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Evaluation: Considerations in Choosing an Assessment Tool

1. NORMS:

- date of norming
- current revision
- makeup of the norming sample
- number and types of children included in the sample

2. RELIABILITY: How reliable are these results

- Placement decisions .90 and above
- Screening decisions .80 and above

3. VALIDITY: Are you measuring what you think you are measuring

- compared to other similar tests
- is there a theoretical basis for construction of the tests
- are the items reflective of what you are measuring

4. AGE SPAN: Does it cover the ages you will be assessing

5. FORMAT/EASE OF MATERIALS:

- adequate instructions
- interpretation guidance
- materials age suitable

6. TYPES OF SCORES AVAILABLE:

7. OTHER:

- cost
- availability
- frequency of use

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