Educational & Psychology Diagnostics in Teaching Practice

1st meeting



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CONTENTS OF THE LECTURES

What would you like to talk about/learn?

- 1) Observation
- 2) Diagnostic interview
- 3) colloquium

Case history/cooperation with specialists and families



Literature

Educational testing and measurement: classroom application and practice

Tom Kubiszyn (library)

- Standards for educational and psychological testing (library)
- The SAGE international handbook of educational evaluation

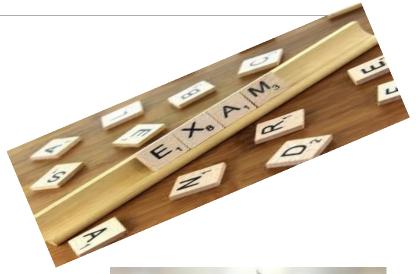
Katherine E. Ryan - J. Bradley Cousins (library)

- Educational evaluation, assessment, and monitoring : a systemic approach

Scheerens, Glas a Thomas (library & elportal)

COLLOQUIUM

- 2/3 meetings
- activity in seminars
- observation sheet + observation of child / 2 child observations
- diagnostic interview/ essay on how to improve school climate with the help of assessment
- colloquial discussion (correct answer of one question)



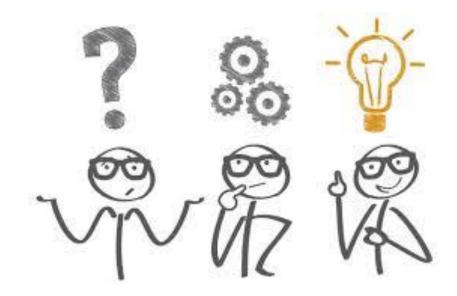


DIAGNOSTICS (ASSESSMENT)



What is assessment?

Process of collecting information for the purpose of making decisions (solve a problem, collect information about student)



1) set a clear goals

"Students will learn about the WWII"

Better

Students will learn:

- dates & names of most important battles
- causes of WWII
- differing perspectives german/czech
- daily experiences of soldiers

2) select appropriate assessment technique

3) administer in a right way

- enough time
- appropriate conditions
- appropriate aids



4) evaluate in a right way

- intuition XXX standards
- set the criteria

5) make conclusion (adjust instruction, enhance motivation, comuniacate the results)

- think carefully
- based on theory
- put in the context of a child

Why do we test (assess/ diagnose)?

- help in decision making
- to adapt learning
- -to help the person who is assessed

XXX SENSATION SEEKING



What can be tested (assessed/diagnosed)?

- knowledge
- differences between students
- reasons for differences between students
- strengths and weakneses of the student
- effectivity of teaching
- attitude toward education
- behavior and its reasons



Rigorous assessment vs. personal judgement

Personal judgement – flaws:

- good and bad days
- biases
- outside pressures
- faulty perceptions



OBSERVATION



An assessment technique whereby one observes student in his natural environments

Why is observation so cool?

Natural activity

No need of extra instruments

Helps to make working hypotheses

Real life data (spontaneous behavior)

Helps with in-depth understanding of a student

Important part of any good assessement

Gives you proper ground for your desissions



Disadvantages

No control over the situation

- behavior does not have to occur
- behavior could be overlooked
- can not map internal motivation
- complete answer to any problem can not be obtained by observation alone

Subjectivity + observer biases

- overinterpretation
- misatribution

Hawthorne effect



Types of observation

NONSYSTEMATIC

Simply watching and noting significant behavior, characteristics and personal interactions

SYSTEMATIC

Observing one or more precisely defined behaviors. Measuring behavvior in certain way

Observational techniques Anecdotal recording – nonsystematic observation

Describing incidents or behaviors in a particular setting in concrete, narrative terms (as opposed to drawinng inferences about feelings or motives)

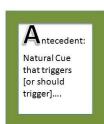
Allows insight into cause and effect by detailing what occured before a behavior took place the behavior itself and consequences or events that occured after behavior



A-B-C

- A Antecendent
- **B** Behavior
- **C** Consequence





Antecedent Strategies

-Time Delay

-Prompting

-Pre-correction

-Modeling

Behavior you want to Increase or Decrease

Instructional Design

-Range of Responses -Range of Examples -Positive Examples -Negative Examples

-Megative Examples
-Minimally Different
-Maximally Different

Consequence:
Natural
outcome that
consistently
occurs after
behavior

Consequence Strategies

-Differential Reinforcement

-Shaping

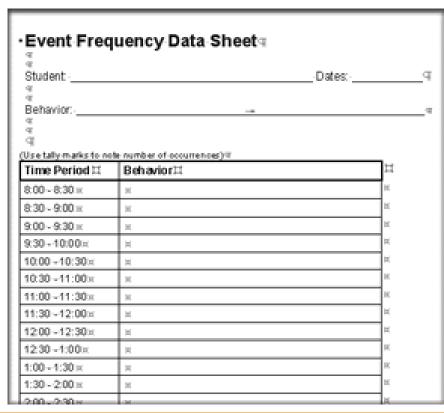
-Error Correction

Observational techniques Event recording – systematic observation

How many times did the specific behavior/event cccured (how many times did student stop doing his work; raises his hand)

TALLY SHEET

- + useful to record occasional behaviors
- events may be missed if there is lot happening at once (you can use assistant of teacher)



Observational techniques Time INTERVALS

record behavior every 30 seconds

- + reduces number of observation in time period
- observed behavior may not be representative

Observational techniques DURATION RECORDING

How long does student do something

(How long does Anna talk to other people; How long does John rocks in his seat)



Duration Recording Form			
Student:		Observer:	(
		School:	
	Behavior:		
Date	Time Begin		Total Duration
	Time End		Average Duration
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NONSYSTEMATIC OBSERVATION OBSERVATION OF A STUDENT

















What can you observe to make working hypotheses about a child?

BODY APPEARANCE BEHAVIOR DURING INTERACTION SPEACH AND LANGUAGE **COGNITIVE FUNCTIONS EMOTIONAL BEHAVIOR SOCIAL BEHAVIOR WORKING BEHAVIOR**

BODY APPEARANCE

- body constitution (height, weight)
- Physiognomy
- Face expression
- Haircut
- Style of clothing
- Way of holding the body
- Way of moving

BEHAVIOR DURING INTERACTION

Mimics (face expressions and their changes, adequacy)

Gestures

Speed of reactions

Psychomotoric pace

SPEACH AND LANGUAGE

Speed

length of sentences

slang

speech defects

intonation and melody

active vocabulary

pasive vocabulary

Voice timbre

Cognitive functions

Attention

Memory

Executive functioning

Visuomotoric coordination

Psychomotorics

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EMOTIONAL BEHAVIOR

Mood (happy, sad, angry, anxious, embarrased)

Tension

Changes in mood

SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

Reciprocity (asking questions back, empathy, reacting on a communication partner)

Activity

Acting toward authoritites

Acceptance/ ignorance of authority, respecting of instruction, fear, indifference, intolerance, aggresivity, negativism, faith, signifficant differences between various teachers, an effort to please

Behavior towards peers

friendly, conflicts, aggresivity, tolerance, indifference, credulity, helping, contradiction

Position in group: - leading/subordinate, isolation, loner, popularity, submisivity

WORKING BEHAVIOR

Amount of aktivity

Working motivation

Interest

Cooperation

Need of encouragement/ control

Independence

Activity/pasivity

Focus/attention

negativism

OTHER THINGS YOU CAN FOCUS ON

CONDUCT DISORDERS

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND GRADES

Ecological assessment

Why child can get the diagnoses of conduct disorder only if it occurs at two or more different environments?

e.g.: Child is really kind and good-natured at school, gets good grades, but at home she attacks her mother, refuse to do chores, talk in bloody words, etc.

Imagine different school environments:

Classroom, playground, music class, lunch

VIDEO IS MUCH MORE THAN A PHOTO

Biases and faults of observation



OVERINTERPRETATION

CRYING



Sitting in the corner, hands covering his eyes

PLAY HIDE AND SEEK

What is his diagnosis?

Tom is 8 yrs old, during the lecture he can not sit still, sometimes he is daydreaming, he forgets things, has trouble focusing. When teacher ask question he does not raise his hand, he simply shout answer out loud. He is also interrupting girls in front of him. When he is warned by teacher he acts emotionally very instable and impulsive. His self-confidence is very instable.

ADHD

What is the diagnosis?

Johny is 9 years old, during the lecture, he walks around the class, when teacher tells him to sit down, he can sit maximally for five minutes. He is very hyperactive, talk very fast, he makes impression his thoughts are running. During the break he touches girl's bottoms and "breasts" and laughing loudly. His mom says he has so much energy that he can sleep only four hours and he is still full of energy. He also has problems with focusing on what is taught.

BIPOLAR DISORDER (MANIC EPISODE)

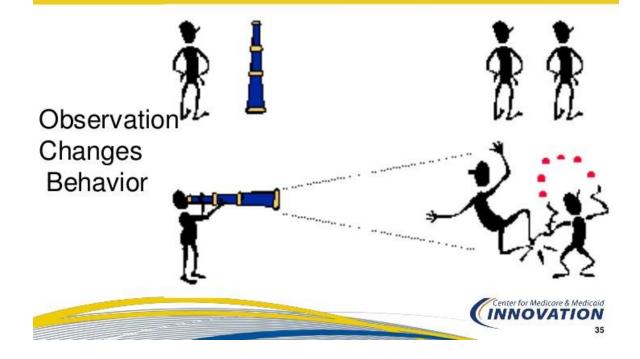
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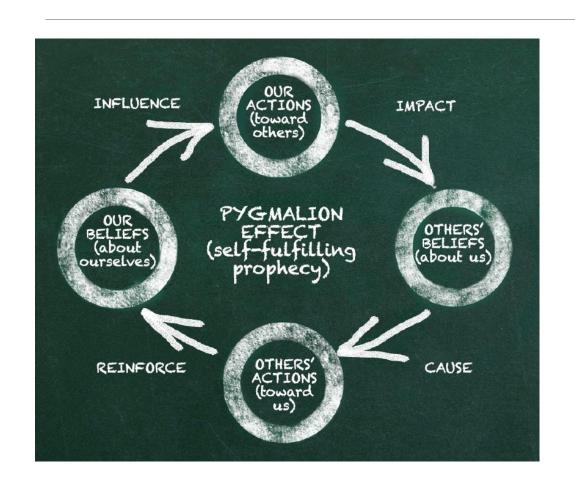
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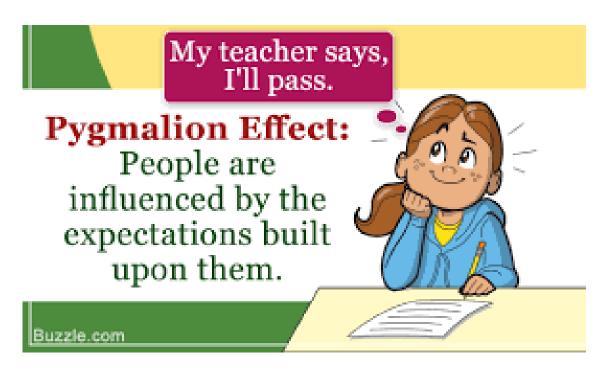
HAWTHORNE EFFECT

The Hawthorne Effect: Observation Changes Behavior



Pygmalion effect

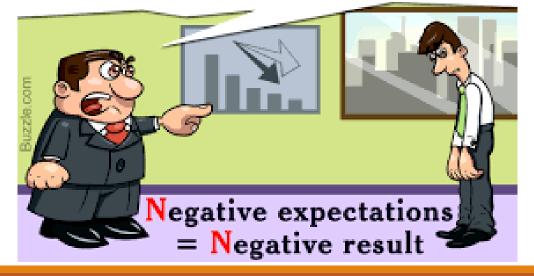




Golem effect



I always knew you were going to fail.



Practice



OBSEVATION SHEET

- SYSTEMATIC
- PLANNED
- RIGOROUS
- SPECIFIC
- OBJECTIVE

How to use data from observation?

like mr. Jensen....

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4p5286T_kn0