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## INFORMATION FOR INTELLIGENCE TESTS

### 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
- 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 evaluation is better described to young 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. We can 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.
- A follow up phone call is free, if needed.
- For expedited reports (to be prepared within 24-hour), there is an additional \$100 fee.

### About the Evaluators:

We are a doctoral-level board-certified neuropsychologists, from the following 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

for your child. We specialize in cognitive and educational evaluations. No students, trainees, technicians, or master's level clinicians will provide cognitive testing.

**Testing Environment:**

We provide a comfortable and warm setting. Third party observers are not allowed in testing room to ensure highest standard of testing. However, parents may sit in our waiting room, just outside the testing room. We will be sure to make your child feel at ease before starting.

**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. 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 pulling from decades of experience working and receiving expert training and education from Stanford Children's, CPMC Child Development Center, educational centers, and serving as consultants for independent schools. 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.).

**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, little to no experience in assessments or with lower levels of credentials and education (e.g., master's level education specialists versus doctorate clinical psychologists or neuropsychologists). Our price is competitive and also justified by our advanced knowledge being board-certified, with robust experience working with toddlers to students in college.

Over the last decade, we have been an approved site for Harker, Nueva and Helios School, and have worked with other schools in other states. As consultants for some of these requirements, we are well-versed on how to write your child's assessment effectively, thoroughly, and with a quick turn-around. We find it is beneficial to choose a highly skilled assessor, as this is one of the most important steps in your application journey.

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