

## How to Choose an Achievement Test

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Below are reasons people often choose a particular achievement test. We hope this will help you make the best decision for your student.

We carry all of the tests mentioned below, (unless otherwise noted), and they all meet NC yearly testing requirements for a nationally standardized achievement test.

If you want a test NOT ALIGNED to the Common Core:

- BASI Online (Gr 3-12) – in our testing office – computer
- Iowa A (Gr K-12) – paper (Iowa A)
- Stanford-10 Tests (Gr K-12) – paper
- Stanford-10 Online (Gr 3 Spring-12) in your home or our testing center – computer
- TerraNova2 Tests Complete Plus (Gr K-12) or Survey Plus (Gr 2-12) – paper
- Woodcock-Johnson, III - paper (preschool-adult) – paper and oral

If you want a test ALIGNED or SOMEWHAT ALIGNED to the Common Core:

- ACT (only sold through [www.act.org](http://www.act.org))
- Iowa E (Gr K-12) (only partially aligned) – paper (Iowa E)
- Iowa E Online (Gr K-12) (only partially aligned) – in our testing office – computer
- Iowa Tests – Form C (we do not sell this test)
- Brigance – for children developmentally 7 years or younger. (Though it is aligned, it is used as a life skills checklist.)

If you want to choose an UNTIMED test:

- Stanford-10 (Gr K-12) – paper
- Stanford-10 Online (Gr 3 Spring-12) - computer
- Woodcock-Johnson, III (is mostly untimed – all grades) – paper and oral

If you want to test in a GROUP or with MULTIPLE GRADES TOGETHER here are grade groupings per test:

- Iowa A or Iowa E (Gr 3-8, 9-12) – paper
- Stanford-10 (paper version: Gr 3-4, Gr 5-8, Gr 9-12) –paper
- Stanford-10 Online (Gr 3 Spring-12) - computer
- TerraNova2 Complete Plus (Gr 4-5, Gr 6-8, Gr 9-12) – paper
- TerraNova2 Survey Plus (Gr 6-8, Gr 9-12) – paper
- WJ – some tests can be given simultaneously but not all – paper and oral

If you want QUICK results:

- BASI (Gr 3-12) – immediate computerized (in a testing center)
- Iowa A and Iowa E (Gr K-12) - hand scored – in 1 week
- Iowa E Online (Gr 2-12) immediate computerized (in our office – computer)
- Stanford-10 Online (Gr 3Spring-12) - (in your home or in a testing center). NOTE: You do not have to have a BA degree or training because the testing center is proctoring the online test.
- TerraNova2 Complete Plus or Survey Plus (Gr K-12) – hand scored – in 1 week

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If YOU DON'T HAVE A BA degree and you want to give a test at home:

- TerraNova2 Complete Plus or Survey Plus (Gr K-12) – paper
- Stanford-10 Online (Gr 3Spring-12) – immediate results
- Brigance – for developmentally 7 years or younger

If you want the SHORTEST complete achievement test:

- Woodcock-Johnson, III (all ages and grades) - usually ~75 minutes for the basic 9 tests which would give a TOTAL Achievement score, done by one of our trained WJ providers.
- Gr K - TerraNova2 Complete Plus – 95 minutes
- Gr 1 - Iowa E (Level 5/6) – 163 minutes
- Gr 2 - Iowa E (Level 7 or 8) – 250 minutes
- Gr 3 - Iowa E (Level 8) – 250 minutes, or Iowa E (Level 9) – 295 minutes
- Gr 4 - Iowa E (Level 10) – 295 minutes
- Gr 5 - Iowa E (Level 11) – 295 minutes
- Gr 6 - Iowa E (Level 12) – 295 minutes
- Gr 7 - Iowa E (Level 13) – 295 minutes
- Gr 8 - Iowa E (Level 14) – 295 minutes
- Gr 9 - Iowa E (Level 15) – 235 minutes
- Gr 10 - Iowa E (Level 16) – 235 minutes
- Gr 11/12 - Iowa E (Level 17/18) – 235 minutes or Stanford-10 (Gr 9-12) – 230 minutes (but it can be administered untimed)
- BASI (Gr 3-12) - 2 hours (online in our testing center, these have no science or social studies components)

If you want the LEAST EXPENSIVE achievement test:

- Iowa A, Iowa E, or Stanford-10 paper K-12 \$40 (Plus groups get discounts.)

If you want achievement scores for NHS (National Honor Society):

- Iowa A or Iowa E (Gr K-12) – paper (machine or handscored)
- Iowa E Online (Gr K-12) - computer
- Stanford-10 (Gr K-12) – paper
- Stanford-10 Online (Gr 3 Spring -12) – computer
- ACT ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org) only)

If you want the achievement test we have which is MOST OFTEN USED IN NC PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

- Iowa A or Iowa E (Gr K-12) – paper

If you want an achievement test we have which is MOST OFTEN USED IN NC PRIVATE SCHOOLS:

- Stanford-10 (Gr K-12) – paper

If you want an achievement PAPER TEST YOU CAN GIVE AT HOME: (must meet publisher's and your state's requirements)

- Iowa A or Iowa E (Gr K-12)
- Stanford-10 (Gr K-12)
- TerraNova2 Complete Plus (Gr K-12) or Survey Plus (Gr 2-12)

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If you want an achievement COMPUTERIZED TEST YOU CAN GIVE AT HOME with an IMMEDIATE REPORT:

- Stanford-10 Online (Gr 3 Spring-12)

If you want a one-on-one test which is partly oral, listening, and writing; is NOT FILL-IN-THE-BUBBLE; allows the child to test as low as they need to but also as high as they can in various subjects; is mostly UNTIMED; with IMMEDIATE REPORT; comes with a CONSULTATION; gives a little purer Grade Equivalencies or one that is used to help determine giftedness or learning glitches:

- Woodcock-Johnson (all ages and grades)

If you want an achievement test for a SPECIAL NEEDS child:

- Brigance for children developmentally 7 years or younger
- Woodcock-Johnson – paper (preschool-adult)
- Or choose the paper version of the lowest level available:
  - TerraNova2 – Kindergarten level
  - Iowa A or Iowa E – Kindergarten level
  - Stanford – Kindergarten level

If you want to give an achievement test in the FALL:

- BASI – online in our testing center (Gr 3-12)
- Brigance for children developmentally 7 years or younger
- Iowa A or Iowa E – paper (Gr K-12)
- Iowa E Online (Gr K-12)
- Stanford-10 Tests Online (Gr 3 Spring-12) in your home or our testing center – computer
- TerraNova2 Complete Plus or Survey Plus Tests – paper (Gr K-12) (Additional hand score fee if done in the Fall.)
- Woodcock-Johnson – paper (preschool-adult)

If you want to give an achievement test in the SPRING:

- BASI – online in our testing center (Gr 3-12)
- Brigance for children developmentally 7 years or younger
- Iowa A or Iowa E – paper (Gr K-12)
- Iowa E Online (Gr K-12)
- Stanford-10 Tests – paper (Gr K-12) and online (Gr 3 Spring-12) in your home or our testing center
- TerraNova2 Complete Plus or Survey Plus Tests – paper (Gr K-12)
- Woodcock-Johnson - paper (preschool-adult)

Year Normed

- BASI – online in our testing center (Gr 3-12) - 2003
- Brigance for children developmentally 7 years or younger - 2010
- Iowa A – paper (Gr K-12) – 2005
- Iowa E – paper (Gr K-12) and online (Gr K-12) in our testing center - 2011
- Stanford-10 Tests – paper (Gr K-12) and online (Gr 3 Spring-12) in your home or our testing center -2007
- TerraNova2 Complete Plus (Gr K-12) or Survey Plus Tests (Gr2 -12) – paper - 2005
- Woodcock-Johnson, III - paper (preschool-adult) – 2007
- Woodcock-Johnson, IV - paper (preschool-adult) – Copywrite 2014

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Special REQUIREMENTS TO ORDER OR ADMINISTER the Tests (Required forms are on our website.)

- BASI – administered in our testing center
- Brigance – must be ordered for homeschool use only
- Iowa A and Iowa E - Test Administrator needs a BA degree. (We need Test Administrator form once.) We need Homeschool verification form completed each year.
- Iowa E Online – at our testing center – No BA degree or training is required since we are administering it. We need a Homeschool verification form completed each year.
- Stanford-10 Tests – Test Administrator needs a BA degree and some training. We have a free 8 minute training video on our website under “Testing Resources”. (We need Test Administrator form once.) We need a Homeschool verification form completed each year.
- Stanford-10 Online Tests –in your home or our testing center – No BA degree or training is required since we are administering it. We need a Homeschool verification form completed each year.
- TerraNova2 Complete Plus or Survey Plus Tests – none
- Woodcock-Johnson, III - paper (preschool-adult) – administered by our trained tester

If you want us to give any of the above tests, we can help you either in your home, support group, or in our office. Our travel dates are restricted. Groups get discounts.

If you have other needs or questions, please email us at [info@triangleed.com](mailto:info@triangleed.com) or call us toll- free at 877-843-8837.

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**EMBARGOES: All of the above tests can be rented to private and homeschools in NC. We rent NO tests outside of the US. If you are out of state:**

- Iowa A and Interest Explorer tests are not available for Iowa, NJ (Level 14), and NY (Level 14) (areas are subject to change).
- Iowa E is not available for Iowa, Texas: Houston, Fort Worth, or Spring Branch ISD (areas are subject to change).
- CogAT 6 is not available for NJ (Lvl F), NY (Lvl F), and Dallas ISD (areas subject to change).
- Stanford: Hillsborough County Florida; Miami-Dade County Florida Gr K-3; Chicago Public Schools Levels Gr 3, 6, and 8 Spring and SAT Online All Levels; Ft. Worth ISD Texas
- OLSAT is not available for Connecticut Levels A, B, and C; Hillsborough County Florida; Chicago Public Schools Levels A-F, NJ Levels A, B, C; NY Levels A, B, C
- TerraNova Complete and Survey Plus Second Edition cannot be sold to those in DE, GA, MO, ND, WI, and DC (areas are subject to change).
- BASI Online – none

Check our [www.triangleed.com](http://www.triangleed.com) for the latest embargoes and restrictions as they are subject to change.