

# **ANNUAL IOWA TESTING 2011**

*by TLC Homeschoolers*

## TESTING DATE & LOCATION

This year's IOWA testing will be offered on **Monday, April 18 and Tuesday, April 19, 2011**. Both days of testing **MUST** be attended. Our testing location will be Fredericktowne Baptist Church at 8600 Biggs Ford Road Walkersville, Maryland.

If interested in testing with TLC, the following items are **due to Tina Jacobi by Monday, February 28th**: (1) BJUP Press Homeschool Order Form, (2) Credit card info or check payable to BJUP, (3) IOWA Testing Statistics Form and (4) the family test fee of \$20 for non-members. All these documents can be obtained by visiting [www.tlchomeschool.com](http://www.tlchomeschool.com)/registration forms.

## TESTING TIMES

Testing will be performed over two days from **8:45pm to 1:00pm**. This ending time is approximate and could run over or under depending on the test segments as well as the children's progress. Students should make every effort to be on time. There is a lot of work to accomplish in only two days time. **Both days of testing must be attended.**

## TESTING GROUPS

Below are the IOWA testing groups being offered this year by TLC. Parents should order the level they believe their child will be most comfortable. Number 2 pencils and scrap paper are provided by the tester. We only perform the **The Iowa Tests (ITBS®-ITED®)**. However, our **high schoolers can now order the ITED/Interest Explorer test** if they are interested in obtaining data to assist in their education and career choices. The Interest Explorer portion only adds an additional 45 minutes to the testing process which still fits into our two day testing schedule.

- **GROUP A & B: Grades 3-8 (Levels 9-14)**
- **GROUP C: Grades 9-12 (Levels 15-18)**
- **GROUP D: Grade 2<sup>nd</sup> (Level 8) - only if a tester is available. Please see Tina for details.**

## TEST RESULTS

Test results will be **mailed directly to the parents** within 4 to 8 weeks after the test is completed. Since we test near the end of a school year, our testing process usually takes the full 8 weeks. If you have **NOT** received your test results by late June, please contact BJUP directly at 1-800-845-5731 or [testing@bjupress.com](mailto:testing@bjupress.com). The IOWA testing is registered by your last name, tester and test date. Jeff Jacobi is listed as the coordinating tester for the TLC Homeschooler group.

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## COST & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Each test is \$44.00 plus 6% tax with a check payable to BJU Press Testing and Evaluation. For high school students interested in also taking the **Interest Explorer test**, the cost is \$63.50 plus 6% tax.

Mail your BJUP Homeschool Order Form, BJUP check, and IOWA Statistics Form to Tina Jacobi. All forms and payment must be received **no later than February 28th**. Once the BJUP homeschool order form has been mailed to Bob Jones, all fees are non-refundable. **On the day of testing, please bring \$3 per test** to cover return shipping expenses. Cash or checks are accepted for this small fee and should be made payable to Tina Jacobi.

## COMPLETION OF BJUP IOWA HOMESCHOOL ORDER FORM

The BJUP homeschool order form and IOWA statistics form can be downloaded from the [tlchomeschool.com](http://tlchomeschool.com) website. It is located under Registration Forms. **Do NOT order online at the BJUP website.** All our testing order forms must be mail in together.

The following are the only pages (3) needed from the BJUP Order Form.

- Pg. 7 Homeschool Order Form (name, address, tester)
  - They are asking for the parent's name
  - Remember to include your signature
  - Do **not** complete the Tester Info section
  
- Pg. 8 Category 1 IOWA Tests
  - Order the number of tests and levels needed for YOUR family.
  - We are administrating the IOWA Achievement Tests (ITBS-ITED).
  - High Schooler could order the ITED/Interested Explorer instead of the standard IOWA test if they are interested in data relating to future education and career choices.
  - The Cognitive Abilities Test (ITBS/CogAT) is NOT being offered.
  
- Pg. 13 Cost of your Order
  - Remember to calculate state & local sales tax (6% for Md)
  - Standard shipping is already included in the test fee.
  - All checks are payable to BJU Press Testing & Evaluation.
  - Remember to include your signature and number if paying by credit card.

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## PREPARING FOR THE TEST

It is highly recommended that prior to the test, each student review a standardized testing booklet so they are familiar with test question formats. These grade level booklets can be picked up at most educational stores for \$10-\$15. It will take a few months to work through, so we recommend starting no later than January 1st. Make sure your child has done at least a few questions from each section. These are great school items to take on vacation or car rides. All you need is a pencil.

## IMPORTANT POINTS

1. Be on time each day for latecomers may hold up the entire group and lengthen the test schedule.
2. Feed your child a good breakfast each day since there is a lot of testing to be done.
3. Send 2 hearty snacks and a lunch (including drinks) each day for your child.
4. Please do NOT send desserts to share until the end of testing. Sugar ups and downs are not a good environment for testing.
5. NO eating, drinking or talking is allowed during the testing intervals.
6. Bathroom runs should be done during the breaks.
7. Parents may NOT stay in the room during the testing.
8. There is a testing video available for parents to watch during the test which explains how standard tests are constructed as well as the scoring system.
9. On each testing day at least two parents will be asked to stay and help the children transition between break times and testing segments as well as handle any problems that may arise.
10. When you are not on site, please provide a cell phone and emergency contact number to the parent helpers on duty.
11. If you are running late for either drop off or pick up, please call Tina Jacobi's cell.
12. We will NOT be organizing pizza lunches because it causes delays in the testing schedule.

## PARENT HELPER DUTIES

1. Maintain quiet in area surrounding the testing rooms.
2. Make sure children are ready and waiting to begin their test times by encouraging restroom visits and snack intake during break times.
3. Be prepared to deal with unexpected situations such as a sick, nervous or an upset child.
4. Make sure you have emergency contact information for each child.
5. Assist at break times by:
  - a. Encouraging children to use restroom and sharpen pencils at break time.
  - b. Ensuring children return promptly to the testing room at the end of each break.
  - c. Being aware of food allergies.
  - d. Having children wash hands after eating (if we have a severe food allergy child).