

Pomona Unified School District
Health Services & Programs

Attention Deficit Assessment Tools

School Nurses use the Vanderbilt Assessment Scales to gather information about a student's tendency for Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD). These tools do not take the place of a physician evaluation for ADD but provide rating scales which may indicate ADD. Scales and checklists help clinicians obtain information from parents, teachers, and others about symptoms and functioning in various settings which is necessary for an appropriate assessment for Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) and treatment monitoring. Symptoms of ADHD must be present in more than one setting in order to meet DSM-IV criteria.

Please use the following Best Practice procedure when a Vanderbilt has been requested:

- The School Nurse coordinates the Vanderbilt process, distributes the rating scales to the teacher and parent, and does the subsequent scoring
- **Obtain written permission from parent before beginning screening**
- Obtain instructions, rating scales, and scoring from the Screening Link listed in the Forms Link of this document
- Parent consent and teacher letter are in the Health Services Manual
- After scoring has been completed, the School Nurse will meet with the parent to discuss the results, provide copies of scales for parent and physician
- Copy of results are placed in the student's health record

Forms Link

Screening Link: <https://depts.washington.edu/dbpeds/Screening%20Tools/ScreeningTools.html>

Parent Scale: <https://depts.washington.edu/dbpeds/03VanAssesScaleParentInfor.pdf>

Teacher Scale: <https://depts.washington.edu/dbpeds/04VanAssesScaleTeachInfor.pdf>

Scoring Instructions: <https://depts.washington.edu/dbpeds/07ScoringInstructions.pdf>

**The Vanderbilt is the only rating scale used by the School Nurse for PUSD. The Connors Rating Scales cannot be completed by School Nurses