



The Home Run Ministries registration for the **Iowa Assessments** standardized testing is now open. If you are interested in your student(s) in grades 3-12 testing with us this May, please go to **homerunministries.com**, click the **“Register for Testing”** button and register before March 15, 2024. **Testing will be the week of May 20-22, 2024**, in the mornings at Kingwood Bible Church. The fee for the test, administration and reporting is **\$70** per student.

Why would you want your student to take a standardized test?

There are three reasons I would suggest testing.

First as a reason for testing is for parent feedback. If you are not a parent who feels this would benefit you, then I would not test for this reason. Some parents use the results to aid in deciding what to emphasize in the coming year. In those cases, I would think it is valuable.

The second reason to test would be to familiarize your students with standardized testing. I tested my children once per year starting in 6th grade. I did not make a huge issue of it, and I often did not even tell them the results, but I wanted them to become comfortable with testing before tests became important for college entrance (SAT or ACT). This is also sometimes helpful if you have children with test anxiety, as it gives them opportunities to work through this fear.

The third reason would be for qualification for some organization or club. The Iowa Assessments are accepted as testing for entrance into the Home School National Honor Society. Our local chapter, Epsilon, is the leadership group of the CHATA service organization through the HEART homeschool group (homeschool-life.com/506/signup). There are possibly other organizations like this that might require testing.

Students do not have to attend HRM programs to test with us, however, they do have to be homeschooled.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me. If you have friends that might be interested, please pass the word.

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