



A Tool for Parents ...

Academic Consultants' Unique Academic Rating Quiz ©

- Is your child struggling at school?
- Have your child's learning strengths and weaknesses been identified?
- Is your child challenged at school? Bored? Underachieving?
- Does your child have an undiagnosed learning or attention problem?
- Are you wondering if your child is dyslexic?
- Does your child experience math or test-taking anxiety?
- Does your child have difficulty making and keeping friends?
- Is your child abusing alcohol or drugs or associating with the "wrong crowd"?
- Is your child oppositional and defiant at home or school?
- Is your child disruptive or truant at school?
- Does your child need help in the college admissions process?
- Does your child need SAT/ACT test preparation?

Take a few minutes to rate your child's progress and/or your areas of concern. This free, private quiz will help you assess where your child fits on the *Education Planning Continuum™*.

After completing the quiz, please refer to our scoring table and the Planning Continuum for suggestions and recommendations based upon your answers. Not all questions will relate to your child.

Place an "X" in the appropriate column. If you believe a question is not applicable, answer "No".

<u>Academics</u>	YES	NO
Which of the following pertains to your child:		
1. Difficulty learning to read		
2. Spelling problems		
3. Difficulty memorizing basic facts		
4. Math anxiety		
5. Gets good grades		
6. Participates in sports, clubs, hobbies		
7. Ready to start considering specific colleges		
8. Standardized test (ACT/SAT) anxiety		
9. Standardized test scores not commensurate with grades		
10. You wonder if your child has a learning disability		
11. Can't finish tests within time allowed		
12. Needs extended time to take ACT/SAT		
13. Has difficulty reading		
14. Problems with reading comprehension		
15. Grades vary significantly from subject to subject		
16. Language problems		
17. Difficulty completing homework		
18. Difficulty remembering instructions in school		

19. Trouble memorizing multiplication tables		
20. Family history of learning disabilities/reading problems		
How many times did you check “yes” in this section? This is your child’s Academic score. <i>Each “yes” is worth one point.</i>		
Behavior / Conduct Which of the following applies to your child:	YES	NO
21. Lacks motivation		
22. Change in friends, from positive to negative influences		
23. Impulsive behaviors/takes unnecessary risks		
24. Disobedient at home/school		
25. Stubborn / defiant/manipulative		
26. Suspect eating disorder		
27. Tends to hang out with the “wrong” crowd		
28. Attends “raves”/breaks curfew/sneaks out at night		
29. Lies, cheats or steals at home or in school; shoplifts		
30. Does not take responsibility and blames others		
31. Resents authority figures		
32. Sloppy, unkempt appearance		
33. Tattoos or body piercing		
34. Unhappy; isolates himself or herself		
35. Overly secretive		
36. Sleeps late; not alert in school		
37. Obsessive compulsive behaviors		
38. Dropped out of high school sports, clubs, activities		
39. Seems depressed, withdrawn		
40. Talks about suicide or has made attempts / gestures		
41. Family history of suicide		
42. Poor school work and grades		
43. Unpredictable; explosive at times; hot tempered		
44. Verbally abusive to parents		
45. May not finish high school		
46. Abuses marijuana, alcohol; suspect other drug use		
47. Suspended from school		
48. May be sexually promiscuous		
50. Family history of alcohol or drug abuse		
How many times did you check “yes” in this section? This is your child’s Behavior/Conduct score. <i>Each “yes” is worth one point</i>		
Please list your child’s Academic score from above.		
Add Academic and Behavior/Conduct Scores		

FINAL SCORING:	
Make sure you added one (1) point for each “YES” answer.	
Add five (5) points if your child is in elementary school or junior high school.	
Add twenty (20) points if your child is high school age.	
What is your child’s TOTAL SCORE?	

Now turn to our [scoring table](#) to interpret your child’s score and determine your next steps.

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The Education Planning Continuum™:

Based on the score your child received on the quiz, the following may apply:

High school age students:

- **Score up to 23:**
Ready for ACT/SAT test preparation, college admission essay assistance, and [college placement counseling](#).
- **Score of 24-39:**
Your child may have a learning disability. Educational [testing](#) is strongly suggested; your child may benefit from specialized school services and / or specialized school [placement](#); for juniors and seniors - investigate extended time ACT/SAT testing and [college placement counseling](#) with possible emphasis on college programs recognizing learning differences.

For those children whose points *primarily* arise from behavioral problems, we encourage you to visit with a local independent educational consultant or [contact us](#) as soon as possible regarding school options and possible specialized school [placement](#).

- **Score above 39:**
We strongly suggest that you seek professional assistance immediately! Your child may need a specialty school [placement](#), wilderness program, or therapeutic boarding school [placement](#). As parents we recommend you seek guidance with rules and limits for your teen and monitoring progress. Your child may also need psychoeducational or diagnostic [testing](#).

Students in Grades 1 – 8:

- **Score up to 10:**
Your student is off to a good start; keep up the good work, and set reasonable family rules and goals. If you are worried about a possible learning disability, consult a professional about [testing](#).
- **Score of 11 – 20:**
Educational diagnostic [testing](#) is recommended; your answers suggest that your child may be struggling with learning differences.
- **Score over 20:**
Indicates a possible need for psychoeducational and/or diagnostic [testing](#). A special needs school [placement](#) may be appropriate, particularly if your student is in 7th or 8th grade. A visit with a qualified professional is highly recommended.

Our RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS above are based upon your responses to the [Academic Rating Quiz](#) ©. No definitive conclusions can be drawn from this brief assessment. We strongly recommend follow-up with a professional in order to draw a full and accurate picture of your child's status. [Contact us](#) for further direction or assessment.