Vanderbilt ADHD Diagnostic Teacher Rating Scale

INSTRUCTIONS AND SCORING

Behaviors are counted if they are scored 2 (often) or 3 (very often).

Inattention	Requires six or more counted behaviors from questions 1–9 for indication of the predominantly inattentive subtype.
Hyperactivity/ impulsivity	Requires six or more counted behaviors from questions 10–18 for indication of the predominantly hyperactive/impulsive subtype.
Combined subtype	Requires six or more counted behaviors each on both the inattention and hyperactivity/impulsivity dimensions.
Oppositional defiant and conduct disorders	Requires three or more counted behaviors from questions 19–28.
Anxiety or depression symptoms	Requires three or more counted behaviors from questions 29–35.

The performance section is scored as indicating some impairment if a child scores 1 or 2 on at least one item.

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The scale is available at http://peds.mc.vanderbilt.edu/VCHWEB_1/rating~1.html.

REFERENCE FOR THE SCALE'S PSYCHOMETRIC PROPERTIES

Wolraich ML, Feurer ID, Hannah JN, et al. 1998. Obtaining systematic teacher reports of disruptive behavior disorders utilizing DSM-IV. *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology* 26(2):141–152.

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Name: _____ Grade: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Teacher: _____ School: _____

Each rating should be considered in the context of what is appropriate for the age of the children you are rating.

Frequency Code: 0 = Never; 1 = Occasionally; 2 = Often; 3 = Very Often

1. Fails to give attention to details or makes careless mistakes in schoolwork	0	1	2	3
2. Has difficulty sustaining attention to tasks or activities	0	1	2	3
3. Does not seem to listen when spoken to directly	0	1	2	3
4. Does not follow through on instruction and fails to finish schoolwork (not due to oppositional behavior or failure to understand)	0	1	2	3
5. Has difficulty organizing tasks and activities	0	1	2	3
6. Avoids, dislikes, or is reluctant to engage in tasks that require sustaining mental effort	0	1	2	3
7. Loses things necessary for tasks or activities (school assignments, pencils, or books)	0	1	2	3
8. Is easily distracted by extraneous stimuli	0	1	2	3
9. Is forgetful in daily activities	0	1	2	3
10. Fidgets with hands or feet or squirms in seat	0	1	2	3
11. Leaves seat in classroom or in other situations in which remaining seated is expected	0	1	2	3
12. Runs about or climbs excessively in situations in which remaining seated is expected	0	1	2	3
13. Has difficulty playing or engaging in leisure activities quietly	0	1	2	3
14. Is "on the go" or often acts as if "driven by a motor"	0	1	2	3
15. Talks excessively	0	1	2	3
16. Blurts out answers before questions have been completed	0	1	2	3
17. Has difficulty waiting in line	0	1	2	3
18. Interrupts or intrudes on others (e.g., butts into conversations or games)	0	1	2	3
19. Loses temper	0	1	2	3

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20. Actively defies or refuses to comply with adults' requests or rules	0	1	2	3
21. Is angry or resentful	0	1	2	3
22. Is spiteful and vindictive	0	1	2	3
23. Bullies, threatens, or intimidates others	0	1	2	3
24. Initiates physical fights	0	1	2	3
25. Lies to obtain goods for favors or to avoid obligations (i.e., "cons" others)	0	1	2	3
26. Is physically cruel to people	0	1	2	3
27. Has stolen items of nontrivial value	0	1	2	3
28. Deliberately destroys others' property	0	1	2	3
29. Is fearful, anxious, or worried	0	1	2	3
30. Is self-conscious or easily embarrassed	0	1	2	3
31. Is afraid to try new things for fear of making mistakes	0	1	2	3
32. Feels worthless or inferior	0	1	2	3
33. Blames self for problems, feels guilty	0	1	2	3
34. Feels lonely, unwanted, or unloved; complains that "no one loves him/her"	0	1	2	3
35. Is sad, unhappy, or depressed	0	1	2	3

PERFORMANCE

	Problematic		Average	Above Average	
Academic Performance					
1. Reading	1	2	3	4	5
2. Mathematics	1	2	3	4	5
3. Written expression	1	2	3	4	5
Classroom Behavioral Performance					
1. Relationships with peers	1	2	3	4	5
2. Following directions/rules	1	2	3	4	5
3. Disrupting class	1	2	3	4	5
4. Assignment completion	1	2	3	4	5
5. Organizational skills	1	2	3	4	5