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ABSTRACT

The present study assessed: (1) The degree of stigma elementary school students attached to special class labels, and (2) differences in self-esteem among regular, learning disability group, and educationally handicapped classes for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders. For regular class children "Educationally Handicapped" was rated significantly more distant from the "Best Child" than was the "Average Child" on a specially designed semantic differential scale. This significant difference in perceived stigma was not found in either the learning disability or the educationally handicapped groups. Although a tendency was found for those students in the two special class groups to be more negative in their evaluation of the concept "Me," these differences did not reach statistical significance. Results are integrated into previous findings on labeling and special class placement.
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INTRODUCTION

Much research has focused on comparing the educational accomplishments and abilities of our nation's children against those of other nations and individual children within our own nation with each other. One kind of educational program will not suffice for all children; children respond to different materials differently. What will produce insight in one, may merely baffle another. The most commonly stated goal of special education programs is to meet the needs of those children whose requirements (needs) cannot be adequately met in the regular classroom (Baker, 1959; Dunn, 1968; Kirk, 1962).

We have probably all heard one child taunt another on how one is better than the other because he can run faster, his father is bigger, mother is prettier, or he is in a better scholastic group. It is assumed that this last taunt can be extremely harmful to one's self-esteem, especially if the child is a member of an Educationally Handicapped (EH) class or a Learning Disability Group (LDG). Dividing children in school into different classes or groups, according to their speed and ability to assimilate knowledge, is generally assumed to have a negative or adverse effect on self-esteem (Hollinger & Jones, 1970).
It is also generally assumed that change in self-evaluation in one area, such as reading ability, generalize to self-evaluation in other areas (Maehr, Mensing, & Nafzher, 1962; Haas & Maehr, 1965).

The purpose of this study was to determine the connotative and denotative meaning of labels as perceived by the three groups of children assigned to their respective groups based on their class placement by the San Bernardino City School District. The three groups selected were those from regular classes, those from supplemental learning disability groups, and those from self-contained educationally handicapped classes.

Review of the Literature

Labeling

Hollinger and Jones (1970) researched attitudes toward special class labels in a small midwestern community, using the terms "Mentally Retarded" and "Slow Learner." The result revealed little understanding of the meaning of either term, but greater acceptance of the group labeled "Slow Learner." Some of the responses they received were:

Mentally retarded was born that way. He can't help it, but a slow learner just didn't have proper training. ... A slow learner has a psychological block. He can learn, but the mentally retarded is something else. They can be dangerous. They act slower, can't coordinate their body. Their face is different. But you can't tell a slow learner by looking at them. They are amazingly smart in some ways and slow in others. ... Definitely a difference. One is
slow to learn. One can't. . . Mentally retarded can't go to public schools, and a slow learner can. (p. 22)

Meyers and Watts (1966) found that, in general, there is less acceptance of public school responsibility for the Trainable Mental Retardates than there is for the Educable Mental Retardates. Besides people's reluctance to learn about things in which they are not directly involved, this attitude can be compounded by the school's previous reluctance to educate parents. As a consequence, many people believe that these children should not go to public schools and that the public schools should not have provisions for special classes. What has this attitude done to the child when he has been placed into one of these lower groups called special classes? What does this do to the child's self-concept?

**Self-Esteem**

According to Rogers (1951), the self-concept is a determiner of behavior and achievement. Williams and Cole (1948) believe that very few factors are more fundamental to a child's success and happiness than his evaluation and acceptance of himself. Over the past twenty odd years, as educators have begun to overcome the attitudes depicted by Meyers and Watts, the need for special classes has been recognized. Consensus in the San Bernardino City Schools is that children should be kept in regular classes whenever
possible. If they are placed in special classes (e.g., EH or LDG), they should be returned to their regular classes as soon as possible. However, as Jones (1972) has found, there is still an underlying lack of attention being given to the stigma associated with these labels. Both labels and special class placement may create problems of lowered self-esteem and interfere with the child's optimum growth and development.

Festinger (1954) has shown that an individual will gravitate toward a group which is similar in important respects for purposes of social comparison. If a child is not conforming to the standards, norms, status, and other criterion of the group, the child begins to be ostracized, thereby forcing the child into conformity to the group. This was found to be true whether the person fell below the norm and was forced to improve, or if the person was better than the group and was forced to stop improving, and perhaps regress back to the group norms. Festinger, Torrey, and Willerman (1954) have found that:

The stronger the attraction of members to a group, the stronger will be the feelings of inadequacy, on the part of those scoring less well than others; and stronger will be the feelings of adequacy on the part of those scoring as well, or better than, the others in the group. (p. 173)

This is further supported by Coopersmith (1967), who has shown that subjects who differ in self-esteem also differ markedly in confidence of success, faith in their judgment,
participation in discussions, novelty and independence of judgment, and ease in forming social relationships. These findings support the interactionist perspective which asserts that the important influences on the self-concept are social ones, and that the important problems are those of learning the social determinants and the social consequences of one's self-concept (Cooley, 1964).

Other studies have also established that groups exert pressure on their members toward uniformity of its norms, such as shown by Sherif (1936), Asch (1940), and Festinger (1950). Rasmussen and Zander (1954) found the group by which a person establishes his self-esteem and aspirations may not be the group to which the individual belongs, e.g., Educationally Handicapped or Learning Disability Group, but the group the individual desires to be in, e.g., Regular Class. If the child feels that the group in which he/she has been placed is not a relevant one, the pressures towards uniformity may have no effect, or may indeed have a negative effect in terms of the self-fulfilling prophecy as demonstrated by Rosenthal and Jacobsen (1968).

Special Classes

Being placed in a special class gives formal recognition to the fact that the child is a slower than normal learner. This causes deviant action to be taken toward him
on the basis of a new deviant status (Towne & Joiner, 1968). While it is true that all societies develop techniques to suppress deviant behavior, they also create a particular status and/or group where deviant behavior is not only accepted, but is expected and legitimate (Erickson, 1957).

Since being labeled and placed in a special class changes the student's position in the social structure as a whole, it may be expected that this will influence his behavior (Gross, Mason, & McEachern, 1958); thus, the foundation for the self-fulfilling prophecy.

Rasmussen and Zander (1954) have said that persons who are strongly attracted to their group keenly feel pressures to adhere to its standards. Those persons who are unable to meet the group's standards will have greater feelings of failure than they would from a group that is less desirable to them. Deviation from the standards of the group of which one is not a member, but wants membership (e.g., a subject classified as Educationally Handicapped who wants to be a member of the Regular Class), causes greater feelings of failure since the former group (Regular Class) is able to bring its influence to bear more directly upon the individual.

Several authors have suggested a relationship between labeling and social stigma (Guskin, 1963; Clark, 1969; Johnson, 1969), but little research has actually been
reported on the effect of labeling in special education.

Morin, Applegate, Merriman, and Weddington (1974) have investigated the relative degree of perceived stigma attached to various labels. In their study, seven of the labels were selected from the literature on learning disabilities and seven were chosen from state mandated labeling procedures in the state of California. Two additional labels were "average child" and "ideal child" for a total of 16 different class labels. The subjects were 31 student volunteers enrolled in two advanced education classes at California State College, San Bernardino, heterogeneous in age, teaching experience, and exposure to exceptional children. The second sample consisted of 52 undergraduates at Ohio State University enrolled in a beginning psychology course. They were younger, more homogeneous, and had less exposure to exceptional children. A semantic differential scale was specifically developed for the study, and each of the 14 special class labels selected for the study was systematically compared to the nonspecial class labels of "average child" and "ideal child." Morin et al. suggested that additional research should be conducted because differential and additional data is needed to determine the connotative meaning of these special class labels for the teachers of both regular and special classes.

Therefore, the purpose of this study is to investigate whether the benefits to children placed in learning
disability classes are reversed by the negative effect of labeling them as having learning disabilities. When a child is labeled by the school as Educationally Handicapped (EH) or Learning Disability Group (LDG), this label may be associated with a lowered self-concept, and the child not learning even when he/she is capable of doing so (Jones, 1972).
EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN AND PROCEDURE

Subjects

Seventy-five students at four different elementary schools in the San Bernardino City School District were randomly chosen from those schools having Special Education classes for both EH and LDG children. It was felt that this method of sampling would be representative of the San Bernardino City School District. A letter was sent home with the student requesting his/her parents permission for him/her to participate in the study (see Appendix A). Subjects were taken from the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. Each educational group was matched for IQ and grade levels.

The RC children remained physically together for all of their classes throughout the day. The children from the LDG classroom were separated from the Regular Classroom (RC) children for three hours per day, twice a week, for special classes. Those children grouped in the EH class were segregated from the rest of their classmates of their grade level all day, every day, for special classes, and arrived at school in special buses.

Materials

A semantic differential scale was used consisting of nine sets of diametrically opposed adjectives used in
reference to five labels. The basis for the children's semantic differential scale is found in the research by Lynch (1972) and Scotti (1972).

Two figurines, one designated male and one female, and a board with five slots within which to place one of the figurines were used. The figurine was made out of wood, cut into silhouette with a dress to designate the female, and the lack of a dress to designate the male. There were no other characteristics on the figurines, facial or otherwise. This was done to prevent the child from responding to the characteristics of the figurines.

Eight-by-five cards were used, each of which had a label or an adjective printed on it. The label the child was to respond to was placed in a stand above the slots within plain view of the subject. One of the nine sets of opposing adjectives was placed in stands on both sides of the slotted board. The polarity of adjectives was randomly assigned; the order of concept was rotated to control for mental set and fatigue.

Each of the special class labels selected for this study was systematically compared to the nonspecial class labels of "Average Child" and "Best Child." A semantic differential scale was specifically developed for this study. The adjectives for this scale were chosen from the results of studies previously completed by Morin, Applegate, Merriman, andWeddington (1974).
Each subject was given the same semantic differential test consisting of the five labels: Educationally Handicapped, Learning Disability, Me, Best Child, and Average Child. Each label was rated on nine adjectives using a five-point semantic differential scale. The adjectives and their order were: Funny—not funny; not believable—believable; liked—not liked; pretty—ugly; loving—not loving; weak—strong; good—bad; dirty—clean; real—not real.

Procedure

Subjects in the EH, LDG, and Regular Classes were selected to male IQ and grade levels equivalent in groups. Since all of the subjects had not taken the same IQ test, equivalent groups were selected on the basis of IQ's converted to percentile scores. The test took approximately 15 minutes to administer and was conducted in a separate room for this purpose during regular class time. Three of the schools used the open-class method of teaching; the fourth school had a more conventional setting where each classroom of students was separated by walls into individual rooms. The students in this fourth school were still allowed a liberal amount of freedom and movement. It was not unusual for a student to be leaving his group to participate in something else, thus eliminating the concern of the "guinea pig" effect.

The instructions were similar in style to those given
by Osgood, Suci, and Tannenbaum (1964, p. 82). Subjects were encouraged to respond with first impressions. Each child was guaranteed anonymity in his responses and that his participation in the study would in no way affect his school grade.

Subjects were told as a group and individually that they were assisting the experimenter in finding out how students felt about different words. Each sat next to the experimenter in the testing room facing the slotted board with the figurine matching his/her sex. Each student saw and used only the figurine that matched his or her sex.

The subject was then run through a sample table of the test. The sample table and adjectives selected were chosen because of their lack of likelihood to cause a mental set. The label was Snoopy, and the adjectives were cuddly and not cuddly. After the experimenter placed the words in their respective slots, he said, "First I will show you how to do this, and then it will be your turn." Pointing to the label, the experimenter said, "You show me how you feel about Snoopy by using this figure." Then pointing to the respective adjective, the experimenter said, "Cuddly to not cuddly. Now if you feel that Snoopy is real cuddly, you place the figure here. If you feel he is really not cuddly, here. If in between, here. Now, if you feel Snoopy is not real cuddly, but not quite in between
cuddly and not cuddly, you place the figure here. The same
goes for the other side. If you feel Snoopy is not really
cuddly, but not in between cuddly and not cuddly either,
you would place your figure here. Okay? Do you under­
stand? Good. Now you show me." After pointing to the
respective label and adjective and reading them again, the
subject was allowed to demonstrate that he had understood
the instructions by placing the figurine in a slot appro­
priate to his feelings.

This procedure of reading each label and adjective
and pointing to it at the same time was repeated throughout
the test. The subject responded on the basis of how he
felt about each label by placing the figurine in the appro­
priate slot, between the two adjectives.

The experimenter had a scoring sheet on which to
record responses. When the subject placed the figurine in
the slot to indicate his choice, the experimenter would
make a mark on the sheet in the corresponding spot, thus
eliminating the differences in the abilities of each sub­
ject to make marks on paper in appropriate spaces (see
Appendix B).
RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND RESEARCH HYPOTHESES

Research Questions

The questions that this research has attempted to answer are the following:

1. Do Regular Class, Learning Disability Group Class, and Educationally Handicapped Class students each differentiate degree of stigma attributed to each special class label?

2. Does placement in a special program change ratings of special class labels in a positive direction?

3. Are there significant differences in levels of self-esteem between those placed in Regular Classes, Learning Disability, and Educationally Handicapped programs?

Research Hypotheses

1. Each of the special class labels will be significantly more stigmatized than the concept of the average child for each of the three groups (RC, LDG, EH).

2. Degree of stigma attributed to each special class label will be significantly less for the LDG than RC group.

3. The degree of stigma attributed to special class labels will be significantly less for EH group than for either the RC or LDG groups.

4. The level of self-esteem will be significantly
lower for the LDG group than for the RC group.

5. The level of self-esteem for the EH group will be significantly lower than for either the LDG or RC groups.
RESULTS

Demographic statistics for subjects in this study can be found in Tables 1-4. Table 1 shows the mean age of subjects in months for each educational group at each school. Although fourth, fifth, and sixth grade classes were tested, groups vary in general less than ten months in age across all schools. The only exception to this statistic is the regular class subjects at Bonnie Ole whose mean age is 12.75 months younger than their comparable group at another school. The LDG as a whole was significantly younger than both the Regular Class and the EH class ($p < .01$). This represents a failure to achieve equivalent groups in subject selection.

Table 1

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<th>Bonnie Ole</th>
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<th>Bradley</th>
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<tr>
<td>Educationally Handicapped</td>
<td>138.75</td>
<td>140.5</td>
<td>136.0</td>
<td>134.36</td>
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<tr>
<td>Learning Disability Group</td>
<td>113.25</td>
<td>116.25</td>
<td>123.8</td>
<td>124.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Regular Classroom</td>
<td>120.0</td>
<td>142.86</td>
<td>139.25</td>
<td>132.75</td>
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</table>
Table 2 shows the mean percentile IQ ranking for each group in each school. With the exception of the LDG subjects at Bonnie Ole School, all subjects are under the fiftieth percentile. An average IQ range score is necessary for placement in either EH or LDG classes. These scores are used as a guide to give a better picture of the population. The IQ of the LDG was significantly higher than either that of the Regular Class or the EH groups ($p < .05$). Again, this represents a failure to obtain equivalent groups in subject selection.

Table 2
The Mean IQ in Terms of Percentile Ranking by Class Group and School

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<tr>
<td>Educationally Handicapped</td>
<td>21.75</td>
<td>19.25</td>
<td>37.0</td>
<td>31.73</td>
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<tr>
<td>Learning Disability Group</td>
<td>61.0</td>
<td>39.25</td>
<td>46.0</td>
<td>35.57</td>
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<td>Regular Classroom</td>
<td>32.0</td>
<td>20.43</td>
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Table 3 shows the number of male and female subjects by class group and school. There were proportionately more boys in EH and LDG classes than girls. Consequently, in matching by sex in the regular class groups, greater
representation was given to male subjects.

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The Number of Male and Female Subjects by Class Group and School

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<td>M</td>
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<tr>
<td>Educationally Handicapped</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Learning Disability Group</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Regular Classroom</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
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Table 4 presents classification of subjects by ethnic background for each class group and each school. A higher proportion of Anglo-Saxons were found in each class group and school than either Chicanos or Blacks. Proportions were made equivalent in the three class groupings.

The first hypothesis was tested by taking the distance between "Best Child" and "Average Child" as a pivot and seeing if the two special class labels were significantly more distant from "Best Child" than was the "Average Child." This index was used as a measure of perceived stigma. Table 5 shows the mean distance between "Best Child" and the concepts "Average Child," "Learning Disability," and "Educationally Handicapped" for the three groups as well as for all groups combined.
Table 4

The Number of Subjects Classified by Ethnic Background, by Class Group, and School

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<td>Educationally Handicapped</td>
<td>0 0 8</td>
<td>1 2 1</td>
<td>1 2 4</td>
<td>0 2 9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Learning Disability Group</td>
<td>0 1 3</td>
<td>2 2 0</td>
<td>0 2 3</td>
<td>1 1 5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Regular Classroom</td>
<td>1 0 1</td>
<td>2 5 0</td>
<td>1 0 7</td>
<td>1 2 5</td>
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</table>

CH = Chicanos
B = Blacks
AS = Anglo Saxon

Table 5

The Mean Distance Between Best Child and Special Class Labels for Regular Class (RC), Learning Disability Group (LDG), and Educationally Handicapped Classes (EH)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Concept</th>
<th>RC N = 25</th>
<th>LDG N = 20</th>
<th>EH N = 30</th>
<th>All Groups N = 75</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Average Child</td>
<td>3.23</td>
<td>3.45</td>
<td>3.65</td>
<td>3.46</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Learning Disability</td>
<td>3.66</td>
<td>3.72</td>
<td>3.74</td>
<td>3.71</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Educationally Handicapped</td>
<td>4.10</td>
<td>3.48</td>
<td>3.92</td>
<td>3.87</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
Support for the first hypothesis was found for the Regular Class group where EH was significantly more stigmatized than Average Child ($t = 3.03, p < .01$) and for the same comparison with all groups combined ($t = 2.12, p < .05$). The Learning Disability label was not significantly different from that of the "Average Child" for any of the groups. The Educationally Handicapped label was not significantly different from "Average Child" for either of the special class groups.

Hypothesis two was tested by computing a t-test for significance of differences between mean stigma scores of the special class labels for the LD6 class compared to the Regular Class group. This difference was not statistically significant, although it was in the expected direction of the hypothesis.

Hypothesis three compared the mean stigma scores of the special class label for the Educationally Handicapped compared to both the Regular Class group and Learning Disability group. Neither of these differences were statistically significant, although again each was in the expected direction of the hypothesis.

The fourth and fifth hypotheses relating to self-esteem were tested by inspecting the mean distance between ratings of the "Best Child" and the concept "Me." The mean distance for each of the class groupings is presented in Table 6. The means were taken as measures of self-esteem
and t-tests for significance of difference between independent samples were computed. None of the groups differed significantly from any of the other groups, although the trend toward lower self-esteem for those in segregated classes was in the predicted direction.

Table 6

Mean Distance Scores Between "Best Child" and "Me" for Each of the Class Groupings

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<th>Class Groups</th>
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<tr>
<td>Regular Class</td>
<td>3.92</td>
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<tr>
<td>Learning Disability Group</td>
<td>3.53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Educationally Handicapped</td>
<td>3.85</td>
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</table>
The findings, in general, support the prediction that at least children in regular classes attached a significant amount of stigma to the educationally handicapped label. This tendency was also noted in those who had been labeled but the stigma was greatly reduced in these two groups.

The term "Learning Disability" did not appear to carry the degree of stigma that "Educationally Handicapped" did. This was most likely because of both its sounding less bad, and the actuality that such a supplemental class placement generally goes to less academically disabled students than does the segregated special class assignment. These findings are consistent with those of Morin, Applegate, Merri­man, and Weddington (1974).

The notion that those placed in special classes would know more about the labels and therefore have less stigma attached to them was not supported statistically. However, this trend could clearly be seen in the data. With a larger sample and more carefully matched groups, significant differences would most likely emerge. This trend was found in an earlier study with parents of children placed in special classes (Morin, Martinez, & Suckaldowski, 1974).

The hypothesis relating directly to the level of
self-esteem of those placed in special classes demonstrated a trend toward lowered self-esteem in the Learning Disability Group, and especially the Educationally Handicapped Group. However, the power of these differences is much less than might be expected. None of the differences between the groups were statistically significant. More large-scale studies would be likely to pick up these differences. By and large, it does appear that much less stigma is attached to the learning disability terms than to terms reflecting mental retardation or emotional disturbance.

During the course of the experiment it was observed that a misconception regarding the meaning of Educationally Handicapped permeated all groups. Many of the subjects confused the EH children with the physically disabled and/or Mentally Retarded. This is attributed to the fact that the EH children come to school on a bus separating them from all the other children. This is the same as those children who are classified as Mentally Retarded or Physically Handicapped. The net result of this is that the rest of the school does not know whose bus is pulling up. They only know that it is one of those buses with those "different kids."

The responses of each subject when asked to define each term is found in Appendix C through Appendix G. Interjudge reliability in assessing correctness of
definitions of the labels showed a very low level of agreement. Overall, the judges disagreed on 30.4% of the 375 definitions. The highest level of disagreement between the judges was 64% for the LDG concept, and the lowest level of disagreement was 1.3% for the "Best Child" concept. Evidently even the judges have difficulty assessing the meaning of these terms. Since there is such a high level of disagreement between the judges, the raw data of Appendixes C through G have been included to let the reader decide the subject's ability to understand the labels in question.

The problem lies in the children's inability to identify each group as being what it really is. If each of the three groups knew what each one really was, then the EH children would not be made fun of for being retarded. Education, on the meaning of these labels, would likely go a long way toward easing the degree of stigma attached to each special class.
APPENDIX A

Permission Letter and Authorization Form

Dear Parent:

The Department of Psychology at California State College, San Bernardino is conducting a study funded by the National Science Foundation to determine how elementary school students feel about words. This research project has the approval and cooperation of the San Bernardino City School District.

We need your signature on the enclosed form in order that we may use your child in this study. It will take only 10 to 15 minutes of your child's time and will be conducted at his school. The information gathered on your child will be used for research purposes only. The research is designed to suggest improvements in teaching.

Sincerely,

Stephen F. Morin, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Psychology

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Morin at 887-6311 - Ext. 231 or 480 or one of his assistants.
Please return this form with your child to school.

I grant permission for my child ____________________________ (child's name)

to participate in the Research study being conducted by
members of the Psychology Department at California State
College, San Bernardino.

_________________________  ___________________________
Date                     Signature of Parent or
                         Guardian
APPENDIX B

Scoring Sheets

NAME: ____________________________________________________________

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AVERAGE CHILD

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Tell me what you think the following words mean? What are their definitions?

Best Child:

LEARNING DISABILITY:

EDUCATIONALLY HANDICAPPED:

AVERAGE CHILD:

ME:
APPENDIX C

Subjects Definition of **Best Child** Concept

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|                                                                      | No. 1 | No. 2 |
| <strong>S4</strong> good and not bad                                                |        | Y     |
| <strong>S5</strong> he's good                                                       |        | Y     |
| <strong>S6</strong> to a parent it's their best child and to someone it's just they don't know/smart child |        | Y     |
| <strong>S7</strong> good child/best child in class                                  |        | Y     |
| <strong>S8</strong> don't get in no fights, stays clean                             |        | Y     |
| <strong>S9</strong> someone that's better than the others                           |        | Y     |
| <strong>S10</strong> he's good, he do good                                          |        | Y     |
| <strong>S11</strong> a baby boy                                                    |        | N     |
| <strong>S16</strong> the goodest one in the class                                   |        | Y     |
| <strong>S17</strong> in a class is the one who is the best reader, speller and behaving |        | Y     |
| <strong>S24</strong> good child, learning from good schools                         |        | N     |
| <strong>S27</strong> best one in the class in everything                            |        | Y     |
| <strong>S28</strong> good                                                           |        | Y     |
| <strong>S29</strong> the goodest kid in the class                                   |        | Y     |
| <strong>S30</strong> I am                                                          |        | N     |
| <strong>S31</strong> the goodest kid                                               |        | Y     |
| <strong>S37</strong> he can do things good and better than the other guys can and does what he's told by his mother and dad |        | Y     |
| <strong>S38</strong> kind and generous                                             |        | Y     |</p>
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<td>learns to obey olders and not to do wrong</td>
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<td>it's hard for them to learn</td>
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<td>S62 people that need help</td>
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<td>people with a handicap</td>
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<td>kids handicapped/got things over their legs</td>
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<td>bad</td>
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<td>have trouble learning</td>
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<td>all right, the work is funner</td>
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<td>helpless</td>
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<td>crippled like a broken arm</td>
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<td>not funny, not happy, something wrong with it</td>
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<td>S₁₂ nice</td>
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<td>S₁₃ without learning disability, nothing wrong</td>
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<td>S₄₂ somebody who doesn't have not too good grades</td>
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<td>S₄₄ some are best child but gets in trouble sometimes</td>
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<td>S₄₆ they're in between good and bad</td>
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|---------------------------|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S18 in between smart and not smart/ditto of good and bad | Y | Y | N |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| S19 not bad, not always good | Y | Y |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| S20 in the middle           | Y      | Y | Y |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| S21 average in work and stuff | Y | N |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| S22 middle stage, just good in everything | Y | Y |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| S23 middle in everything    | Y      | Y | Y |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| S25 they're kind and sometimes bad and mean | Y | N | Y |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |</p>
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<td>S₁₂ me</td>
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<td>S₁₃ same thing that says me</td>
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