

Homeschool Evaluators

The following individuals have indicated a desire to conduct homeschool evaluations. This list is provided as a courtesy and does not constitute a recommendation. You are strongly encouraged to interview any prospective evaluator and to verify certification prior to hiring anyone to conduct an evaluation. Current certification can be found at the following website. <http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/public.asp>.

* **Stacey Jones** of Palm City is a previous public school teacher, and a homeschool mother of four. From her 10 years as an evaluator, she has experience in giving evaluations to students from a broad range of homeschooling styles, including special needs students. Stacey provides counseling to homeschool parents on subjects such as keeping high school transcripts, new homeschooler orientation, and keeping a portfolio. Each year in May, Stacey administers the California Achievement Test/5 to homeschoolers in the Treasure Coast area. She is also certified through Bob Jones University, and can provide SAT testing. Evaluations with Stacey are comfortable and relaxed, usually taking 30-45 minutes. Stacey spends this time looking through the student's work and portfolio with the parent and child. She usually uses Worldbook's *Typical Course of Study*, found at www.worldbook.com, as a guide for scope and sequence, but will use whatever is appropriate for the student. Stacey gives most evaluations in her home, but can go to the student's home or to a neutral location, if needed. You may contact Stacey at home 781-2123, by cell 260-1801, or by email at nonoaustin@bellsouth.net.

* **Amy Richards**, a homeschool mother of two, has been conducting evaluations for 7 years. With training in Behavior and Testing, and a degree in Emotionally Handicapped Education, Amy offers a unique evaluation opportunity for students who have behavior, emotional, or attention deficit challenges. Amy provides evaluations to students of all ages and grade levels, and is familiar with all homeschooling styles. Many of the students she currently evaluates are unschooled. During the evaluation sessions in her home, Amy looks through the student's portfolio with the child and parent, and, if the child is willing, she has a relaxed conversation with the child, letting him talk about his/her learning, schooling, and interests. Amy can provide guidance to parents in areas such as portfolio keeping and new homeschooler orientation during the evaluation. She can also conduct standardized testing in the home, if requested. Amy lives in the Gatlin/Savona area of Port St. Lucie, and can be reached by phone at 621-8617, by cell at 954-609-2798, or by email at Mommy2RRR@bellsouth.net.

* **Jackie Weeks** of Ft. Pierce can provide evaluations for students from Stuart to Vero Beach, in your home or hers. Jackie has been giving evaluations in the state of Florida for the past 10 years, and has been homeschooling her four children for the past 13 years. Jackie is familiar with the various styles of homeschooling, and offers evaluations for students of all ages and grade levels. Drawing from her experience as a homeschool parent, Jackie is available to give advice on high-schooling your homeschooler, keeping high school transcripts, and new homeschooler orientation. Evaluations with Jackie are a

relaxed interview with the parent and child. She enjoys having the student share his/her portfolio with her, and she provides help if there are any questions or concerns. Jackie can also conduct standardized testing in the home, if requested. DOE Number: 658943. You may reach her by phone at 465-4742, or by email at jackieweeks4@yahoo.com.

* **Sheryl Wimer** holds a Master's Degree in Special Education, and has been conducting homeschool evaluations for 1 year. Sheryl, a homeschool mother of three, can provide evaluations to children of any age, any grade level, regardless of homeschooling style. In her relaxed manner, Sheryl visits with the student and parent while they all look through the child's portfolio together during the annual evaluation, which can take place in either her home or yours. She provides praise, encouragement, and offers help and guidance with the keeping of a portfolio, if needed. Sheryl is also able to provide standardized achievement testing in the home, if requested. She lives in the Midway Road area of north Port St. Lucie, and can be reached by phone at 871-6140, or by email at bsw99@bellsouth.net.

Currently a stay at home mom, **Lisa Newell** has been providing evaluations to elementary level homeschoolers for 8 years. Certified in Elementary Education, Lisa has a good understanding of the various styles of homeschooling. A typical evaluation session with Lisa takes approximately one hour in which time she goes over the student's portfolio with the parent and child. Lisa provides affirmation and encouragement, as well as any direction that may be needed. Lisa lives in the Gatlin/I-95 area of Port St. Lucie, and can give evaluations in her home or the student's home. She can be reached by phone at 873-2026.

Anne Marie Trense, currently a Christian school teacher, has been providing homeschool evaluations for all ages and grade levels for the past 7 years. She has homeschooled her own children, and is a former public school teacher. In 1993, she was named Martin County Teacher of the Year. Anne Marie is familiar with the many homeschooling styles, and is available to give assistance and direction to parents in such areas as new homeschooler orientation and portfolio keeping. An evaluation session with Anne Marie takes about 1 hour, and is an enjoyable experience, not an inquisition. With an eye for progression, she looks through the student's portfolio with the child and parent, giving advice where needed. She usually has younger students read aloud for her, and write a few words as well, so she can provide assistance with pencil hold and paper placement, if necessary. Anne Marie lives in Stuart off of Salerno Road, and holds evaluations in her home, the student's home, or in a neutral location. You can reach her by leaving a message at 283-9240.

Lana Barros holds a Bachelors of Arts in Elementary Education, as well as a Masters of Education degree from the University of Florida. Currently a stay at home mother of two, Lana has seven years of experience as a certified teacher. Lana offers her academic support services to parents seeking strategies to motivate reluctant learners. She also offers quarterly portfolio review and curriculum counseling. Lana is familiar with the

many styles of homeschooling, and provides evaluation sessions that are comfortable for both the parent and student. Lana uses the Florida Sunshine State Standards and Benchmarks as a guide as she reviews the child's work. She also offers private standardized testing using the SAT or IOWA Test of Basic Skills. Lana provides evaluations to students of all ages, and is available to conduct your child's evaluation at her home, your home, or at any location that suits you both. She lives in southwest Port St. Lucie, near Becker Road and the Palm City area, and can be contacted by phone at 772-224-9196, or by email at fabianolana@hotmail.com

Eleni Grothe, a former public school teacher and new home schooling mother, is now offering evaluations to Port St. Lucie area home schoolers. She is Florida certified K-6, and has a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education with an ESOL Endorsement, as well as a Master of Science in Education with a specialization in Elementary Reading and Literacy. An evaluation session with Eleni would be held in a setting and location that is most comfortable for the parent and child. She would begin the evaluation by conducting an informal Learning Style/Multiple Intelligences profile, which would provide her with a better understanding of the child as a whole. She then would review the documentation of the student's intellectual growth in his or her portfolio. Finally, she would provide the parent and student with multiple ways to promote the child's strengths, as well as ways to foster any underdeveloped talents in the child, while at the same time enhancing his or her overall learning experience. Eleni is available to counsel parents on portfolio keeping, ongoing assessments, and strategies that enhance critical thinking through multi-sensory teaching which integrate different learning styles and intelligences. She also provides individual and group tutoring in her home, and can conduct achievement testing. Eleni lives in Port St. Lucie off of Midway Rd., and can be reached by phone at 772-336-4497, or by email at grothec@bellsouth.net

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