

HEAD-TO-HEAD:

Healthy Brain Network Assessment and Comprehensive Neuropsychological Assessment



Like neuropsychological (i.e., neuropsych) testing, our evaluation provides valuable information on your child’s thinking and learning strengths and weaknesses or needs. However, our evaluation does differ from a typical pediatric neuropsychological evaluation.

Here’s a head-to-head comparison of the two:

	HBN EVALUATION	NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION
GENERAL ASPECTS		
Format	Every person is given the same tests covering a wide range of functioning (fixed battery)	The tests given depend on a child’s strengths and difficulties as well as the current concerns (flexible battery)
Time involved	12-13 hours scheduled over 4 visits	8-9 hours scheduled over 2-3 visits
Cost	None	Between \$3,000 and \$8,000 (cost varies by type of tests, provider, and region of the country)
Insurance	No insurance needed	Insurance may or may not cover the costs associated with this testing
Feedback report	May be used for classroom and College Board accommodations (schools/College Board are not required to accept our report)	Can be used for classroom and College Board accommodations
AREAS ASSESSED		
Emotional-behavioral functioning	Background interview, comprehensive semi-structured psychiatric diagnostic interview, and standardized questionnaires on emotions and behaviors	Clinical interview and standardized questionnaires on emotions and behaviors
Cognitive functioning	Fixed set of tests	Tests chosen based on the child’s symptoms
Executive functioning	Computer-based assessment	Computer-based and paper/pencil tests
Academic skills and achievement	Can detect and diagnose most learning disabilities, excluding dysgraphia and some more complex cases of dyslexia	Can detect and diagnose most learning disabilities
Speech and language	Screening only — comprehensive evaluation offered to those flagged by screening	Typically offers comprehensive evaluation of language skills
Autism	ADOS evaluation offered to those flagged during core evaluation	May include assessments evaluating symptoms of autism

View of a list of the key differences at healthybrainnetwork.org/neuropsych