

Spring Achievement Testing

offered by Pennsylvania Homeschoolers
TerraNova Achievement Test

Date: Wednesday April 6, 2016 Time: 9:30am to noon

Who can take part: any homeschool student in grades 3 and above

Same wonderful location as last year!!!

WHERE: **Capital Area Christian Church** www.capitalareachurch.com
1775 Lambs Gap Road
Hampden Township
Mechanicsburg, PA

Located just NORTH of I-81, near to Wertzville Road Exit & RT 581

Plan to arrive no later than 9:15am, so that we can begin testing *promptly* at 9:30am

There is space for parents and young children to 'hang-out' at the testing site ;-)

Fee per child: \$30 with pre-registration online by April 1, 2016 at www.pahomeschoolers.com or by mail postmarked by March 26, 2016.

\$35 registration at the door—walk-in registrations welcome!

Mail-in Registration form:

Name of Parent _____

Address: _____

city: _____ **state:** ____ **zip:** _____

phone: _____ **email:** _____

Name(s) of student(s):

1 _____ **grade:** ____ **birthdate:** _____

2 _____ **grade:** ____ **birthdate:** _____

3 _____ **grade:** ____ **birthdate:** _____

Please aim to arrive no later than 9:15am, so that we can start testing promptly at 9:30am. This will help us keep right on schedule. Thanks! There will be a lounge room where parents can wait for their children during testing.

Results will be mailed directly to your home within one week of testing. Phone consultations are available for a \$15 / half hour fee if you might need to discuss test scores further. Thoughts to make testing go more smoothly for your child:

1) Discuss test taking manners-- such as being very quiet and polite during the whole morning, especially while directions are being read. Silence is expected during the timed portions of the test, although students can raise their hands to ask questions if necessary. Students need to be able to read silently rather than orally, so as not to disturb other students.

2) Let your child know he can *not* ask questions such as "I can't read this word-- can you tell me what it is, please?" or "I don't understand how to do this math problem-- can you help me?" This is a test to see how well your child can do on these tasks without any help from anyone, after the basic directions are understood. If unsure, students can either leave an answer blank or take a guess (no penalty for guessing--although frankly most kids who do 'just guess', guess wrong...).

3) Let your 3rd grader know that they will be marking their answers right in the test booklet itself-- only 4th thru 12th graders will use a separate answer sheet.

4) You may want to discuss simple test taking skills-- such as skipping items that are confusing or too difficult and coming back to them later if there is time, trying to eliminate wrong answers in order to narrow the field of choices, and being sure to check over their work carefully if they have extra time. Most important is to encourage your child to USE SCRATCH PAPER during the math sections-- many kids miss lots of questions because they try to "do it in their heads."

Who will be administering the tests? Susan Richman of PA Homeschoolers will administer testing for 4th to 12th graders, in one testing room (same timing for all sections, same answer sheet). Natalie Bishop, experienced evaluator, will administer the 3rd grade test.

What do you need to bring??? Just your child and the test fee, and maybe a water bottle and a quick wholesome snack for breaks. We provide scratch paper, pencils, rulers, and all testing materials.

What do parents do during testing? There will be a room provided for parents and other siblings during the testing. Parents of 3rd graders will also be welcome to sit quietly in the testing room if that will help their child be more comfortable and at ease, provided they do not have younger siblings with them. There is also a shopping area nearby, and parents are welcome to head there if they know their child will be fine with this.