



## 2024-2025 Evaluator Questionnaire

Name: Melanie Quickel Date: March 23, 2024

❖ Are you a current member of YHSA? **YES** **NO**

❖ What are your qualifications to be an evaluator 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.**  
Please give a brief summary of your qualifications:

**Pennsylvania Certified Reading Specialist K-12 with intermediate level classroom experience**

**Reading Tutor k-12**

Please list the districts which have given consent for you to perform evaluations (*only for those with "Other qualifications"*):

➤ Do you currently or have you ever educated your own children/grandchildren at home? **NO**

**YES, under the Home Ed Law**

**YES, under Private Tutor Option**

**Yes, through a cyber school**

If yes, for how long? 9 years

Ages/grades of children or number of years:

Grade 9 , Grade 8 , Grade 4, Grade 2

- How long have you been conducting home education program evaluations?  
7 years
- What is your educational philosophy?  
I believe that each child is a unique individual with unique learning needs. I believe that every child has the ability to learn and reach their unique learning potential when given a safe, secure, caring, and stimulating environment. As an educator and evaluator I love being a part of that learning environment.
- What types of home education programs do you have experience evaluating? (Circle all that apply)

**Traditional School at Home** \* **Relaxed/Eclectic** \* **Unschooling** \* **Other**

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- The PA Home Education Law states that the “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?

I enjoy the interview and discussion that takes place during my evaluations the most. However, I am looking for the following items in a portfolio which are consistent with what the home school law requires:

A reading log with titles of books read for the year  
3-5 samples of work in each subject area  
And test results for students in grades 3, 5 and 8  
Calendar showing 180 days completed

- What is your religious affiliation, if any? Christian
- What is your evaluation fee? \$25 for first child, \$10 for additional

- Optional References:

Upon request

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