

TESTING RESOURCES

Some Commonly Used Tests:

- Basic Achievement Skills Inventory (BAS-I) for grades 3–12
- **Brigance Diagnostic Inventories:** (Very thorough test; helpful in IEP/SEP/goal setting for special needs children. May be given by parents. Yellow Brigance: birth to developmental age 7; Green Brigance: grade levels Pre-K through 9; HSLDA members [may rent from HSLDA](#))
These are skills tests that parents or professionals may administer to determine what skills a child has or has not mastered. These tests are used routinely in public and private schools to determine a student's functioning levels, reveal skill strengths and weaknesses, and to develop student goals and objectives for an individualized educational plan.
Please note, the Brigance assessment kits which HSLDA rents out to members are the classroom version tests. These are not standardized/norm-referenced assessments, but rather criterion referenced assessments, so they may not meet your state's standardized testing requirement.
- California Achievement Test (CAT) – results are basic; good for providing basic scores; newer version is the Terra Nova
- Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills (CTBS)
- Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS); fairly comprehensive results
- MAP Growth test – self-adjusting as student moves through the test, to adjust to his level; has been accepted in CO, OH, VA, and PA, but you may want to check with your county
- Peabody Individual Achievement Test- Must be given by trained examiner; oral, untimed; adaptive levels; K-12
- Stanford Achievement Test (Stanford-10 or SAT, not to be confused with the College Board SAT); online or paper; fairly comprehensive results; can also be given untimed
- PASS test (from Hewitt-standardized but not nationally normed) Homeschool specific
- Terra Nova 6 – newer version of what was the CAT; any parent can administer
- Wide Range Achievement Test (WRAT) (Short but accurate; because of brevity, can be helpful for children with attention difficulties)
- Woodcock-Johnson (Oral interaction/evaluation in addition to written work; must be administered by qualified tester, usually a psychologist or an education professional)

Sources of Testing Materials Include:

Local groups

Your local support group or state organization may offer testing services.

A Beka Testing Service

1-888-722-0044

ITBS 2005 norms/Stanford 10 2007 norms, grades K-12, \$25-35; Stanford 10 online version for grades 3-12, \$35; qualified parents may give the ITBS and paper SAT 10; for those that do not qualify as test administrator the SAT 10 online is available. (See site for qualifications)

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Academic Excellence

1-866-960-9331

California Achievement Test (CAT) designed for homeschoolers; no training or certification required. Scoring and results are immediately available. Grades 2-12; \$25.00. Online and non-timed versions also available, as well as practice tests and optional composite scoring. Test is regularly re-normed to stay updated.

Non-reader and other accommodations: The Academic Excellence CAT includes audio in grades 1-3.

Affordable Tests (also at www.homeschoolboss.com)

NWEA MAP Growth* is a nationally normed and norm-referenced standardized achievement test. You can see a sample score report here: <https://affordabletests.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Sample-John-unencrypted.pdf>

It includes percentile ranking based on 2015 norms and a "typical of" grade that is similar to a grade equivalent. They also give an RIT score which is a grade independent measure of academic performance. The RIT score lets parents easily track their child's academic growth over the years (like tracking height in inches rather than an age based percentile).

In most states the language usage test is not required, but North Carolina has a grammar/spelling requirement in their law, and so families in that state do need to include language usage (unless the child takes the K-2 level reading test, because the language usage topics are included in the reading test at that level). Does not include social studies or science.

MAP Growth testing usually takes 40–60 minutes per day for two or three days, but because it is an untimed test with unlimited breaks, some kids need significantly more time than that.

They recommend that you choose the grade level for which you would like percentile rankings. For many families this is the grade level the child would be in their local public school, based on their birthdate. MAP Growth adapts to the student's performance as they test independent of their grade level, so selecting a grade level is not an effective way to set the level of the test. If your child is working well at grade level, please see their guidelines for above-level testing.

Flexible booking: pick your testing week, then choose days and times that work for you. Receive results 1-2 days after testing is complete. They are the test administrator. There is no degree requirement for parents; parents must supervise their children throughout testing.

Cost: \$60, Optional Language Usage test \$10/student; Family discount: \$10 for two students, \$25 for three students, additional \$15 for every student over three.

Non-reader and other accommodations: The K-2 test has an audio portion for non-readers.

Bayside Testing Service

1-800-723-3057

CTB McGraw-Hill's TerraNova in Complete Battery or shorter Survey, and the Test of Cognitive Skills (TCS/2) Also: Brigance Diagnostic Inventories (Very thorough test; helpful in IEP/SEP/goal setting for special needs children. May be given by parents. Yellow Brigance: birth to developmental age 7; Green Brigance: grade levels Pre-K through 9; HSLDA members [may rent from HSLDA](#).)

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BJU Press

1-800-845-5731

Iowa Assessments™ (in both online and paper-and-pencil formats) 2017 norms and the Stanford 10 with 2018 norms. Grades K-12 available for both *Iowa Assessments* and the Stanford 10. Pricing: \$25–35 for paper-and-pencil achievement tests or \$35 for online.

Abilities tests also available, including the *Cognitive Abilities Test*™ Form 7. Test prep and The Iowa Algebra Aptitude Test™ also available.

Anyone with a bachelor's degree can administer tests through BJU Press once approved, including parents. (Some exceptions may apply.) Online testing does not need an approved tester. Please check state requirements to see if anything further is necessary. Comprehensive results and interpretation included.

Non-reader and other accommodations: Grades K–2 have many sections that are read aloud for both the *Iowa Assessments* and the Stanford 10. Students with learning disabilities may receive accommodations, including reading aloud (permitted for some but not all subtests) or extended time (for *Iowa Assessments* only, since the Stanford 10 is untimed). For ELL students, situations vary so much, it would be best to contact BJU.

Christian Liberty Press

1-800-348-0899

California Achievement Test (CAT) [1970 norm], [online or paper versions](#) for grades 2–12 available for \$25. No special requirements to administer. Online Practice CAT is also available for \$5 each covering grades 2-12. Composite scores are also available for a nominal fee. See [CLP's FAQs](#) for test level guidance.

[TestPoint placement test](#)—An online placement service for K–12. Not a standardized achievement test, but can be used to confirm that your student is ready for the grade level you have selected. Scores are reported in grade equivalent and percentile format. \$34.95

See website for other services, including [curriculum recommendation service](#) for CAT materials.

Educational Diagnostic Prescriptive Services

Diagnostic Prescriptive Assessment

(K–5th; \$16 per grade level)

This is not a nationally normed, standardized achievement test. As a diagnostic assessment, it does not compare students to “normed” students within the same national, public school peer-group as standardized tests do, but instead, each student is thoroughly evaluated for mastery of his or her grade level skills in all required subjects. ([Compare Standardized with Diagnostic Tests](#))

Also available: **Total Language Diagnostic Assessment** (grades K–5th) and **Diagnostic Grade Placement Screening** (grades K–8th)

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Family Learning Organization

800-405-8378

- CAT/5 - Complete Battery for Grades K-12; \$40; May be given by any parent, normed in 1992
- CAT/5 - Survey for Grades 2-12; \$40; May be given by any parent, normed in 1992
- BASI, Grades 3-12, \$40; Norm Date: 2003 - May be given by any parent; (does not include science, social studies)
- TerraNova 1st Edition (CTBS), Complete Battery Plus for Grades 1-12; \$30; May be given by any parent, normed in 1996
- TerraNova 2nd Edition (CAT/6), Complete Battery Plus for Grades K-12; \$43; May be given by any parent, updated 2005 norms

Non-reader and other accommodations: Some accommodations with the timing and proctoring can be given, however, these should only be given when completely necessary. None of the tests we offer allow for these specific accommodations, but depending on the situation, accommodations can possibly be made. It does affect the accuracy of the scores and results in a non-standard administration.

Hewitt Homeschooling (PASS Test—Personalized Achievement Summary System)

800-348-1750

PASS test: an untimed standardized achievement test for Grades 3-8 developed specifically for homeschooled students; covers reading, language, and math; may be administered by parents; \$36, lower prices for additional tests ordered. Group tests: call 800-348-1750 to order. Not nationally normed because of the target group (homeschoolers).

Homeschool Boss – See Affordable Testing

Homeschool Testing Services

910-684-5665

Offers group testing events for Stanford 10 (grades K-12) and CTP (grades 1-10). Other options for Stanford 10 include online testing (grades 3-12) and at home testing (grades K-12). Special discount available for HSLDA members during checkout. No degree needed for SAT10 at home or online.

Fall: at-home only; spring: at-home, online, on-site

For at-home testing, please review: <https://homeschooltestingservices.com/collections/at-home-testing>. The parent does not have to have the B.A. in order to administer the At Home test.

Non-reader and other accommodations: Yes, there is an accommodation check box for a primary level non-reader or non-timed or ESL or other accommodations (on the back of the test where you put student's information).

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Let's Go Learn

888-618-7323

ADAM K-7 and DOMA math assessments; DORA reading assessments. Online diagnostic assessments for grades K-12; targeted instruction. Comprehensive results.

Check with your county for acceptance to meet requirements.

Piedmont Education Services

336-924-2494

CAT/5 Complete Battery (1993 Norms) and TerraNova, 2nd Ed., Complete Battery Plus (2005 Norms), nationally standardized achievement tests for Grades K-12.

All tests available year-round, by easy online or phone ordering. Consumable practice test booklets for grades 1-9 available for separate purchase. No advanced degree or lengthy application required to administer any test. Free phone consultations to explain the test report and/or apply to curriculum, teaching methods and learning styles.

Prices include rental of test materials (student book, teacher book, answer sheet as needed), grading of student answer document, a 1-page report per child sent to you via email (printed reports available upon request), and free shipping & prepaid return label at no additional cost (all test materials must be returned to PES within 14 days of your testing date).

Non-reader or other accommodations: May include untimed, read aloud to the student, translation into another language, slower pace to fit the child, etc. (Please call if you have questions about your particular needs or situation.)

Seton Testing Services

800-542-1066 testing@setontesting.com

Seton provides standardized achievement tests, cognitive abilities tests, career exploration tests, practice tests, an online algebra readiness test and test prep materials. Group discounts.

- Stanford 10 online for grades 3-12; 2017 norm date, \$40
- CAT E-Survey: Tests for Reading, Language and Math only.
- IOWA: Full Battery K-12, 2017 norm
- Let's Go Learn tests available here (DORA, ADAM, and others)
- CogAT: Grades 2-12 alone or with the IOWA
- TerraNova 2 (CAT 6): Full Battery K-12 (includes Social Studies and Science)
- TerraNova 2 (CAT 6): Survey Grades 2-4 and 6-12 (includes Social Studies and Science)
- Survey edition of the TerraNova has fewer questions than Full Battery.
- Online Algebra Placement Test
- Official IOWA, TerraNova and CogAT practice test material from the publisher
- Spectrum Test Prep Series; also Scoring Higher Test Prep for IOWA and TerraNova

Non-reader and other accommodations: Yes; accommodations as needed.

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Triangle Education Assessments

877-843-8837 info@triangleed.com

Nationally standardized achievement tests, cognitive ability tests, career tests, practice tests, and consultations. We also offer handscoring for quick results for the Iowa, TerraNova2 (CAT/6), and CogAT tests. Paper and online (quick results) versions of some tests are available. Group discounts are available.

- Iowa A (ITBS and ITED) paper (norm 2005) requires B.A. (Grades K – 12)
- Iowa E paper (norm 2011) requires B.A. (Grades K - 12)
- Iowa E Online (norm 2011) (Grades 3– 12)
- Stanford paper (norm 2018) requires B.A. (Gr K – 12)
- Stanford Online (norm 2018) does not require a BA (Gr 3 –12)
- TerraNova2 Complete & Survey/CAT6 paper (norm 2005) doesn't require a B.A and contains Science and Social Studies and Spelling
- BASI (norm 2003) immediate results, done on our computers (Grades 3 – 12)
- Woodcock-Johnson IV (copyright 2014) and WJ III (norm 2007) (ages 4 – adult), WJ III incl instructional strategies report for those working below average. Done in our NC ofc.
- Brigance (for children developmentally 7 years and younger).

Non-reader and other accommodations: Yes; accommodations and modifications are outlined in the directions for administration for the Iowa, Stanford and TerraNova tests.

Cognitive Abilities tests:

- CogAT paper (Gr 2 – 12) requires B.A. Extra parent report for learning strengths and weaknesses is available.
- OLSAT paper (Gr 2 - 12) requires B.A.

More Placement Tests/Assessment Resources

- [Testing Basics](#) by Vicki Bentley
- [Which Test is Best?](#) by Vicki Bentley
- [Evaluations & Portfolios](#) by Vicki Bentley
- ["What Should I Be Teaching?"](#) by Vicki Bentley
- ["What Should I Do With My Young Learner?"](#) by Vicki Bentley
- ["Evaluating Progress"](#) by Kara Murphy
- [What Your Child Needs to Know When](#) by Robin Sampson
- [Well-Planned Start](#) assessment/placement test for each level
- [Evaluating for Excellence](#) by Teresa Moon (for grades 4–8)
- [English grammar placement test](#)
- [National Right to Read Competency Test](#)
- [Schonell Test](#) to determine reading age
- [Sonlight reading assessment](#)
- [Letsgolearn.com](#) (Reading and math assessments) *(continued on next page)*

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- [Alpha Omega Publications](#) placement tests
- [State standards testing](#) for various states
- [Sonlight curriculum math readiness](#)
- [Teaching Textbooks placement tests](#) for Math 3 through pre-calculus
- [Thinkwell math placement](#) for grade 6 through calculus
- [Weaver's Skills Evaluation](#) (for K–6th)
- [Write At Home](#)
- [Learning Objectives for K-8 \(Hewitt Homeschooling\)](#)
- [Typical Course of Study](#), preschool through gr 12 (World Book)

