

## **Standardized Testing: Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: What will the test schedule be?** (*ending times approximate*)

<b>April 20</b> ( Wednesday)	3rd grade only	9am - 10:30am		
<b>April 21</b> (Thursday)	3rd - 8th grades	9am - 12:30pm		
<b>April 22</b> (Friday)	3rd - 8th grades <b>CORE</b>	9am - 10:30am	3rd - 8th grades <b>COMPLETE</b>	9am - 1:30pm
	High School <b>CORE</b>	9am - 12:30pm	High School <b>COMPLETE</b>	9am - 3:00pm

Please note that these are not options to select from.

If you have a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader they must come each of the three days;

4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> graders come both Thursday and Friday.

**Q: Where will the testing occur?**

A: Lexington Baptist Church has agreed to host testing this year.

**Q: Will I be able to have my special needs child tested?**

A: Due to limitations in testers, we regret that we will NOT be able to make any special concessions for special needs students. If your child can take the test under the same conditions as the other students (including the time limitations), they are welcome to be tested.

**Q: Will you test my child if I'm not a member of SHIELD?**

A: No. This is a service by SHIELD members for SHIELD members only.

**Q: What is the difference between the Core Battery and the Complete Battery?**

A: The Core Battery consists of the math, reading, and language subtests. The Complete Battery includes all the Core Battery tests *as well as* sources of information, science, and social studies. These subtests are optional. They will be given on Friday after the core battery is completed. When you order you are ordering the Complete Battery, you then have the option of having your child do only the Core Tests.

**Q: Will my child only be tested with other children of the same grade?**

A: The high school grades are a separate group. The lower grades (3-8) will be divided based upon the numbers in each age group. Usually this ends up being 3rd and 4th, 5th and 6th, 7th and 8th.

**Q: Can my child use a calculator?**

A: Students are permitted to use a calculator on some (not all) of the math subtests. A calculator is not necessary to complete the work and it is optional. If your child normally does not use one, I would not recommend them using one for this test. We will not provide calculators. If you want your child to use one, they must bring it themselves and you should indicate your permission on the Shield Application form.

**Q: Will my child receive any breaks and snacks?**

A: We have breaks scheduled at intervals during the testing agenda. We will **not** provide a snack, but we do recommend that you send a snack with your child to eat during the break. Students may bring water into the testing area, but no other open snacks or drinks will be allowed in the testing room. **No peanuts, please!**

On Friday, all high school students, and all younger students (grades 3-8) who plan to take the Complete battery, need to bring a lunch with them.

**Q: Where can I get practice tests for my child?**

A: You may order practice tests from Bob Jones Testing and Evaluation. We do not order or administer practice tests.

**Q: Why can't I send in the order directly to BJU myself?**

A: No. We place the order as a group both to ensure that proper testing procedures are followed and so that we know how many students will be testing and that we are adequately staffed.

**Q: When will I get the results of the test?**

A: In the past I would have said 6-8 weeks, but I think it was much quicker this past year. BJU has a system that will require you to visit their web site with your account number to access your scores rather than sending out paper copies. We will have all the information you need to do that compiled by the week of testing. Also this past year they did not send a notification announcing when scores were posted, so please begin checking your account after about two weeks for the results.

**Q: How do I sign up?**

1. Contact Elizabeth Collins at [aikosmom@sc.rr.com](mailto:aikosmom@sc.rr.com) for the registration forms
2. Complete BJUP Order Form
3. Complete the SHIELD Iowa Testing Application form.
4. **By March 1<sup>st</sup>**, send application, order form, and check made payable to *BJU Testing and Evaluation* (unless you are including your credit card information on the order form) to:

Elizabeth Collins  
292 Cannon Trail Road.  
Lexington, SC 29073

**If you have any further questions or run into any problems,  
please contact Elizabeth at [aikosmom@sc.rr.com](mailto:aikosmom@sc.rr.com), (803) 356-5858 or (803) 960-4031.**

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If you have a four year college degree and are willing to help with testing, we are in need of three to four additional testers this year. You will be placed with an experienced tester, have access to the Group Administrator if you have questions and the process is really pretty straight forward.  
Having two certified testers in each room gives flexibility and makes the process go extremely smoothly.  
Please contact Elizabeth and she will give you the pertinent information.