

# P.A.C.E. OF MIAMI - IOWA TESTING

## April 29th (Grades 1-12) (K Private Testing)

**LIMITED CAPACITY, SEE PACE CALENDAR FOR DEADLINE TO REGISTER**

P.A.C.E. of Miami will continue to administer the **Survey format** of the I.O.W.A. Test of Basic Skills for Grades 1-8; however, high school students will take the **Core Battery format** since the survey format is no longer available. The main difference between both formats is the length of the test. Parents will receive an Individual Profile Sheet with the student's scores in percentile, stanine, and grade level equivalences. **PACE does not offer kindergarten testing**; however, if you desire to test your kindergarten student, you may contact our Testing Administrator, Christine McClain for private testing. Also, if you have any concerns, please feel free to contact Christine at [icdtfp6@gmail.com](mailto:icdtfp6@gmail.com).

**EARLY BIRD PACE MEMBER REGISTRATION:**

<u>2020-2021 P.A.C.E.* 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students –P.A.C.E.* families only</u>	\$35
<u>2020-2021 P.A.C.E.* K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who will test privately</u>	\$20

**EARLY BIRD NON-PACE MEMBER REGISTRATION:**

<u>2020-2021 P.A.C.E.* 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students –P.A.C.E.* families only</u>	\$50
<u>2020-2021 P.A.C.E.* K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who will test privately</u>	\$40

**REGULAR PACE MEMBER REGISTRATION:**

<u>2020-2021 P.A.C.E.* 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students –P.A.C.E.* families only</u>	\$45
<u>2020-2021 P.A.C.E.* K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who will test privately</u>	\$30

**REGULAR NON-PACE MEMBER REGISTRATION:**

<u>2020-2021 P.A.C.E.* 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students –P.A.C.E.* families only</u>	\$60
<u>2020-2021 P.A.C.E.* K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who will test privately</u>	\$40

**LATE TESTING REGISTRATION –**

P.A.C.E.* families-	\$65
Non-PACE families –	\$75
<u>2020-2021 P.A.C.E.* K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who will test privately</u>	\$40

\*Note: You are considered a P.A.C.E. Member if you were registered for both semesters, if you were registered for only 1 semester and paid the full registration fee, if you were registered for only 1 semester and paid the early bird fee and then upgraded to support group level, or if you are part of the Support Group for the current year.

**Grade appropriate sheets for 1-8<sup>th</sup> are available on the P.A.C.E. website at [www.pacemiami.org](http://www.pacemiami.org).**

**P.A.C.E. TESTING SCHEDULE**

**Grade    Time    Thursday, April 29, 2021**

K	-	Private Testing Only- dates to be arranged with Christine McClain
1	9:00 – 12:00	Vocabulary, Picture Stories, Sentence, Stories, Spelling, Punctuation, Capitalization, Usage, Math Concepts, Data Interpretation, Problem Solving, and Computation
2	9:00 – 12:00	Vocabulary, Picture Stories, Sentence, Stories, Language, Math Concepts, Data Interpretation, Problem Solving, Estimation, and Computation
3-8	9:00 – 12:00	Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension, Language, Math Computation, Concepts, Estimation, Data Interpretation, and Problem Solving
9-12	9:00 – 1:00	Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension, Language, Spelling, Math Concepts & Problem Solving, and Computation

**TESTING REQUIREMENTS**

1. Students should get a good night's sleep the night before testing and eat a nutritious breakfast prior to arriving at testing.
2. **On Thursday**, students **MUST** arrive at Riverside Baptist Church (10775 SW 104th St, Miami, FL 33176) no later than 8:15 AM and check in at the desk in the P.A.C.E. Student Hall. There they will sit by grade level with their assigned proctor. After instruction and prayer by testing chairperson, students will be admitted into their assigned classrooms. Testing will start promptly at 9:00 a.m.
3. **Late students** will miss the first test section(s) and will need to complete a make-up test at an additional \$30 per test section.

4. Absent students will not be able to make up the test. In case of an emergency, please contact Christine McClain (754- 224-1061) IN ADVANCE to make other arrangements. A doctor's note will be required; however, this will then be considered private testing and an additional fee and will be required to pay the teacher's day of service. "Day of" emergency:
5. Each student MUST bring a self-addressed, stamped, business, letter-size envelope to receive his/her test result. A copy of the teacher's certificate will accompany the student's test results.
6. Students MUST bring 2 or 3 sharpened #2 pencils and a very small snack.
7. High school students must bring a calculator to use for solving word problems.
8. Students MUST dress in accordance with P.A.C.E. Guidelines, and **MUST bring and wear a name tag.**
9. Students MUST be picked up on time. TIMES will be posted at the entrance of the building for your convenience. Please be prompt!
10. **Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.** Students exhibiting any kind of disrespect, including cheating, will be escorted outside the classroom, and will not be allowed to make up the missed sections of the test.

**Let us encourage our children to do their best, as unto the Lord**

- **THERE ARE NO IOWA PRACTICE BOOKS FOR HIGH SCHOOL.** Following are some recommendations:

In looking at the Core Battery for High School, I would recommend practicing on either the GED Book or the FCAT Book for the given grade level. Both of these are the only comprehensive books on the market that cover reading, grammar and math practice.

Here is a breakdown of subtests:

- Vocabulary - 40 questions in 15 minutes - Wordly Wise 3000 does a good job with their lists of words.
- Comprehension- 45 questions in 40 minutes- Reading Comprehension in Varied Subject Areas by Jane Ervin has a similar testing format. It comes by grade levels through 12th grade.
- Language: Revising Written Materials- 58 questions in 40 minutes - Editor in Chief is the closest format out there that resembles the test. For 11th and 12th Graders, I would recommend using the ACT Book; it is simpler than the SAT Book.
- Spelling - 30 questions in 10 minutes.
- Mathematics: Concepts & Problem Solving- 40 questions in 40 minutes. This section is solved using a calculator because it is strictly word problems involving negative numbers, measurements, square roots, percent, ratios and proportions, estimation, and reading graphs. 11th and 12th graders need to solve and graph equations with two variables.
- Computation- 30 questions in 15 minutes. This is a paper and pencil test where students add, subtract, multiply and divide whole numbers, fractions, decimals, and integers. Order of operations is a necessary skill to solve many of the problems. In addition, students will simplify and evaluate basic equations.

It is very difficult to find a comprehensive math book. Saxon 8/7 does a decent job for basic math skills which are in the high school test. I have heard really good things about Teaching Textbooks; however, I have never perused them.

- **FREE ON-LINE READING COMPREHENSION WEBSITES:** [http://www.nelliemuller.com/reading\\_comprehension.htm](http://www.nelliemuller.com/reading_comprehension.htm)
- It is recommended that you purchase either the Test Best or Scoring High test practice books for the IOWA TEST (these only go through 8<sup>th</sup> grade). It is a good idea that you practice the grade you are testing and a grade ahead as well. You can get these at Get Smart or other homeschooling stores. You should try to get these books early on because Get Smart doesn't always have all the grades and they may have to be ordered. Scoring High can also be purchased at [www.mathworkbook.com](http://www.mathworkbook.com).

## **PRIVATE TESTING FOR THE IOWA TEST**

The I.O.W.A. Test of Basic Skills will be offered to students grades K-12<sup>th</sup> in a private setting. Depending on the need of your child, he or she may either be placed in a small group setting of 2-5 students or test alone. Students will be accommodated on a first come, first served basis. In addition to the testing fee payable to P.A.C.E., families will need to pay an additional service fee depending on the service rendered. If you are interested in this type of service for your child or have any questions regarding the IOWA Test, feel free to e-mail Christine McClain at [jcdtfp6@gmail.com](mailto:jcdtfp6@gmail.com) with your request.

## **YEAR-END REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to Section 232.02, F.S., home schooling parents are required to provide an annual evaluation which shows that their child has demonstrated educational progress at a level commensurate with his or her ability. Our county requests that **"A copy of the evaluation should be filed by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year with:** Attendance Services, 489 East Drive, Miami Springs, FL 33166." In order to satisfy this requirement, you may:

1. Choose to have your child test with your local public school (not recommended)
2. Choose to have a certified teacher do a portfolio review, or
3. Choose to have a certified teacher administer a recognized standard test, either in a group or private setting.

Although legally your annual evaluation report is due annually a year from the date you filed your Letter of Intent, it is advisable that you go along with the date set by the County. (For some people, the July 1<sup>st</sup> date is actually later than their anniversary date!) If you are unable to submit your evaluation by July 1st, you should call Amanda Pavon at the home school office to let her know (305) 883-5310. Amanda is more than happy to work with you. Failure to file by the date set by the County may result in a social worker being sent to your house.

If you are testing at P.A.C.E., you will receive a copy of your child's test results, together with a copy of the teaching certificate for the teacher administering the test. You may send the test results, together with the certificate, to the Administrative Director as indicated above, or you may choose to have a certified teacher prepare a letter based on the test scores indicating that your child has made satisfactory progress. (Prior year test scores for comparison will be required for this option.) You may obtain the evaluation letter through P.A.C.E. or other certified teachers. A copy of the teacher's certificate must accompany this letter. The latter is the recommended method of reporting. It is recommended that you send your year-end report via certified mail, return receipt requested.

The following teachers are available to do full evaluations and/or prepare the reporting letter based on this year's and last year's test scores. **Check with each individual teacher for pricing for evaluations and letters:**

#### **TEACHERS TO CONTACT FOR EVALUATION/LETTER**

Christine McClain (754) 224-1061 [jcdtfp6@gmail.com](mailto:jcdtfp6@gmail.com) - Evaluations/Letter

Domenique Tapia (786) 340-2071 [domenique.tapia@gmail.com](mailto:domenique.tapia@gmail.com)- Evaluations/Letter

Deborah Xiques - (305) 884-0447 - [homeschoolevals@gmail.com](mailto:homeschoolevals@gmail.com) – Evaluations/Letter

**If you are a Florida certified teacher and wish to be included in the list of teachers who do evaluations and/or the reporting letter, please email your info to Christine McClain (754- 224-1061) [jcdtfp6@gmail.com](mailto:jcdtfp6@gmail.com) .**