

# **SCBE-30:** Social Competence and Behavior Evaluation

## Full Profile Review

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## **Name of the measure**

SCBE-30: Social Competence and Behavior Evaluation

## **Author(s) / Publisher(s)**

- English original (US)

Author: P. J. LaFreniere & J. E. Dumas.

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- Spanish translation (ES)

Author: J. E. Dumas, A. Martinez, & P. J. Lafreniere.

## **Age Range**

3-7 years

## **Age Range Information**

2.5 to 6.5 years

## **SEL Skills targeted**

Relationship skills, Social awareness, Self-management

## **Scales and Subscales**

3 scales:

Anger/Aggression (items 1; 4; 7...28)

Anxiety/Withdrawal (items 2; 5; 8 ...29)

Cooperation/ Sensitivity (items 3; 6; 9 ...30)

30 items in the short version (80 items in the original tool).

## **Sources of information**

Parent, Teacher

## **Formats for administration**

Observation

## **Administration**

The observation takes 10-15 minutes. The observer needs to have a pen/pencil and paper prepared. The assessment is done when the child is together with other children during group activities.

## **Scoring**

Manual

## Scoring information

A scoring guide needs to be used, as the scores are not directly provided. The scoring is done manually based on the observation and the instructions of the guide. The scores are norm-referenced.

## Psychometric Properties

Inter-rater reliability score is from 0.78 to 0.91, internal consistency reliability - from 0.80 to 0.92, test-retest reliability (within 2 weeks) - from 0.78 to 0.86.

## Training

No specific training is required, however qualification level B is recommended.

## Strengths and Weaknesses

The scale is very advantageous for different approaches to assessing behaviour. No clearly distinguished weaknesses.

## Other Relevant Information

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