

CFS Testing Policy

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to define the steps by which Cornerstone Family Schools (CFS) students meet the required annual standardized testing as defined by CFS.

DEFINITIONS

Board of Trustees or Board: the body authorized under CFS bylaws to make governance decisions on behalf of Cornerstone Family Schools.

ITBS (Iowa Test of Basics Skills): all sections of the approved norm-based standardized test utilized for annual CFS testing.

American Association of Christian Schools (AACCS): the association that CFS has a membership with, tests under, orders testing supplies and scoring consumables.

PROCEDURE

All officially registered (for whom quarterly reports, weekly schedules, and annual goals are submitted) CFS students in grades 3 through 11 are required to either participate in annual CFS standardized testing utilizing all portions ITBS achievement test, **or** to submit standardized testing results utilizing an approved alternate test. The following defines both processes:

I. IF TESTING WITH CFS

1. All students registered (for whom quarterly reports, weekly schedules, and annual goals are submitted) on the family's CFS application in grades 3 through 11 are required to participate in annual CFS standardized testing utilizing all portions of the ITBS achievement test.
2. CFS standardized testing is available but not required for 12th grade CFS students.
3. CFS standardized testing is not available for PreK-2nd grade CFS students.
4. CFS students will be tested at the grade level the parents of said students indicated on the CFS re/application form due by July 1. Parents may not request changes to the grade level at which their child/children are tested at after the forms are submitted to the CFS registrar at time of re/registration. (Grade level and standardized testing level need not be same on the CFS application form completed by the parent(s).
5. In the event of a family emergency or illness, CFS usually conducts a make-up testing time. If a student is testing with CFS but cannot test during the first organized testing time due to illness or other special situation, the student must test during the second date of organized testing. Parent(s) of students testing during the second date of organized testing will be required to be present all 3 days of make-up testing to administer the tests (but not to their own children). No child care will be provided during make-up testing. Students who cannot attend the make-up session will need to be tested outside of CFS at the parent's expense and submit results before re-registering for CFS July 1.
6. Special needs request: will be presented to the CFS Testing Coordinator who will, in consultation with the CFS Board, consider the request, and make accommodations if possible. Each request will be considered on an individual basis. Families who have a students with special needs may request an exception from the CFS board to opt out of testing and/or test on your own in order to accommodate your child's specific needs. If you find a specialized test that works well for testing your child's specific needs let the CFS testing coordinator know: a) so it can be approved b) so we have a list of tests that have met a child's needs and begin a list of resources for those coming behind you and may need similar help (e.g. Brigance Test) Parents must notify the testing coordinator of any special needs and how parents plan to meet those needs by January 31.
7. Any CFS student who is not participating in CFS standardized testing and is at the testing site will be required to study quietly in the designated location unless they are pre-approved to assist in the childcare room. Then they will be under the guidance of the Childcare Coordinator.
8. We (CFS parent/students) will graciously follow the rules set forth by AACCS and our testing facility. We are guests in our testing facility and will represent CFS in an appropriate manner.
9. Discipline issues will not be tolerated (this includes but is not limited to: behavior, use of electronic devices, and/or other items outlined in emails sent prior to the testing event). Parents and students who violate rules, are disrespectful, rude, have behavior that is not becoming of a CFS member will be asked to leave the testing site. Standardized testing will then become the responsibility and financial burden of the parents. (See also Section II: Not Testing With CFS.) Additionally, membership in CFS may be terminated at the discretion of the CFS Board.

II. IF NOT TESTING WITH CFS

1. Families with students who are required to test but are choosing not to test with CFS must inform the CFS Testing Coordinator at the time such request is made. Usually via email by January 31.
2. Parents testing outside of CFS must use a norm-based standardized achievement test that is approved by CFS. The following approved norm-based standardized achievement tests may be used for all grades(3-11): Stanford 10, Terra Nova, Classic Learning Test(CLT), and Iowa Test of Basic Skills(ITBS). All portions of the named tests must be completed in order to meet CFS standardized testing requirements. Families who have a student with special needs/disabilities may request an exception from CFS standardized testing for that student(s). This request must be presented to the CFS Testing Coordinator who will, in consultation with the CFS Board, consider the request. Each request will be considered on an individual basis.
3. High school students (grades 9-11) may submit the following tests in lieu of testing with CFS. Approved tests: ACT, SAT, PSAT, COMPASS/ASSET/Accuplacer, Stanford 10, Terra Nova, Classic Learning Test(CLT), and Iowa Test of Basic Skills. (All portions of the approved test must be completed to meet CFS standardized testing requirements.) High school students (grades 9-11) must still have yearly test results submitted either by testing with CFS or utilizing one of the above named tests.
4. Testing results must be submitted to the CFS Testing Coordinator prior to re-registering for CFS (July 1). Those students/families not having testing results submitted by July 1 will not be readmitted to CFS until re-enrollment forms, test scores, and membership fees (plus late fees) are paid. Reinstatement of CFS membership and its privileges will be at the discretion of the CFS Board of Directors.

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