



## STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Diagnostic testing is a tool used to evaluate a student's strengths and weaknesses in order for a customized learning program to be assigned.

It is used to pinpoint learning deficiencies and areas that need to be accelerated. It measures student's skills and abilities in Math, Reading Comprehension, English, and Spelling. Test results will help parents start on a path to success.

Students are unable to progress in a subject such as Reading or Mathematics without the proper foundation. Often times when a student declares they do not like a subject or struggle with a subject, it is because they do not have a

strong enough foundation to master the concepts placed before them. When they are forced to continue learning at a higher level without rebuilding the necessary foundation to master the basic concepts, it causes them to shut down and quit.

Diagnostic testing is offered year-round as the perfect tool to determine the appropriate grade level in which a student should begin their academic journey. It is also a very helpful resource to measure progress when used again after a 12-24 month period. This test is found to be enjoyable by students. Diagnostic testing is an untimed, one-on-one test given over a 1-2 hour time period. Please contact FCA to schedule.



## THE FUTURE OF TESTING

FCA has taken its enthusiasm for online education one step further as it is one of the only schools to offer the online version of the Stanford Achievement Test. Online testing benefits include ease of use and interaction for students and quicker scoring turnaround for parents. In addition to these great benefits, online testing can be administered throughout the school year and not only once a year as its book counterpart. However, pencil and paper tests are most definitely here to stay for a while as a computer lab is needed in order for students to take the Stanford Online Testing in a group setting.



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## STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT TEST

FCA administers the Stanford Achievement Test Christian School 10th Edition. The "Stanford" is an Achievement Test, not a Placement Test. It can be used as an indicator of weak academic areas which need to be strengthened.

FCA provides a number of group testing locations in churches across the country or parents may choose to have their student(s) tested by a certified teacher in the privacy of your home. The Stanford Achievement Test is offered in the spring, usually between March 15th-April 15th. Check the FCA website for up-to-date testing details in your location.

Achievement Testing is an excellent tool to measure strengths and weaknesses on a broad range of subjects including the following:

- Word Analysis (K-2nd)
- Reading Comprehension (K-12th)
- Vocabulary (2nd-12th)
- Mathematics (K-12th)
- Language (1st-12th)
- Spelling (1st-12th)
- Study Skills (4th-12th)
- Social Studies & Science (K-12th)
- Listening (K-8th)

The results of the student's test are calculated into raw score and then converted into standard scores taking into account the student's age and grade. The overall scores compare students' abilities with other students on a national level that are similar in age and grade.

FCA recommends that students be tested at least one year in the elementary level (3rd), middle school level (6th) and every year in high school (9th-12th), unless your student is scheduled to take a college entrance exam. Letting your student have a testing experience periodically allows parents to monitor progress and keeps students practiced in the skill of taking tests. Testing is recommended every year for students that are on a college path and/or plan to return to the school system.

Testing Requirements & Recommendations: Students home educating with FCA are not required to take the SAT test. However, in order to graduate with an FCA-approved diploma, students must meet the FCA credit requirements and obtain a qualifying score from one of the following tests during the 11th or 12th grade. High school Stanford Achievement Test - minimum stanine score of 4, College entrance ACT - minimum score of 20, College entrance SAT- minimum score of 500 verbal/500 math.

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	Before 3/31	Before 5/31	After 5/31
<b>SIGN UP EARLY AND SAVE!</b>			
Placement Test			\$150
SAT Test (K & 1st)	\$80	\$90	\$100
SAT Test (2nd-12th)	\$60	\$70	\$80
SAT Private Test (Secure your own teacher)			\$100
SAT Private Test (FCA administered)			\$150

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