



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. 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.
- California Achievement Test (CAT)* – Results are basic; good for providing basic scores; newer version is the Terra Nova
- Classic Learning Test (CLT)* Available as CLT3-6 (elementary), CLT-7-8, CLT10, and standard CLT (alternative to ACT/SAT).
- 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; designed primarily for those with cognitive, learning, communication, or speech disabilities
- Stanford Achievement Test* (Stanford-10 or SAT, not to be confused with the College Board SAT) Primarily online (paper discontinued spring 2022 *most* places); fairly comprehensive results; can be untimed
- PASS test** (from Hewitt—standardized but not nationally normed) Homeschool specific
- Terra Nova 2* – Newer version of what was the CAT (TN2=CAT6); 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/evaluator

* *This is a nationally normed, standardized achievement test*

** *This may be one or the other, or normed but not nationally; may possibly be used, depending on state*

Sources of Testing Materials Include:

Local groups

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

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Abeka Testing Service

1-888-722-0044

- ITBS 2017 norms, grades K-12, \$25-35
- Stanford 10 (2018 norm date) online version for grades 3-12, \$35

Qualified parents may give the ITBS (paper SAT10 is no longer available); for those that do not qualify as test administrator the SAT 10 online is available. (See site for qualifications)

Academic Excellence

1-224-229-0809

- California Achievement Test (CAT), grades 2-12; \$25.00 (order grade entering)
- Practice tests

Designed for homeschoolers; no training or certification required. Scoring and results are immediately available. Paper or online; timed or **non-timed** versions available, as well as practice tests and optional composite scoring. Although actual publication date is older, test is regularly re-normed to stay updated. Most recent is 2022 norms.

- ❖ **Non-reader and other accommodations:** The Academic Excellence CAT includes audio in grades 2-3.

Affordable Tests (also at www.homeschoolboss.com)

- NWEA MAP Growth; 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.

This is a nationally normed and norm-referenced standardized achievement test. No stanine score is provided but the percentile ranking is provided. Composite score is not provided. 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 some 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.

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

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BJU Press

1-800-845-5731

- *Iowa Assessments*™ (in both online and paper-and-pencil formats) 2017 norms (check back for updated norms estimated for Fall of 2025); gr K5 Midyear-12 Spring
- Stanford 10 with 2018 norms; grades K-12 (online for grades 3-8). The paper version is scored by the publisher, which increases pricing and time for results to be available; see site for details
- Iowa Pricing: \$40–48 for paper-and-pencil achievement tests or \$45 for online.
- Abilities tests also available, including the *Cognitive Abilities Test*™ Form 7
- Test prep and The Iowa Algebra Aptitude Test™ also available

The publisher of the Iowa Assessments prefers but does not require that test administrators have a bachelor's degree. Stanford requires a bachelor's degree and watching a short video to administer tests. Parents who have applied and become approved test administrators may administer tests to their own students. (Some exceptions may apply.) BJU Press provides an approved test administrator for online testing. While a parent or other adult needs to be with the student, this person does not need to be approved by BJU Press. 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.

*The Math Computation section does not allow extended time, but this subtest is also not required for any totals, including the Math Total.

Christian Liberty Press

1-800-348-0899

- California Achievement Test (CAT) [1970 norm], [online or paper versions](#) for grades 2–12 for \$30 (order grade entering)
- Online Practice CAT is also available for \$5 each covering grades 2-12
No special requirements to administer. 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.

Classic Learning Test (CLT)

1-443-782-3733

Can be proctored by a parent at home online or taken in-school at participating institutions; grades 7+; nationally normed and standardized; percentile scoring provided. Online or paper versions available. Not aligned to public school curriculum. All assessments test reading, grammar, writing, and mathematics with an emphasis on reasoning throughout all exams. CLT meets many states' end-of-year exam [requirements](#).

- [CLT3-6](#): Offered in fall and spring; recommended timing: 2-2.5 hours (not rigid; time recommendation is a goal); can be divided into multiple days; parents proctor; \$39 [continued on next page]

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- [CLT7-8](#): Offered in fall and spring; must be administered in one day; 2 hours, 15 minutes duration; parents proctor; \$39
- [CLT10](#): For 9th-10th graders; offered five times per year; 2 hours; recognition and awards available; college prep alternative to PSAT; parents proctor; \$49
- [CLT](#) – For 11th-12th graders; offered monthly; college admission and [scholarship opportunities](#) with the test; free score sharing; remotely proctored. Alternative to SAT/ACT; \$69
- Practice test available at the website
- ❖ **Accommodations:** Parents are responsible for providing their own appropriate accommodations for CLT3-8. For CLT10 and CLT, [accommodations should be prearranged](#) with the CLT provider.

[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 typical subjects. ([Compare Standardized with Diagnostic Tests](#))
- [Total Language Diagnostic Assessment](#) (grades K–5th)
- [Diagnostic Grade Placement Screening](#) (grades K–8th)
- [The Concise Learning Styles Assessment](#)
- [POC4U \(Learning Styles oriented Curriculum Guide\)](#) Under revision and available again soon

[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
- TerraNova 1st Edition (CTBS), Complete Battery Plus for Grades 1-12; \$35; 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
- Stanford 10th Edition Online Test Full-length - Grades 3-12; \$45; norms 2018 – 2 day test, parent is on-site monitor/proctor, but a remote administrator must approve the student to start each test session.
- ❖ **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. For a non-reader, Family Learning Organization does not recommend their testing.

[Hewitt Homeschooling](#) (PASS Test—Personalized Achievement Summary System)

360-835-8708

- 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; \$42, lower prices for additional tests ordered (as low as \$30 per test). Group test orders: <https://hewittlearning.org/product/p-a-s-s-test-group-order/>
- Not nationally normed because of the target group (homeschoolers).

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Let's Go Learn

888-618-7323

- ADAM K-7 and DOMA math assessments
- DORA reading assessments, including reading and phonemic awareness options

Online diagnostic assessments for grades K-12; comprehensive results including prescriptive suggestions. \$25 per test, with discount for multiple tests.

Not typical standardized tests but may meet some states' qualifications for showing progress. Check with your county for acceptance to meet requirements. Also offers targeted instruction add-ons based on results. (These tests are also available through Seton) **Available in Spanish.**

Piedmont Education Services

336-815-1142

- CAT/5 Complete Battery (1993 Norms), gr K-12
- TerraNova, 2nd Ed., Complete Battery Plus (2005 Norms), gr K-12

All tests available year-round, by easy online or phone ordering. Consumable practice test booklets (Achievement Test Advantage) 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.

- ❖ **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 in both paper and online formats, cognitive abilities tests, diagnostic online reading & math tests, practice tests, an online algebra readiness test and test prep materials. Group discounts. See comparison chart [here](#).

- Stanford 10 online for grades 3-12; 2018 norm date, \$45
- CAT E-Survey: Tests for Reading, Language and Math only (norm 1986); gr 4-12; \$37
- IOWA Form E: Paper, K-12, 2017 norm; \$37-47, depending on level
- IOWA with CogAT: Paper, Grades 2-12, 2017 norm; \$60-68, depending on level
- IOWA Online: Full Battery, K-12, 2017 norm; \$45.
- IOWA Online with CogAT Online: Grades 3-12. 2017 norm; \$70.
- Let's Go Learn tests available here (DORA, ADAM, and others) \$25 each; qty discount for multiples
- TerraNova 2 (CAT 6): Full Battery K-12 (includes Social Studies and Science) 2005; \$47.50
- TerraNova 2 (CAT 6): Survey Grades 2-4 and 6-12 (includes Social Studies and Science); \$47.50
- Survey edition of the TerraNova has fewer questions than Full Battery but is not easier.
- Online Algebra Placement Test - \$20 includes a FREE redo.
- Official IOWA, TerraNova practice test materials from the publisher
- Spectrum Test Prep series; also Scoring Higher Test Prep for IOWA and TerraNova
- Test Prep for reading, language, math, science, social studies, and critical thinking skills
- Test Prep Bundles at a 10% discount
- Test Prep for PSAT, SAT, & ACT

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

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Triangle Education Assessments

919-387-7004 info@triangleed.com

Nationally standardized achievement tests, cognitive ability tests, practice tests, and consultations. Triangle also offers hand-scoring for quick results for the Iowa and TerraNova2 (CAT/6). Paper and online (quick results) versions of some tests are available. Group discounts are available for paper testing.

- Iowa A (ITBS and ITED) paper (norm 2005) No B.A. required (Grades K – 12)
- Iowa E paper (norm 2017) No B.A. required (Grades K - 12)
- Iowa E Online (norm 2017) (Grades K– 12) No B.A. required.
- Stanford paper (norm 2018) requires B.A. (Gr K – 12) *Triangle is still offering this.*
- 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
- Woodcock-Johnson IV (copyright 2014) (ages 4 – adult), WJ III incl instructional strategies report for those working below average. Done in their Wake County, NC office.
- Brigance Yellow III (for children developmentally 7 years and younger) \$90 plus refundable deposit.

Cognitive Abilities tests:

- OLSAT (Otis-Lennon); paper test (Gr 2 - 12) \$40. Administrator requirements.
- OLSAT 8 Online (Gr 2-12)
- CogAT/Iowa E online (gr K-12) CogAT is only offered in conjunction with Iowa E.
- ❖ **Non-reader and other accommodations:** Yes; accommodations and modifications are outlined in the directions for administration for the Iowa, Stanford, and TerraNova tests.

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
- ["Am I Doing Enough?"](#) by Vicki Bentley
- ["What Should I Do with My Young Learner?"](#) by Vicki Bentley
- [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) (OOP but worth hunting up to borrow)
Also titled: *How Do You Know They Know What They Know?*
- [English grammar placement test](#)
- [Reading level test](#)
- [Schonell Test](#) to determine reading age
- [Sonlight reading assessment](#)
- [Letsgolearn.com](#) (Reading and math assessments)
- [Alpha Omega Publications](#) placement tests
- [State standards](#) for various states
- [Sonlight curriculum math readiness](#)
- [Teaching Textbooks placement tests](#) for Math 3 through pre-calculus

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- [Thinkwell math placement for](#) grade 6 through calculus
- [Weaver's Skills Evaluation](#) (for K-6th)
- [Write At Home](#)
- [Learning Objectives for K-8 \(Hewitt Learning\)](#)
- [Typical Course of Study](#), preschool through gr 12 (World Book)
- "Is My Child Ready to Read?"
- "The Struggling Middle School Reader"
- "When Math Doesn't 'Add Up' for Your Child"

