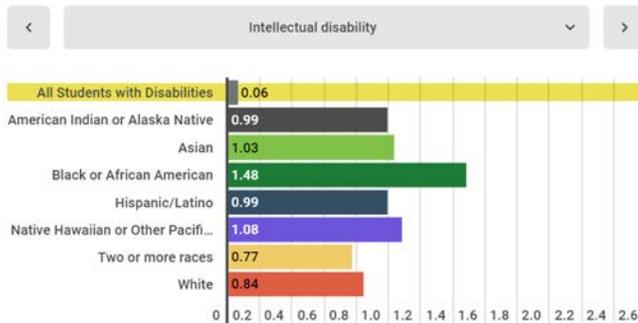
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Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

**OSEP Fast Facts: Race and Ethnicity of Children with Disabilities Served under IDEA Part B**

For the purposes of this fact sheet, racial ethnic groups are defined in the IDEA Part B Child Count and Educational Environments for School Year 2019-2020, OSEP Data Documentation. <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/osepidea/618-data/collection-documentation/data-documentation-files/part-b/child-count-and-educational-environment/idea-partb-childcountandedenvironment-2019-20.pdf>

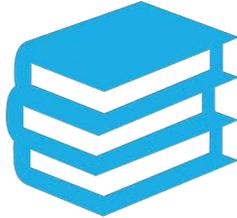
**Risk Ratio of Students with Disabilities by Disability Category and by Specific Race and Ethnicity, Ages 5 (in kindergarten) through 21: SY 2019-20**



The relative risk (or risk ratio) of students with disabilities served under IDEA by disability category and race and Ethnicity is the probability of a student with a disability being identified for intellectual disability. The higher the number, the larger the probability. For example, nationally, Black Students with Disabilities were 1.48 times more likely to be identified with intellectual disability compared to all students with disabilities.

<https://sites.ed.gov/idea/osep-fast-facts-race-and-ethnicity-of-children-with-disabilities-served-under-idea-part-b/>

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# Research on Interpretation of Test Scores and PSW

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PsycARTICLES: Journal Article

Structural validity of the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children—Fifth Edition: Confirmatory factor analyses with the 16 primary and secondary subtests.

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

## Support for 'g'



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

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## Support for PASS Scales

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

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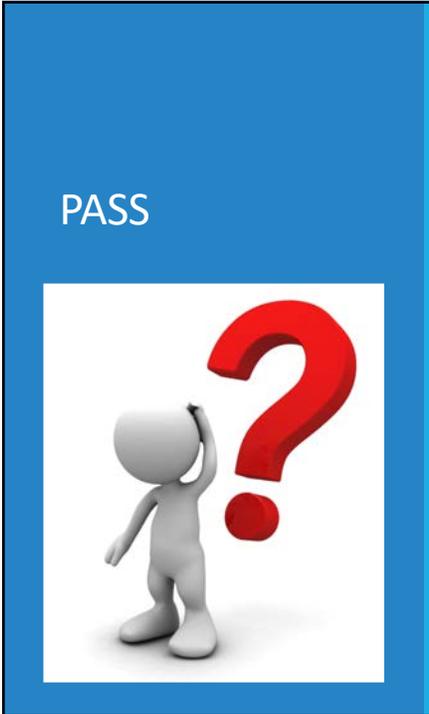
Orthogonal higher-order factor structure of the Cognitive Assessment System (CAS; Naglieri & Das, 1997a) for the 5–7 and 8–17 age groups in the CAS standardization sample is reported. Following the same procedure as recent studies of other prominent intelligence tests (Dombrowski, Watkins, & Brogan,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

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

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

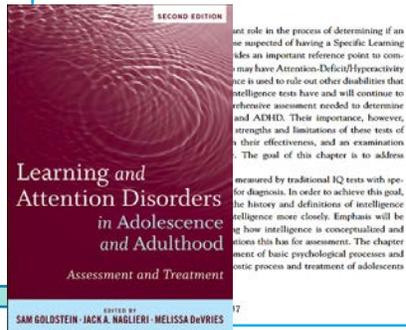
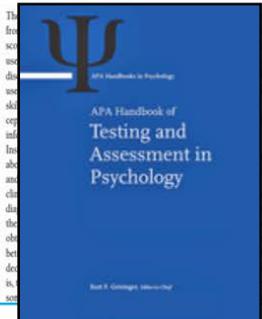
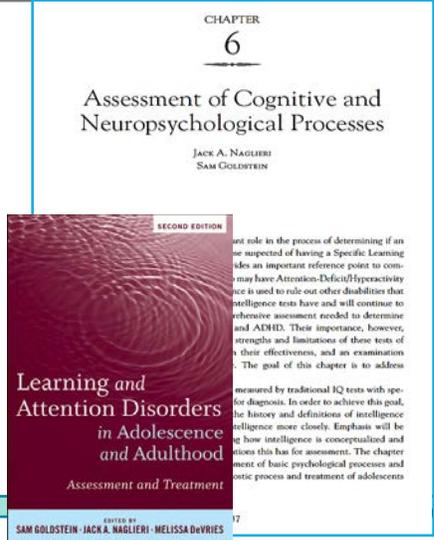
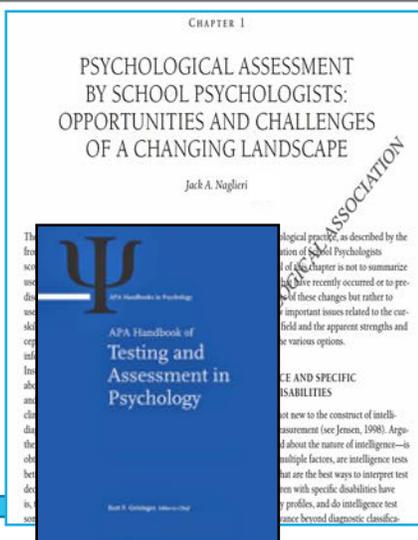
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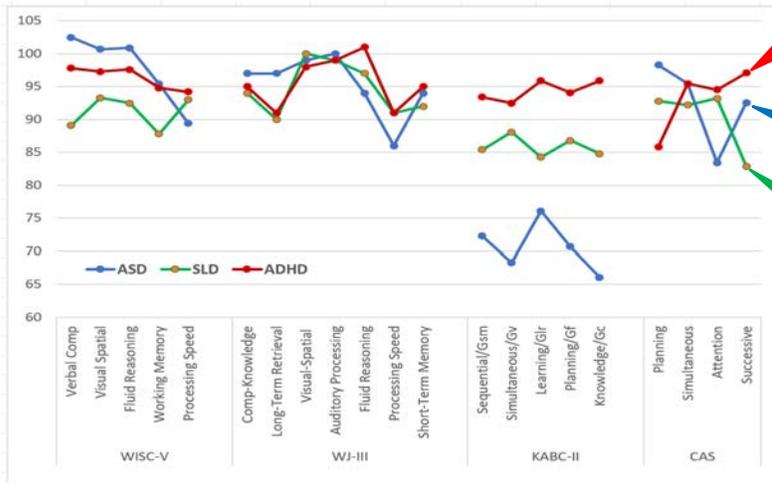
- Given that PASS scales CAN be interpreted it is important to know
  - if these scales yield PROFILES that can be used in a Pattern of Strengths and Weaknesses approach to eligibility determination AND
  - do PASS scores relate to achievement more than traditional intelligence tests?

## PASS Scales can be Interpreted and SHOULD be: Profiles



These profiles across tests is very revealing - PASS works

## Patterns of Strengths & Weaknesses



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## Research on PASS Profiles

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

**Identifying Students With Learning Disabilities: Composite Profile Analysis Using the Cognitive Assessment System**

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**Abstract**

The detection of cognitive patterns in children with learning disabilities (LD) has been a priority in the identification process. Subject 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 megacuster analysis to augment diagnosis and the instructional process. The Cognitive Assessment System uses a contemporary theoretical model in which composite scores, instead of subject 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 analysis of the LD profiles

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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

“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.

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## Research on PASS Profiles

- “the CAS...yields information that contributes to the differential diagnosis of students suspected of having a **learning disability in writing**”

**Cognitive Assessment System Construct and Diagnostic Utility in Assessing ADHD**

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**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 (WIAT; 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 83% of the students as members of their respective groups.

- “the present study demonstrated the potential of the CAS to correctly identify students who **demonstrated behaviors consistent with ADHD** diagnosis.”

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## Intelligence Tests and Prediction

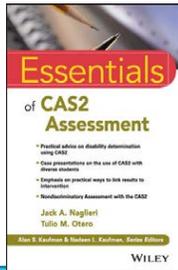
- Intelligence tests are one of the primary tools for identifying children with Intellectual disability, specific learning disabilities, and giftedness
  - The goal is to determine if there is a cognitive explanation for academic successes or failure
- The correlations between intelligence and achievement tests and the profiles of scores these tests measure tell us the value these test scores have for both predication and explanation of specific academic success and failure

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# Correlations: We can do better!

Average correlations between IQ Scales with total achievement scores from *Essentials of CAS2 Assessment* Naglieri & Otero (2017)



Correlations Between Ability and Achievement			Average Correlation	
Test Scores			All Scales	Scales without achievement
WISC-V	Verbal Comprehension	.74	.53	.47
WIAT-III	Visual Spatial	.46		
N = 201	Fluid Reasoning	.40		
	Working Memory	.63		
	Processing Speed	.34		
WJ-IV COG	Comprehension Knowledge	.50	.54	.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		
KABC	Sequential/Gsm	.43	.53	.48
WJ-III ACH	Simultaneous/Gv	.41		
N = 167	Learning/Glr	.50		
	Planning/Gf	.59		
CAS	Knowledge/GC	.70	.59	
N=1,600	Planning	.57		
	Simultaneous	.67		
	Attention	.50		
	Successive	.60		

Note: WJ-IV Scales Comp-Know= Vocabulary and General Information; Fluid Reasoning = Number Series and Concept Formation; Auditory Processing = Phonological processing.

Word: All correlations are reported in the ability tests' manuals; values were averaged within each ability test using Fisher's z transformations.



Georgiou, G., Guo, K., Naveenkumar, N., Vieira, A. P. A., & Das, J. P. (2019) PASS theory of intelligence and academic achievement: A meta-analytic review. *In press Intelligence*.

## PASS Research

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

## Twice Exceptional

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- Tests of general ability are **not** sufficient for assessment of students who may be gifted and have a specific learning disability (SLD), autism, ADHD, etc.
- Most defensible way to assess for a SLD, for example, is to use the *Cognitive Assessment System-Second Edition (CAS2)* for the following reasons
  - CAS2 measures ‘basic psychological processes’ – the key to uniting the definition of SLD with the method of detecting it, it yields the smallest race difference, yields profiles for special populations, predicts achievement better than any other tests and has implications for instruction

## A Study of Gifted Students

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- N = 142
  - Similar numbers of girls and boys in Grade 4, 5 and 6.
  - all native speakers of English
  - came from families of middle to upper-middle socioeconomic background
- Identified according to this definition:
  - “Giftedness is exceptional potential and/or performance across a wide range of abilities in one or more of the following areas: general intellectual, specific academic, creative thinking, social, musical, artistic and kinesthetic” (Alberta Education, 2012, p. 6).

## A Study of Gifted Students

- Tests given
  - WASI –II (Vocabulary and Matrix Reasoning)
  - Woodcock-Johnson III (WJ-III; Woodcock, McGrew, & Mathers, 2001) Broad Reading score from: Letter-Word Identification, Reading Fluency, and Passage Comprehension
  - Cognitive Assessment System (CAS; Naglieri & Das, 1997) to measure PASS neurocognitive processes

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## A Study of Gifted Students

WASI-II FSIQ slightly higher than CAS FS - but CAS shows more variability

- Average WASI-III Full Scale and CAS Full scale were similar but CAS standard deviation and range was higher

Table 1

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

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

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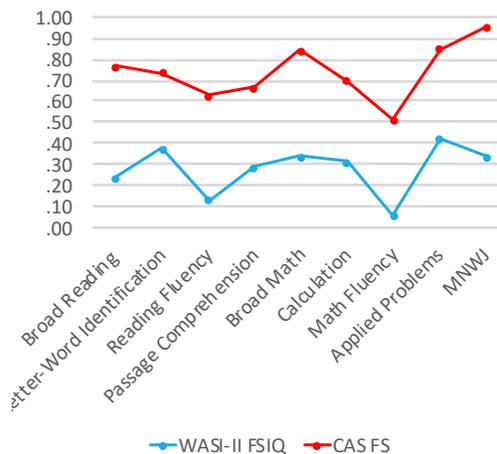
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# A Study of Gifted Students

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

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

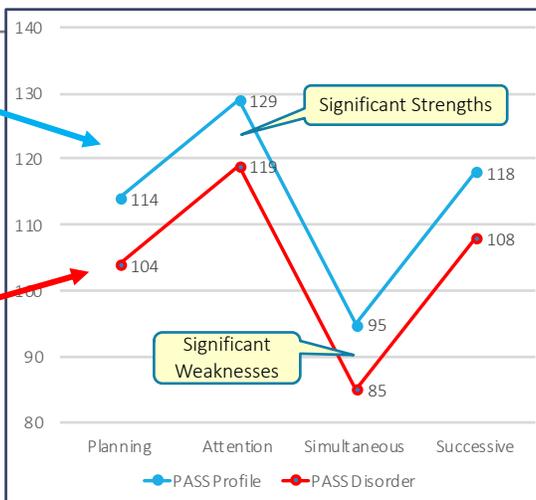
	WASI-II FSIQ	CAS FS
Broad Reading	.24	.53
Broad Math	.34	.50
Mean WJ-III	.34	.62



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# Two Types of PASS Profiles

- Two sets of PASS scores were studied
  - Significant variation in relation to student's average has instructional relevance
  - Significant variation in relation to student's average AND a standard score less than 90 (< 25<sup>th</sup> %tile) supports designation as SLD



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# A Study of Gifted Students

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

Table 3.  
Percentages of Gifted Students with Significant Variability in PASS Standard Scores (N = 142).

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

# A Study of Gifted Students

- The number of gifted students who have a PASS score that is significantly different from that student’s average PASS score AND the score is < 90; and with low achievement score.

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

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

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

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

# WE CAN DO BETTER

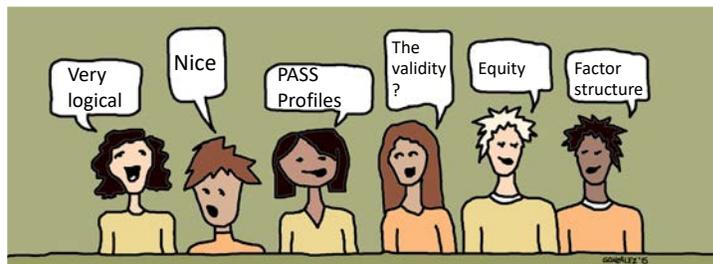
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## Core Group Activity

### QUESTION:

- Which research findings was most impactful?
- What research questions do you still have?



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**CAS2 is Different**

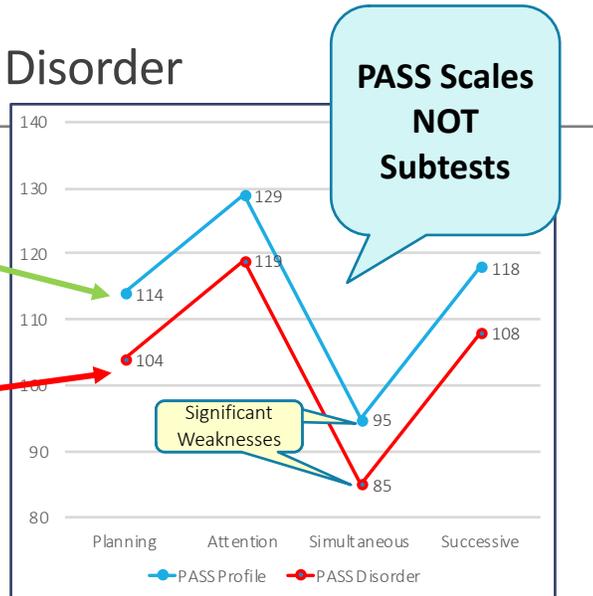
- A Theory Based on Brain Function**
  - Thinking vs Knowing and Social Justice
- From PASS to CAS2**
  - A Different View of People
- Research Update**
  - PASS and Equity – Measure Thinking not Knowing
  - To *g* or not to *g*
- Administration and Interpretation Issues**
  - Test order, subtest interpretation, etc.
- Reasons To Change**
  - Validity of PASS Theory

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Answering the  
Question: “Why the  
student struggles?”

## How to Determine a Disorder

- Two criteria for a disorder
  - Significant variation in relation to student's average has *instructional relevance*
  - Significant variation in relation to student's average **AND** a standard score less than 90 (< 25<sup>th</sup> %tile) *supports designation as SLD*



## Online Scoring and Report Writer

**PASS Scale Comparisons**

	Index Score	d value	Sig/NS	Strength Weakness	% in sample
Planning	100	25.7	Sig		0.6
Simultaneous	70	-4.3	NS		71.2
Attention	50	-24.3	Sig	W	1.4
Successive	77	2.7	NS		79.1
PASS Mean	74.3				

# CAS2 Achievement Analyzer for PSW

**CAS2 12-Subtest Extended Battery**

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

Differences Between PASS Scale Standard Scores and the Student's Average PASS Score (p < .05) for the CAS2 12-Subtest EXTENDED Battery

Cognitive Assessment System 2	PASS Mean & Standard Score	Differences	Significantly Different (at p < .05) from PASS Mean?	Strength or Weakness
Planning	77	-15.0	yes	Weakness
Simultaneous	102	15.0	yes	
Attention	98	11.0	yes	
Successive	76	-11.0	yes	Weakness

**Notes:**  
 1. A weakness is defined as PASS standard score that is significantly below the child's average PASS score (relative comparison at the .05 level) and the PASS score is below 90 (i.e. below the Average Range).  
 2. A strength is defined as PASS standard score that is significantly above the child's average PASS score (relative comparison at the .05 level) and the PASS score is above 100 (i.e. above the Average Range).  
 3. See Examples of CAS2 Assessment Interpretation Chapter for more details and examples. Note: Comparisons at p < .05.

Note: These **FREE** analyzers can be downloaded from [www.jacknaglieri.com](http://www.jacknaglieri.com)

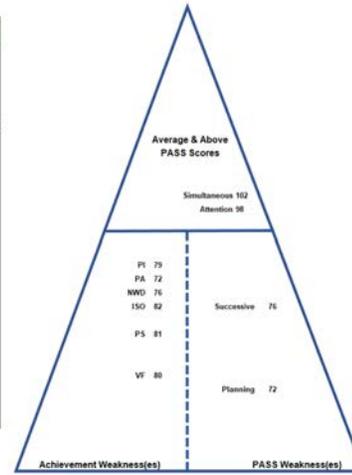
**BOX #2: Are high PASS scores significantly different from low achievement scores (Discrepancy)? Are low PASS scores similar to low achievement scores (Consistency)?**

**PASS Scores from CAS2**

	Planning	Simultaneous	Attention	Successive
77	102	98	76	

**Refer Assessment of READING**

Standard Scores	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
79 PI Phonological Index	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
72 PA Phonemic Awareness	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
78 NWD Nonword Reading Fluency	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
82 ISO Isolated Word Reading Fluency	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
88 ORF Oral Reading Fluency	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
81 PS Punctuation Symbols	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
105 PI Planning Index	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
84 RAN Rapid Automatic Naming	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
80 VF Verbal Fluency	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
89 VP Visual Perception	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
85R Irregular Word Reading Fluency	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
87 OP Orthographic Processing	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
86 MI Mixed Index	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
83 CI Comprehension Index	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
82 SC Semantic Concepts	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
84 SR Word Recall	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
81 PK Prior Knowledge	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
89 MP Morphological Processing	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
88 SR Silent Reading Fluency	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent
84 MD Total Index	Consistent	Discrepant	Discrepant	Consistent



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

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

**Strengths**

**PASS Strengths & Weaknesses Identified**

**Discrepancies & consistencies Identified**

**PASS and Achievement Weaknesses**

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# Administration Details

- Core Battery is the first 2 subtests in each of the PASS scales
- Order of administration is IMPORTANT
  - Why is Planning first and Successive last?
- Should you use parts of the CAS2?
- Demonstration, Example, and Provide Help option

**Table 1.2 Structure of the CAS Scales and Subtests in Order of Administration**

Scale	Subtests
<b>Planning</b>	Matching Numbers (MN) Planned Codes (PCd) Planned Connections (PCn)
<b>Simultaneous</b>	Nonverbal Matrices (NvM) Verbal-Spatial Relations (VSR) Figure Memory (FM)
<b>Attention</b>	Expressive Attention (EA) Number Detection (ND) Receptive Attention (RA)
<b>Successive</b>	Word Series (WS) and or Sentence Repetition (SR) Speech Rate (SpR, ages 5–7 years) or Sentence Questions (SQ, ages 8–17 years)

Expose Example A and say,

**Look at this page (point to the page). Draw a line from the number 1 to the number 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4, and 4 to 5. Provide help if necessary.**

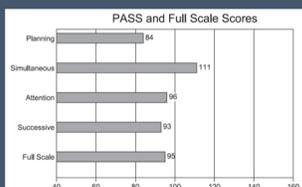
With Example A still exposed, say,

**I'm going to give you some more of these to do. You should always start from the number 1 (point to the number 1 in the bold box in Example A) and draw a line from one number to the next until you get to the last number (point to the number 5). Work as quickly as you can without making a mistake, and tell me when you're finished.**

**Ready?** (Provide a brief explanation if necessary.)

# Interpretation Details

- Full Scale – Is misleading if there is PASS scale variability
- You may want to exclude the Full Scale completely



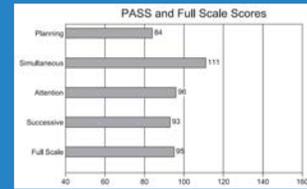
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## PASS SCALE – IPSATIVE AND NORMATIVE COMPARISONS

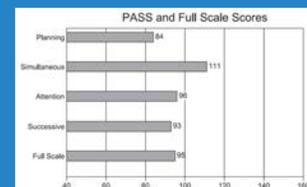
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PLANNING SCALE

Tony's Planning score was significantly lower than his average PASS score and below the average range. This means that Tony performed particularly poorly on tests that required strategies for solving the problems on the Planning tests. He had trouble with development and use of good strategies, control of behavior, self-monitoring, and self-correction when completing these tests. Tony earned a CAS2 Planning Scale score of 84 which is within the Below Average classification and is a percentile rank of 14. The percentile rank indicates that Tony did as well as or better than 14% of others his age in the standardization group. There is a 90% probability that Tony's true Planning score is within the range of 79 to 92. This cognitive weakness has important implications for diagnosis, eligibility determination, and educational and therapeutic programming because children who are weak on the Planning Scale often have problems with tasks requiring strategies, completing schoolwork and other tasks on time, impulse control, self-monitoring, and social situations. There was no significant variation among his three subtest scores in the Planning Scale.

# Interpretation Details

## INTERPRET EACH SCALE FROM PASS THEORY

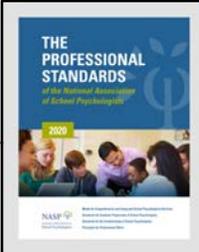




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# NASP Professional Standards 2020



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**GUIDING PRINCIPLE I.3 FAIRNESS, EQUITY, AND JUSTICE**

In their words and actions, school psychologists promote fairness and social justice. They use their expertise to cultivate school climates that are safe, welcoming, and equitable to all persons regardless of actual or perceived characteristics, including race, ethnicity, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, immigration status, socioeconomic status, primary language, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, or any other distinguishing characteristics.

**Standard I.3.2 Correcting Discriminatory Practices**

School psychologists strive to ensure that all children and youth have equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from school programs and that all students and families have access to and can benefit from school psychological services. They work to correct school practices that are unjustly discriminatory or that deny students or others their legal rights. School psychologists take steps to foster a school climate that is supportive, inclusive, safe, accepting, and respectful toward all persons, particularly those who have experienced marginalization in educational settings.

School psychologists function as change agents, using their skills in communication, collaboration, and consultation to advocate for necessary change at the individual student, classroom, building, district, state, and national levels.

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## Summary: PASS theory and CAS2 (see Naglieri & Otero, 2017)

1. The PASS scales on the CAS2 measure *thinking* (i.e. basic psychological processing) rather than *knowing* (e.g., vocabulary, arithmetic etc.), making the test good for assessment of diverse populations and those with limited educational opportunity.
2. PASS scores can be easily obtained in 20 minutes (using the 4-subtest **CAS2 Brief**), 40 minutes (using the **8-subtest Core Battery**) or 60 minutes (using the **12-subtest Extended Battery**), scored and a narrative reports provided using the **online program**. (Digital CAS2 is in final stages of development.)
3. PASS results are easy for teachers, parents and the students themselves to understand because the concepts can be explained in non-technical language.
4. The PASS theory and the CAS2 provide a way to both define and assess 'basic psychological processes' so that practitioners can obtain scores that are consistent with state and federal IDEA guidelines.
5. The PASS scores are strongly correlated to achievement, show distinct patterns of strengths and weaknesses, are very useful for intervention planning.
6. The CAS2 in combination with achievement (especially the FAR, FAM and/or FAW) provides examiners with a reliable and defensible Discrepancy Consistency Method to identify students with SLD.
7. Research has shown that PASS scores have relevance to instruction and intervention.

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## Questions and Thoughts Please



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