

The Good Shepherd Academy
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ITBS STANDARDIZED TESTING

The Good Shepherd Academy is offering the opportunity for home schooled students, grades 3-12, to be tested with the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (copyright 2001).

The purpose of the ITBS is to provide a comprehensive assessment of student progress in the basic skills. Features: all new test content aligned with the most current content standards, curriculum frameworks, and instructional materials; critical thinking skills assessed across test levels, in every content area.

Grades 3-8 answer all questions on a separate, machine-scoring sheet. These grades are tested together in random assignment in large rooms. Areas tested include: Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension, Language (Spelling, Capitalization, Punctuation, and Usage and Expression), Math (Concepts and Estimation, Problem Solving and Data Interpretation, and Computation), Social Studies, Science and Sources of Information (Maps and Diagrams, and Reference Materials).

Grades 9-12 are given the Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED); this is the high-school achievement test battery. The purpose is to assess academic skills that represent the long-term goals of secondary education, particularly the critical thinking skills of analysis and evaluation. The complete battery contains nine tests: Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension, Language: Revising Written Materials, Spelling, Mathematics: Concepts and Problem Solving, Computation, Analysis of Social Studies Materials, Analysis of Science Materials, and Sources of Information.

All testing will be given between the hours of 8:45 AM and 11:45 AM. Parents will be responsible for the prompt drop-off and pick-up of each student at the assigned times; no provision will be made for supervision of children not being tested. This means a parent may have to make more than one trip to the building a day, depending on the number of students in your family being tested. A waiting area will be provided for parents. A daily testing schedule will be mailed to you after April 15.

All testing must be paid for in advance. There will be no exceptions to this. Testing reservations must be made by April 15 to allow adequate time to order testing materials. All tests will be given at The Good Shepherd Academy, at the above address. A testing schedule, directions to the facility, etc. will be mailed to you after April 15. All testing will be scheduled by the academy administrator. Any make-up testing due to student absence will require an additional fee. Testing fees include test reporting, postage, etc. A complete test score and report will be sent to your home within 60 days of test completion.

Testing dates will be Tues.-Thurs., April 28-30, 2009.

Fees for testing are \$45 per student.

These prices are per student; no family discounts apply.

An early enrollment discount of \$5 per child is offered through March 31, 2009.

Testing reservations with complete payment must be received by April 15, 2009. Mail the completed registration form and payment to: The Good Shepherd Academy, 11000 Ruskin Way, K. C., MO 64134. Make all checks payable to GSA. Any request for refund must be made in writing and must be received before April 15, 2009. A 10% processing fee will be assessed on all refunds. Refunds requested after April 15 will incur a 50% cancellation processing fee. No refunds will be given after April 28, 2009. Testing registration deadlines will be strictly followed.

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TESTING REGISTRATION FORM 2009

Date: _____ Phone: _____
Home Work/Cell

Parent(s) Name: _____
Last First Spouse

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Emergency Contact: _____
Available during testing hours name phone # relationship

FULL NAME OF EACH CHILD:

_____ [M/F] Birthdate: _____ Grade: _____ Fee: \$ _____

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All activities conducted at The Good Shepherd Academy are an extension of the academy programs. Students will be required to exhibit acceptable school behavior, including following the code of student responsibilities.

“My family will abide by the general guidelines set forth by The Good Shepherd Academy. I understand the testing refund policy. I absolve The Good Shepherd Academy and its agents, Ruskin Heights Presbyterian Church and its agents, from any liability due to any injury which my child(ren) may incur during any school activity.”

Parent(s) Signature Date

Return this completed form with payment to the address above by April 15, 2009. Make all checks payable to GSA. Your student will not be officially registered until a completed registration form and full payment is on file. If testing is full or is canceled for lack of response, your money will be refunded in full. Any request for a cancellation refund must be made in writing; a refund processing fee may apply. You will receive a confirmation letter and complete testing schedule after April 15, 2009.

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