

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### **Why do you want me/my child to participate?**

The purpose of this study is to “test-the-test.” The results of this study will be used to create the final version of the Wechsler Individual Achievement Test - Fourth Edition: Canadian (WIAT-4 CDN). Therefore, we need people from all over Canada and from various ages, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds to participate.

### **What will I/my child be asked to do?**

Each participant will be asked to perform a variety of tasks including reading, listening, writing, and answering math questions. All the tasks in this assessment that you or your child will be asked to do will be age appropriate. Some of the material will be easy for participants, and some will be more difficult. The examiner that will administer the test can provide you with further details about these tasks if you have questions.

### **How long will the test take?**

Testing may take between 1 and 3 hours to complete; this depends on your or your child’s grade level (or last completed grade level) and the individual activities completed. The examiner that will administer the test will contact you to schedule the best time for testing. You or your child may also be invited to complete additional validity study tests, but this involvement is also optional; if you choose to participate or to have your child participate, you/they will be compensated for their participation in additional assessments.

### **Are there any risks associated with participation in this study?**

There is no known physical or psychological harm that can result from participation in this project.

### **What will my/my child’s participation involve?**

The examiner assigned to administer your test will ask you/your child to answer questions in various formats, including spoken responses, pointing to various items in a “Stimulus Book”, and completing timed tasks in a “Response Booklet” provided by Pearson. The examiner will document some of your/your child’s responses in another booklet called a “Record Form” and will also take audio-recordings of your/your child’s responses during certain tasks so they can review and score them later. This is necessary due to the timed nature of some of the tasks.

### **Will I get my/my child’s test results?**

We are not able to give you any test results for you or your child. The test is still being developed and the data being collected is for research purposes only. The results from your/your child’s participation will be used to select items for the final version of the assessment tool. However, these results are not obtained within a formal clinical evaluation, which is necessary for proper use and interpretation of test scores. When the product is published, professionals will use this test to evaluate children, adolescents, and adults in various learning situations including in the identification of learning disorders.

### **How will I/my child be paid for their participation?**

You will receive an electronic Amazon gift card as compensation for your/your child’s time and effort in completing this assessment. It will be sent to the email address you provide on the study’s Consent Form. The amount will vary based on you/your child’s current grade (or last grade completed): JK-K (\$50); Grades 1-8 (\$75); Grade 9-12 (\$100).

**Will my/my child's information be kept confidential?**

All information you and your child provide to Pearson will be kept strictly confidential and will only be used for research purposes. We do not sell or give any of your/your child's information to any outside group. All personally identifiable information (*PII*) will only be handled by the Pearson Clinical Assessment Team. PII communicated digitally will be done so via secure, password-protected digital platforms. PII communicated on paper documents will be submitted to our Pearson Clinical Assessment office in Toronto, where it will be securely stored.

If you have any questions, please contact the Research Team weekdays from 9am-4:30pm EST:

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