

Iowa Test of Basic Skills Alternatives

In addition to taking the Iowa test through Summit, there are several options parents may choose for testing.

1) **Teacher Evaluation.** Parents may arrange with a teacher to do an evaluation. Any certified teacher in Colorado can do an evaluation that shows that "the child is making sufficient academic progress according to the child's ability," and that information can be submitted to the school district that received the notification of intent to homeschool. (Besides Colorado certified teachers, other "qualified persons" who can do this evaluation include a teacher employed by a private school, a licensed psychologist, or a person with a graduate degree in education.)

2) **Iowa Testing At Home.** Parents who have a bachelor's degree can go to <http://www.bjupresshomeschool.com/category/homeschool-iowa-tests>. Parents can be approved by them as a tester and order the Iowa test from them for about \$40.

3) **California Achievement Test.** Parents who do not have a bachelor's degree can search the Internet for "California Achievement Test" and order it, either in online or paper format, from any of a number of suppliers for about \$20-25. Orders should include composite scores (several of the CAT suppliers charge a bit more for that service, but it is needed for Colorado's state reporting requirements).

4) **Stanford Achievement Test.** Parents can also go to HomeschoolTestingServices.com and order the paper or online version of the Stanford Achievement Test for around \$40-50. Homeschool Testing Services also offers an on-site test; check their website for more information.

Any of these tests (Iowa, California Achievement Test, Stanford Achievement Test) meet the state requirement for a nationally normed standardized test and can be submitted to the district or private school that received the notification of intent to homeschool.