

STANDARDIZED ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

Achievement and progress testing can provide a parent with a "window" into a child's academic strengths and weaknesses while also allowing the child to become more comfortable with standardized testing as a preparation for college entrance exams.

FBOCS strongly recommends standardized testing for students at least every other year as an external assessment to help parents identify learning difficulties or knowledge gaps. Parents are encouraged to submit student standardized test scores to the church school administrator so that those scores can be part of a student's file. For students in grades 4 and 8, however, FBOCS mandates standardized test scores be submitted to the church school administrator. This means that FBOCS members with rising 5th graders or rising 9th graders must submit standardized test scores as part of the registration process for the upcoming school year. New members with rising 5th through 12th graders who have no standardized test scores to submit with their first year's transfer records must test students during their first year with FBOCS in order to continue with FBOCS.

Standardized tests must be administered by a non-family member and scored by an approved independent testing service. Scores must be accompanied by a signed FBOCS Standardized Test Administrator Form (a signed statement by the non-family administrator attesting that the test was administered according to official testing instructions). The form accompanies this document but is also available online and in yearly orientation packets.

The following are approved opportunities for standardized achievement testing that are available to you.

- The Stanford Achievement Test will be offered at Lakeview Baptist Church in Auburn this spring for grades 2-12. This is an established testing program in our area that has agreed to include our members. When this information is finalized we will distribute the information by mail and electronically to our members.
- The California Achievement Test (CAT) is available through Family Learning Organization for grades K-12. (www.familylearning.org or 1-800-405-8378)
- Iowa Tests are available through BJU Press Homeschool Testing and Evaluation (www.bjupresshomeschool.com/content/testing).
- Personalized Achievement Summary System (PASS) is available through Hewitt Homeschooling Resources for grades 3-8. (<u>www.hewitthomeschooling.com</u> or 1-800-348-1750)
- College Entrance Exams (SAT and ACT) are for college-bound high schoolers. Please refer to information provided by the test publishers for registration at <u>www.collegeboard.com</u> for the SAT and at <u>www.actstudent.org</u> for the ACT. Please use the FBOCS school code (012-056) at registration.



STANDARDIZED TEST ADMINISTRATOR FORM

Student's Name
STANDARDIZED TEST (CIRCLE ONE):
Stanford Achievement Test
Iowa Test
California Achievement Test
Pass Test
Other (must be approved in advance):
STUDENT'S TEST LEVEL (CIRCLE ONE)
K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
I administered the standardized test listed above to the student listed above according to the written test directions. I also submitted the student's answers for scoring. The student's parents never had access to the student's answers.
STANDARDIZED TEST ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE DATE
STANDARDIZED TEST ADMINISTRATOR'S INFORMATION
Full Name
PHONEEMAIL
Address

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