

California Achievement Test or TerraNova

The CAT-6/TerraNova is a solid test but the norms are getting old. It is a timed “bubble” test and is becoming popular. The Complete Battery takes about 6 hours which should be divided into 2-3 days and can be administered to grades K-12. There is also a survey version of the test which can be administered in one setting but the norms are VERY old.

The Stanford Achievement Test – (SAT – not to be confused with the Scholastic Achievement Test)

The Stanford 10 is the newest Stanford Test. This test now has new norms (2018) and will be tougher to score well because more private schools were used in the new norms. In the past it was mostly public school scores that were used for norming. It is still an untimed test.

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills – (ITBS)

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills is a solid test. It is a timed “bubble” test and takes 2-3 days to administer. This test can be given to grades K-12. Form E is the newest normed test (2017). The popular Form A is getting old. Either one can be coupled with a cognitive test called the CogAT. The CogAT can be ordered through BJU or Seton Home Study. BJU is also offering the Iowa with or without the CogAT online.

Woodcock Johnson Tests of Achievement – (WJ3)

The Woodcock-Johnson must be administered as an individual test. It is used widely in school systems to determine eligibility for learning disabilities as well as for gifted programs. The test must be administered by someone who owns the test – it is not a test that a parent can rent and administer. There are 20+ subtests that the proctor can choose from. They can combine these various subtests to meet most special testing needs. This test provides flexibility. There are oral sections, written sections, timed and untimed sections. It is not a multiple choice test. The WJ3 can be used for ages 4 through adult.

Wide Range Achievement Test – (WRAT)

The WRAT may be administered as a group test but is best as an individual test. It is untimed except for the math portion. It is very short but very accurate so it is best for “average” and above students to use this test, not those who may have learning disabilities. This is not a multiple choice test.

Academic Achievement Battery – (AAB)

The AAB is a very new assessment similar to and correlated with the WJ and WRAT. It measures basic academic skills in Language Arts and Mathematics. There are 15 subtests that the proctor may choose from. One of the reading portions is multiple choice but the rest of the subtests are not. Like the WJ, the AAB provides flexibility and has norms for ages 4 through adult. The AAB is an individual test and must be administered by someone who owns the test.