

Download Bilingual Verbal Ability Test

Overview. The Bilingual Verbal Ability Tests (BVAT) is intended for measuring bilingual verbal ability, or the unique combination of cognitive/academic language abilities possessed by bilingual individuals in English and another language. The need for this test is based in the reality that bilingual persons know some things in one language,...The above considerations, along with Cummins' observation about "common underlying proficiency" and his conceptualization of bilingual language development (Cummins, 1984, 1996), laid down the theoretical background of the test under review, namely: the Bilingual Verbal Ability Tests (BVAT). The test has been translated into 16 home languages. If scores are also available for the WJ-R, the scoring program may be used to compare the student's bilingual aptitude (bilingual verbal ability [BVA]) with achievement as indicated on the WJ-R. Bilingual formats are not used in Micronesia; the teacher or administrator selects the language of the test.