

MINDBOOST NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, INC.



INFORMATION SHEET FOR WECHSLER INTELLIGENCE

What are IQ Tests?

Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence-Fourth Edition (WPPSI-IV) and Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-Fifth Edition (WISC V) are the most common measures of cognitive abilities.

- WPPSI-IV is designed for children between the age of 2:6-7:7
- WISC V is designed for children between the age of 6:0-16:11
- Stanford Binet 5 is another standardized IQ assessment designed for ages 2+.
- For the purposes of Admission Testing, a child over the age of 6 years, will take the WISC V (not WPPSI-IV).

Appointment:

We block 90 minutes for your child's appointment, although it typically takes less time. If an appointment is missed without a 48-hour notice, you will be charged the full fee of the assessment. This is important to note since there are only a number of appointments available for IQ assessments and we would like to provide opportunities for interested families.

Preparation for the evaluation:

There is no need to study or prepare for the evaluation. In fact, any prior exposure to test materials or test-like materials (within the last 12 months) will invalidate results. Please have your child nourished so they are ready to engage for the duration of the evaluation. Water is allowed. The subtests involved in these tests are better described to children as "activities," instead of "tests." Importantly, if your child is not feeling well, it is to your child's best interest to reschedule the appointment since they are unable to retake this test within a 12-month period.

What you receive with the IQ evaluation:

Our evaluations include: table with scores, narrative description of subtests or report, and behavioral observations. Once the face-to-face testing is completed, we will send a copy of the results to you within one week. With your signed consent, we email or mail the results directly to school(s). There is no charge to send to multiple schools.

Cost of the IQ evaluation:

- \$850 includes the appointment time, administration of test, behavioral observations, table of scores, and narrative report (required by most schools).
- Our reports are comprehensive and personalized. However, a complimentary brief phone call can be arranged if questions arise.
- Formal feedback via video session is \$150.00 (30-minutes) or \$300.00 (60-minutes); this is not required by any school. These sessions can be used to discuss any educational related questions not just for IQ assessment purposes.
- For expedited reports (to be prepared within 24-hour), there is an additional \$100 fee.

About the Evaluators:

We are a team of doctoral-level board-certified neuropsychologists, from the following rigorous governing boards: American Board of Pediatric Neuropsychology (ABPdN) and American Board of

Professional Psychology (ABPP-CN). This ensures the highest standards of assessments and specialized expertise are provided for your child. The neuropsychologists at Mindboost specialize in cognitive and educational evaluations. No students, trainees, technicians, or master's level clinicians will provide cognitive testing.

Testing Environment:

Evaluations are conducted in-office, just as these tests were standardized. We provide a comfortable and warm setting. Third party observers are not allowed in testing room to ensure highest standard of testing. However, parents are allowed to sit in our waiting room, just outside the testing room. We will be sure to make your child feel at ease.

English Language Learners:

All testing must be administered in English. If your child is an English language learner, we will calculate a non-verbal score (tests that minimize verbalization). Our evaluators have worked with children who are non-verbal to multilingual, and understand how to work with the children with different communication and language skills. Typically, visually based tasks are not affected, and there are practice items to ensure understanding. Schools admitting young children for transitional kindergarten or kindergarten, are also aware of this factor.

Your child's response to a stranger:

Our evaluators are experts in the field of child development, which is a factor to consider when choosing between a clinical psychologist and other evaluators who may not be clinical or child psychologists. We have experience and significant training to work with a wide range of children. As such, we will work with your child to provide the most accurate depiction of their skillset regardless of their temperament (shy, slow to warm up, energetic, etc.). If a child has difficulty sitting for the duration of the evaluation, redirection may be provided and/or breaks will be taken. At times, other positive behavioral techniques will be implemented. These behaviors will be disclosed in the Behavioral Observations of the report.

Timing of the Evaluation:

There is no advantage to wait to take the WPPSI-IV or WISC-V. These are assessments that your child's performance will be compared to other children in the same age range. In other words, these are age-normed tests, not grade norms. As such, there is no reason to wait to take the test.

Retake Test:

No child is allowed to retake a test within a 12-month period.

Why costs vary?

This is for a variety of reasons, as some may use evaluators in training, working on their license, or with different levels of credentials and education (e.g., master's level education specialists). Our price is set based on evaluators being board-certified clinical neuropsychologists, with robust experience working with toddlers to students in high school. We have been an approved site for many years for Harker and Nueva School, and have worked with other schools in state (e.g., Helios) and some out of state. Your child's assessment is written effectively, thoroughly, and with a quick turn-around.

We look forward to contributing to your child's educational planning needs, and thank you in advance for the opportunity to meet you and your child!