

Information on the PASS Test:

The Personalized Achievement Summary System (PASS) is an alternative to timed standardized tests, and has been officially approved for use in New York. The PASS test is available for **ONLY grades 3-8**. It estimates student achievement in the areas of reading, math, and language.

Why consider using the PASS rather than a regular standardized test?

First - It was designed for parents to administer at home. This can greatly reduce the stress of testing. Some school districts, such as Spencerport, allow the test but require a certified teacher to administer it. In other school districts, we recommend that you inform them of using the N.Y. State approved PASS test unless they respond to you by a specific date (we suggest 2 weeks from your notification date). If needed, we have a letter from the N.Y. State Education Department that states the PASS is an approved test.

Second - It is untimed, which again reduces stress.

Third - The student's approximate achievement level within his grade is initially identified by a short placement test. This assigns each child to a test level where he's more likely to succeed, and allows for a shorter test.

Finally - Testing results show overall achievement as well as performance in each subject area. Children's scores are compared with both national and home school results. Suggestions are also given for reaching the goals in each of the tested areas.

The group discount cost for 20 tests or more is \$21.00 per test. Additionally, there will be a \$4.00 per test charge for shipping. To receive quantity pricing, tests and results must be sent to one address, paid for with one check and returned together. There are **NO REFUNDS**. If you return your test late or separately, there is an additional \$10.00 handling fee.

Please note the following schedule, which will be followed strictly:

By Friday, March 7th - Order your test(s).

Include your child's name (no nicknames please), grade, and parents'/guardians' names, street address, e-mail address and phone number.

Please send a long SASE for each child.

Write a check for \$25.00 per test.

On the east side, send to Herma Dow, 2167 North Washington St., Rochester, NY 14625 (Penfield), 585-248-5473 or 585-216-7107 (cell), dsdow@msn.com.

On the west side, send to Denise Keenan, 151 Heritage Circle, Rochester, NY 14615 (Greece), 585-581-0815, dkkeenan@frontiernet.net.

Around April 4th or sooner - We'll call or e-mail you for test pick up. You should have about a four week time period to administer your tests.

By Friday, May 2nd - You must return all test scan sheets and your signed forms stating you have destroyed all other testing materials.

By June 30th or sooner - We'll mail the results to you in the long SASE you provided. You then send a copy of the results or test scores only to the school district with your fourth quarterly report. If you choose to, you may keep the results for your own information.

For more information on the Pass Test, log on to www.hewitthomeschooling.com