

# HOW TO CHOOSE AN ACHIEVEMENT TEST



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**WHICH** achievement test should be chosen that would best fit a student? 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.

Want a **TEST NOT ALIGNED** to the Common Core?

- **BASI Online** (Gr 3-12) – in our testing center – computer
- **Iowa Tests** (Gr K-12) Form A – paper
- **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

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Want a **TEST ALIGNED** or **SOMEWHAT ALIGNED** to the Common Core?

- **ACT** (only sold through [www.act.org](http://www.act.org))
- **Iowa** – Form E
- **Iowa** – 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.)

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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 Tests/Assessments – Form A and E** – Test Administrator needs a BA degree. (We need Test Administrator form once.) We need School 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 School 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 School Verification Form completed each year.
- TerraNova2 Complete Plus or Survey Plus Tests** – none
- Woodcock-Johnson, III** - paper (preschool-adult) – administered by our trained tester.

**YEAR NORMED**

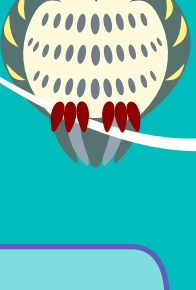
- BASI** – online in our testing center (Gr 3-12) - 2003
- Brigance** for children developmentally 7 years or younger - 2010
- Iowa Tests** for Gr K-12 Form A – paper (Gr K-12) – 2005
- Iowa Assessments (Tests)** for Gr K-12 Form E – paper (Gr K-12) - 2011
- Stanford-10 Tests** – paper (Gr K-12) and 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

Here are more considerations to help you choose one of the achievement tests we provide:

Want an **UNTIMED TEST?**

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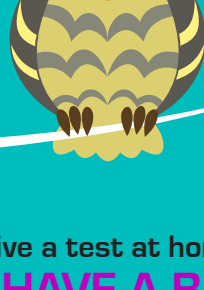
- **Stanford-10 Online** (Gr K-12) paper
- **Stanford-10 Online** (Gr 3 Spring-12) - computer
- **Woodcock-Johnson, III** (is mostly untimed – all grades) – paper and oral



Want to test in a **GROUP** or with **MULTIPLE GRADES** together?

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- **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



Want **QUICK RESULTS?**

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- **BASI** (Gr 3-12) – immediate computerized (in a testing center)
- **Iowa** (Gr K-12) – **Form A and Form E** - hand scored – in 1 week
- **Stanford-10 Online** (Gr 3 Spring-12) - immediate computerized - (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



Want to give a test at home but **DON'T HAVE A BA DEGREE?**

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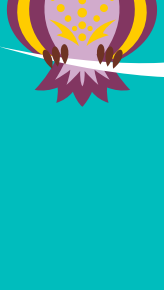
- **TerraNova2 Complete Plus or Survey Plus** (Gr K-12) – paper
- **Stanford-10 Online** (Gr 3 Spring-12) – immediate results
- **Brigance** – for developmentally 7 years or younger



Want **SHORT TEST?**

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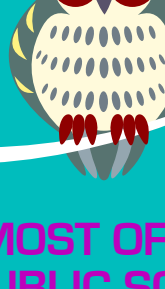
- **Woodcock-Johnson, III** (all ages and grades) - usually ~75 minutes for the basic 9 tests which would give a TOTAL Achievement score, done by one of our trained WJ providers.
- **Gr K - TerraNova2 Complete Plus** – 95 minutes
- **Gr 1 - Iowa E (Level 5/6)** – 163 minutes
- **Gr 2 - Iowa E (Level 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)** – 295 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)



**LEAST EXPENSIVE TEST?**

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



Want **SCORES FOR NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY?**

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



Want test **MOST OFTEN USED IN NC PUBLIC SCHOOLS?**

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- **Iowa** (Gr K-12) – paper



Want **PAPER TEST YOU CAN GIVE AT HOME?**

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- **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)



**MOST OFTEN USED IN NC PRIVATE SCHOOLS?**

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- **Stanford-10** (Gr K-12) – paper



Want **COMPUTERIZED TEST YOU CAN GIVE AT HOME** with an **IMMEDIATE REPORT?**

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



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?

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- **Woodcock-Johnson, III** (all ages and grades)



Want **TEST** for a **SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD?**

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- **Brigance** for children developmentally 7 years or younger
- Or choose the paper version of the lowest level available:
- **TerraNova2** – Kindergarten level
  - **Iowa A or Iowa E** – Kindergarten level
  - **Stanford** – Kindergarten level



Want to **TEST IN THE FALL?**

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- **BASI** – online in our testing center (Gr 3-12)
- **Brigance** for children developmentally 7 years or younger
- **Iowa Tests** for Gr K-12 Form A or Form E – paper (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, III** – paper (preschool-adult)



Want to **TEST IN THE SPRING?**

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- **BASI** – online in our testing center (Gr 3-12)
- **Brigance** for children developmentally 7 years or younger
- **Iowa Tests Form A or Form E** – paper (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, III** - paper (preschool-adult)



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