

Homeschool Annual Assessment Requirements

For all homeschooled students, please find some important information regarding the annual assessment requirements.

In accordance with Section 100.10 NYS Homeschooling regulations section h, the parent/guardian shall file an annual assessment at the time of filing the fourth quarterly progress report,

http://www.nysed.gov/nonpublic-schools/home-instruction.

Student/Grade Level	(Please click here for full NYS text) http://www.nysed.gov/nonpublic-schools/home-instruction.
Students in grades 1-3	are required to have either an annual written narrative* or a commercially published norm referenced achievement test submitted.
Students in grades 4-8	are required to take a commercially published norm referenced achievement test** at a minimum of every other year. The year that the commercially published achievement test is not required, you may choose to submit an annual written narrative or the commercially published norm referenced achievement test.
Students in grades 9-12	are required to take the commercially published norm referenced achievement test every year for their annual assessment.

^{*}Alternative evaluation methods. An alternative form of evaluation shall be permitted to be chosen by the parent only as follows:

- <u>for grades one through three</u>, a written narrative prepared by a person specified in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph:
- for grades four through eight, a written narrative prepared by a person specified in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph. This alternative form of evaluation may be used no more often than every other school year for these grades:
 - o for the purposes of this paragraph, the person who prepares the written narrative shall be a New York State-certified teacher, a home instruction peer group review panel, or other person, who has interviewed the child and reviewed a portfolio of the child's work. Such person shall certify either that the child has made adequate academic progress or that the child has failed to make adequate progress. In the event that such child has failed to make adequate progress, the home instruction program shall be placed on probation pursuant to subdivision (i) of this section. The certified

teacher, peer review panel or other person shall be chosen by the parent with the consent of the superintendent. Any resulting cost shall be borne by the parent.

**Some examples of acceptable achievement tests include:

- 1. Iowa Test of Basic Skills
- 2. California Achievement Test
- 3. Stanford Achievement Test
- 4. Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills
- 5. Metropolitan Achievement Test

The Office of Instructional Support and Assessment is available to answer any questions you might have regarding the homeschooling process. If you are unsure of your child's annual assessment requirement for this school year, please reach out to us for further clarification.