

# Standardized Testing Resources

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## K-8 Testing Resources

- IOWA test and Stanford Achievement Tests: <http://riverpub.com/products/itbs/index.html>  
Phone: 800-323-9540 Fax: 630-467-7192 3800 Golf Road, Suite 200 Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

## K-12 Testing Resources

- California Achievement Test: <http://www.setontesting.com/cat/> Bayside School Services, PO Box 250 Devil Hills, NC 27948 Phone: 1-800-723-3057
- Thurber's Educ. Assessments: <http://thurbers.net/> Phone: 919-967-5782 400 Clayton Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
- Seton Testing Services: <https://www.setontesting.com/> Phone: 540-636-1250 Fax: 888-282-7806  
1350 Progress Drive Front Royal, VA 22630
- Personalized Achievement Summary System (PASS): <http://hewitthomeschooling.com>  
Phone: 360-835-8708 Fax: 360-835-8697 Hewitt Homeschooling Resources, P.O. Box 9,  
Washougal, WA 98671-0009

**9-12 Testing Resources** (check with your home district for more information about your child(ren) taking the exam with their students)

- SAT – Standardized Achievement Test, Collegeboard - <http://student.collegeboard.org/>
  - ACT – American College Testing - <http://www.act.org/>
  - Regents Exams – <http://www.nysedregents.org/>
  - AP - Advanced Placement Exams, Collegeboard - <http://student.collegeboard.org/>
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# Testing/Narrative Assessment Information

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Children in grades K-3 do not need standardized tests, unless you choose. You or someone you designate may write a 'Year-End Narrative Assessment' instead.

Children in grades 4-8 **must take standardized tests at least every other year** (or every year if you wish.) On alternate years, you may choose to have a narrative assessment done. For example, if you do a narrative for grade 4, then you must give a standardized test for grade 5.

A narrative assessment can be substituted for standardized testing every other year. With the consent of the OCM BOCES, narrative evaluations can be prepared by a certified teacher, a home instruction peer group review panel, or other qualified person(s). Any costs involved are the responsibility of the parent.

The evaluator for a narrative assessment interviews the student and reviews a portfolio of his/her work. The portfolio should include a variety of work samples that demonstrate growth and achievement over the year in the curricular areas as outlined in the IHIP. The written narrative that is submitted should describe the work that has been observed and certifies whether or not the student has made adequate progress. Such evaluations require planning. It is advisable to make decisions about the annual assessment early in the year so there is ample time to make arrangements and report such arrangements on the third quarterly report form.

If your child is in grades 4-8, you may be able to have your child tested in your neighborhood public school for their standardized test, depending upon your district's Board of Ed Policy. It is recommended that you contact OCM BOCES to coordinate this option in the fall for tests in January (Math) and March (English/Lang Arts).

Once testing has occurred, send in a copy of the OFFICIAL TEST RESULTS as soon as possible. Only the official results that are sent directly from the testing service will be accepted as evidence of testing.

**New York State Home Instruction Law requires that students in grades 9-12 be tested every year.** It is recommended that a New York State certified teacher administer the test, although the parent may do so.

You are responsible for buying and giving the test. Be sure to allow ample time for ordering and shipping. You may want to also do an Internet search for other sources.

Students in grades 10 or 11 can take the PSAT in October. Sign up with your child's school guidance counselor, OCM BOCES can help coordinate this. Students in grades 11-12 may also take ACT ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org)) or SAT or SAT II from College Board ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)).

12TH graders may also use any college placement test that is given by a college or university.