

Table 11 (Table 4). *Rating Scale Effectiveness Summary*

Guideline	Student Cohesiveness	Open-Endedness	Integration	Rule Clarity	Material Environment
Count > 10 (Essential)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Unimodal (Helpful)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
θ Advances (Essential)	Categories 1, 2, & 3	✓	Category 2	✓	✓
Fit < 2.0 (Essential)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
τ Advances (Helpful)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
τ Advances > 1.4 (Helpful)	2 & 3	2 & 3 and 4 & 5	2 & 3	2 & 3	2 & 3
τ advances < 5.0 (Helpful)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Note: ✓ indicates that the criterion was satisfied. Numbers indicate which categories failed to satisfy the criterion. Descriptions shown in parentheses (e.g., “Helpful”) identify Linacre’s suggestions for how important each criterion is for the sake of stability, accuracy, description, and inference based on the measures.