



I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. 3 John 1:4

## 2024 Evaluator Questionnaire

Name: Mary Oles Date: 3/27/24

Are you a current or alumni member of YHSA?      CURRENT      ALUMNI      NEITHER

1) Which of the following are you qualified/approved to do: (Please check all that apply)

- Elementary Evaluations (beginner through grade 6)
- Secondary Evaluations (grades 7 through 12)
- Approval of Objectives for special needs students

2) Under which of the following do you evaluate in Pennsylvania? (Please check all that apply.)

- Licensed clinical or school psychologist.
- Teacher certified by the Commonwealth with at least two years of experience at the **elementary level** (through grade 6) grading any of the following subjects: English, to include spelling, reading, and writing; arithmetic; science; geography; history of the United States and Pennsylvania; and civics.
- Teacher certified by the Commonwealth with at least two years of experience at the **secondary level** (grades 7-12) grading any of the following subjects: English, to include language, literature, speech, reading and composition; science, to include biology, chemistry and physics; geography; social studies, to include economics, civics, world history, history of the United States and Pennsylvania; foreign language; and mathematics, to include general mathematics, algebra, trigonometry, calculus and geometry.
- Nonpublic school teacher or administrator with at least two years of teaching experience at the **elementary level** within the last 10 years (grading any of the following subjects: English, to include spelling, reading and writing; arithmetic; science; geography; history of the United States and Pennsylvania; and civics) in a Pennsylvania public or nonpublic school.
- Nonpublic school teacher or administrator with at least two years of teaching experience at the **secondary level** within the last 10 years (grading any of the following subjects: English, to include language, literature, speech, reading and composition; science, to include biology, chemistry and physics; geography; social studies, to include economics, civics, world history, history of the United States and Pennsylvania; foreign language; and mathematics, to include general mathematics, algebra, trigonometry, calculus and geometry) in a Pennsylvania public or nonpublic school.
- Other qualifications with the prior consent of the district superintendent.

(Answer questions below **only** if you evaluate under this option):

Please give a brief summary of your qualifications:

*My PA teaching certificate and add-on certifications allow me to evaluate through K-8<sup>th</sup> grade without prior consent*

Please list the districts which have given consent for you to perform evaluations under "other qualifications":

*I evaluate for many families with high schoolers with pre-approval from their home districts' superintendents. I do have blanket approval to evaluate K-12 in the Northeastern, Dover, Dallastown, Spring Grove, Red Lion, York City,*

Central, Hanover, Eastern, Southeastern, Southern, York Suburban, and West Shore. Please let me know if there are other districts I should contact to better serve your family

3) Do you currently or have you ever educated your own children/grandchildren at home?

NO **YES**, under Home Ed Law **YES**, under Private Tutor option Yes, through a cyber school

If yes, what ages of children or number of years? **Ages: 17, 15, 12, 10, 7 Years: 13 years**

4) How long have you been conducting home education program evaluations? **15 years**

What is your educational philosophy? **I believe every child can learn and be successful in their educational program if that program meets their individual learning needs. I see homeschooling as the ideal scenario for achieving this philosophy.**

5) What types of home education programs do you have experience evaluating? (Circle all that apply)

**Traditional School at Home \* Relaxed/Eclectic \* Unschooling \* Classical Conversations \* Charlotte Mason**

Other: **Nature Schooling**

6) Where/how do you conduct evaluations: Circle all that apply.

**Your home Client's home Public places such as parks, etc. Telephone**

**Video chat/Zoom Email Other :**

7) The PA Home Education Law states an "annual written evaluation of a student's academic progress.... shall also be based on an interview of the child and a review of the portfolio...and shall certify whether or not an appropriate education is occurring." Portfolio is defined as "a log, made contemporaneously with the instruction, which designates by title the reading materials used, samples of any writings, worksheets, workbooks or creative materials used or developed by the student and in grades three, five and eight results of nationally-normed standardized achievement tests in reading/language arts and mathematics or the results of Statewide tests administered in these grade levels." Appropriate education is defined as, "a program consisting of instruction in the required subjects for the time required in this act and in which the student demonstrates sustained progress in the overall program."

What do you require families to provide in their portfolio or interview to demonstrate progress?

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I know this seems like a strange response, but when families ask what they need to have for the evaluation this is what I tell them. As long as these requirements are met, I do not have any particular way in mind that is right for a portfolio. For me, it's so much more about the discussion we have than a few pieces of paper anyway.

8) What is your religious affiliation, if any? **Christian**

9) What is your fee for evaluations? \_\_\_\_\_

**Elementary & Middle School: \$35 per child.**

**High School: \$35 per child. If the parent would prefer an evaluator-issued transcript, I offer this service for \$5.**

**Travel: I conduct most evaluations in my home (Etters) but am willing to travel for an additional fee based on time and distance. I also offer several park days for which I do not charge a travel charge. The kids get to all**

play together while they wait for their turn for the evaluation. This is also a great opportunity for parents to meet new friends!

Additional Consultation: I consult with families upon request for a fee of \$25/hour. Consultations may include, but are not limited to, discussing and selecting curricula based on student learning style, personality, and interests; brainstorming strategies for helping the struggling learner; planning long-term, short-term, units, etc.

10) If qualified, what is your fee for special needs objectives approval? \_\_\_\_\_

11) Do you have references available upon request?  YES  NO

12) Please indicate your preferred method of contact:

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