

Personality Inventory for Children, 2nd Edition

General Information

The Personality Inventory for Children is an objective multidimensional test of child and adolescent behavior and emotional and cognitive status. The administrative booklet consists of 275 items to be completed by the child's parent or other rater who knows the child well.

Number of Versions: 2
Version: 2nd Edition
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Date of Publication: 2001
Material(s) Needed for Test: Instrument
Manual: Available
Time to Administer: 40 minutes
Charge for one form or kit: Yes

Purpose and Nature of Test

Construct(s) Measured: Hyperactivity, Conduct problems, Social skills, Several others
Population for which designed: Age Range: 5 through 19 years old
Grade Level: Kindergarten to High School Senior
Method of Administration: Individual
Source of Information: Parent
Subtests and Scores: Cognitive Impairment, Impulsivity and Distractibility, Delinquency, Family Dysfunction, Reality Distortion, Somatic Concern, Psychological Discomfort, Social Withdrawal, Social Skills Deficits, Response Validity Scales
Number of Items: 275
Type of Scale: Forced choice

Technical Evaluation

Norms:

Sample Size: 2,306
Population: Two samples: 2,306 parents of boys and girls in Kindergarten through 12th grade, collected from 23 urban, rural and suburban schools in 12 states, all socioeconomic levels and ethnic groups represented; and 1,551 parents whose children had been referred for educational or clinical intervention.
Culture/ethnicity: African-American, Asian-American, Caucasian, Hispanic/Latino, Native-American, Other
SES Level: Low to High

Reliability:

Psychometric information: Provided for Subscales.
The range of Test-Retest Value: 0.82 to 0.92
The range of Inter-rater reliability: Not assessed
The range of Internal consistency: 0.81 to 0.92

Validity:

Criterion validity was assessed and found to be acceptable.

Practical Evaluation

Scoring Procedure:	Manual and Computer Scoring
Examiner Qualifications and Training Required:	Masters Degree
Permission Required to Use Instrument:	Yes
If yes, by whom:	Western Psychological Services

Notes

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