

Pearson Needs Help from You and Your Exceptional Children

Pearson, the nation's largest publishing company of assessment materials, is looking for professionals and exceptional children to help us with development of the Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence—Fourth Edition (WPPSI–IV). Participating professionals include psychologists, speech-language pathologists, psychometrists, neuropsychologists, educational diagnosticians, and graduate students of any of these professions. Schools, facilities, and organizations who work with exceptional children are also encouraged to apply or contact me for more information. The WPPSI is an assessment tool designed to help professionals assess intellectual and cognitive abilities in young children ages 2 years 6 months through 7 years 6 months.

Why We Need You:

Pearson's goal is to develop products and tools that help each individual reach their maximum potential. This is particularly important in working with exceptional children. Our goal for the WPPSI is to strengthen the test's ability to identify exceptional young children, but to do so we need large, diverse samples of many different kinds of exceptional children. Exceptionalities independently include: intellectual giftedness, mild and moderate intellectual disability, cognitive developmental delay, autistic disorder, Asperger's disorder, expressive language disorder, mixed receptive/expressive language disorder, ADHD-Hyperactive and Impulsive or Combined type, emergent preliteracy concerns, and emotional disturbance. These children's performance will then be analyzed to create special group norms for this comprehensive test of intelligence and cognitive ability.

Participating professionals, schools, organizations, and facilities that participate would be responsible for:

- Obtaining authorization from facility or school administrators to participate
- Identifying and obtaining consent from the parent(s) of qualified students ages ranging from 2:6-7:6
- Providing staff to administer the assessment, or alternatively, allowing Pearson to send qualified, licensed, credentialed professionals into the school or facility to test the selected individuals.

Benefits of Field Test Participation:

There are numerous benefits to participating in Pearson field trials, including:

- Compensation to test administrators, students, and the school/facility/organization (This is a great fundraising opportunity!),
- Input on test development,
- School/Facility recognition in the published product,
- Reports from published validity measures,
- Aggregate normative data for your site (upon request), and
- Representation of your students/children in the published special group norms.

Participants needed:

We are collecting data from children ages 2:6 to 7:6 who speak and understand English. Each candidate must also meet the specific clinical requirements for the respective study. Clinical criteria can be found at <https://www.surveymk.com/s/WPPSI4STDZClinicalStudyDetails>. However, we are also collecting data for typically developing children. Current clinical study needs can be found at https://www.surveymk.com/s/WPPSI-IV_Clinical_Open_Cell_List.

Test Administration Details:

Administration time is approximately 2-2 ½ hours, but is highly dependent on individual performance. Participants will be asked to perform tasks including block arrangement, pattern recognition, relational concepts, word definitions, word comparisons, and many other tasks. Parents will also be asked to complete a home environment questionnaire that will allow us to identify environmental factors associated with exceptionalities. Full project details, including payments can be found at https://www.surveymk.com/s/WPPSI-IV_Stdz_Overview.

Contact us for further information today!

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other testing opportunities
available if you would like to
broaden your fundraising options!