

# Cognitive Evaluation: Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children – Fifth Edition (WISC-V)

## Overview

The Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children –Fifth Edition (WISC-V; Wechsler, 2014) provides a measure of general intellectual functioning (Full Scale Intelligence Quotient [FSIQ]) and five index scores (Verbal Comprehension, Visual Spatial, Fluid Reasoning, Working Memory, and Processing Speed). It can be used to assess individuals between the ages of 6 years and 16 years, 11 months. Its framework is based on theory and is supported by clinical research and factor-analytic results. The WISC-V consists of 16 core subtests and three ancillary subtests. The WISC-V is statistically linked to the WIAT-III and the KTEA-3. Instructions are briefer and shorter; discontinue rules are new features to decrease testing time from the WISC-IV.

## Summary

Name of Tool/ Author (Year)	Age Range*	Method of Administration/Format	Approximate Time to Administer	Subscales
Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children – Fifth Edition (WISC-V) Wechsler (2014)	6.0–16.11	Individually administered, norm-referenced measure of cognitive abilities; administered by clinician; 16 core subtests; three ancillary subtests  Yields scaled scores for subtests, standard scores and percentiles for five index scales, base rates	60 min. for core subtests	Processing Indices: Verbal Comprehension Index (Similarities, Vocabulary, Information, and Comprehension) Visual Spatial (Block Design and Visual Puzzles) Fluid Reasoning (Matrix Reasoning, Figure Weights Picture Concepts, and Arithmetic) Working Memory (Digit Span, Picture Span, and Letter-Number Sequencing) Processing Speed (Coding, Symbol Search, and Cancellation)  Ancillary Subtests (Visual-Verbal Association Immediate, Visual-Verbal Association Delayed, and Naming Speed)

\*In years and months

Availability: Pearson Assessment and Information, <http://bit.ly/1AXYq4c>

## Research

NONE

## References

Wechsler, D. (2014). *Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (5<sup>th</sup> ed.) (WISC-V)*. San Antonio, TX: Psychological Corporation.