PROS?

- Very old and respected test with good reliability
- Can input test scores electronically to give various scores for subtests/composites
- Tested for cultural/ ELL biases
- Broad age ranges 6-17; Adult version is available

CONS?

- No new version since 1998
- The amount of subtests and composites may be difficult to comprehend
- Need to go through a trained clinician to administer the test (not necessarily accessible for all families)
- Although satisfactory content and construct validity, there are no students on criterion-related validity
- Most data found is American based

REFERENCES


**WHAT IS ASSESSMENT?**
Before we talk about the specifics of DTLA, it’s important to know what an assessment is and why we should use one. Assessments can be a variety of tests designed to gather evidence of what a student knows, understands and is able to do. Assessments can also be used to determine what students may need help with.

**DETOUR TESTS OF LEARNING APTITUDE**
**4th Ed. (DTLA –4)**

**What is the DTLA? Purpose?**

The DTLA –4 is latest edition of the test designed to different areas of intelligence designed by Donald D Hammill, EdD.

Test contains 10 subtests:
- Word Opposites, Design Sequences, Sentence Imi-
tation, Reversed Letters, Story Construction, De-
sign Reproduction, Basic Information, Symbolic Re-
lations, Word Sequences, and Story Sequences

The subtests can be combined to give 16 composites:
- General Mental Ability (all 10 subtests)
- Optimal level composite
- Domain composites:
  - Linguistics domain composite (verbal, non-
verbal)
  - Attentional domain composite (attention enhanced, attention reduced)
  - Motoric Domain Composite (motor en-
hanced, motor reduced)

**Theoretical Domains**
- Horn and Cattell’s (fluid intelligence, crystalized intelligence)
- Jenson’s (associate level, cognitive level)
- Das’s (simultaneous processing, successive processing)
- Wechsler’s (verbal scale, performance scale)

**Who administers the assessment instrument?**
The DTLA-4 is usually administered by a trained clinician with Level B qualifications.

**How the assessment is administered?**
The test is administered using a series of picture books, design sequence cubes and sequence chips. The test can take 40 minutes to 2 hours to administer. The test scores can then be hand-scored or electronically inputted with the optional software that you can purchase.