
Standardized Testing & Upcoming Parent / Teacher Conferences

Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Middle School - Monday, January 14th, from 3 pm - 4 pm, in the Sports Arena (Gym)

Elementary - ongoing between next week and November

Pre-K3 - Kindergarten - ongoing from October 29th - November 9th

Please sign up with your teacher

Tests Used at St. Joan of Arc

- STAR Early Literacy
- STAR Reading
- STAR Math
- Terra Nova



STAR[™]
Early Literacy



STAR[™]
Reading



STAR[™]
Math

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About the New Standardized Test

The **Terra Nova** is a nationally-recognized, norm-referenced test that assesses students K - 12 in the subjects of Reading, Math, Language, Science, and Social Studies. The test is reliable, valid and up-to-date with 2018 norms.

It includes an additional **Plus Test**, which measures foundational skills such as Math Computation, Word Analysis, Vocabulary, Spelling, and Language Mechanics.

For 2nd grade only, students will also complete the **InView** test, which includes questions related to verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, analogies and sequences.

Testing at St. Joan of Arc

Week of February 25th - 2nd Grade

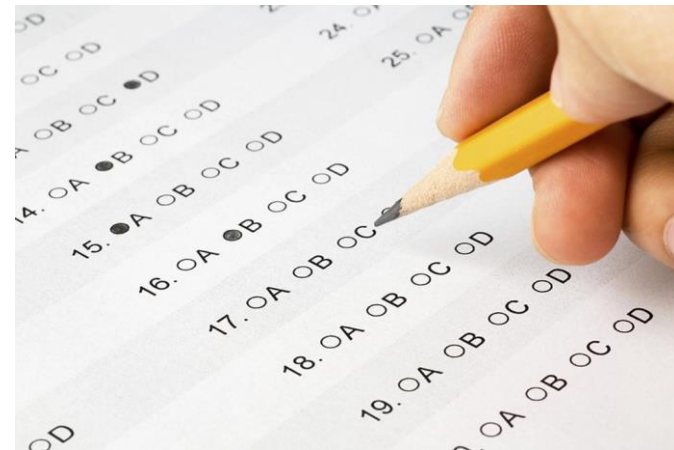
Week of March 4th - 2nd - 8th Grades

Week of March 11th - Make Ups

Terra Nova, Complete Battery - Grades 2 - 8

Plus Test - Grades 2 - 8

InView - Grade 2



How to Help Your Child Get Ready for the Test

- IXL
 - Diagnostic Tests in Math and Language Arts
 - From the Action Plan, work on targeted skill areas
 - Provides practice on different standards
 - I.e. 5th grade math - practice adding fractions with unlike denominators
 - Areas covered: Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies
- Practice in “test like conditions”
 - Timed fast fact math (computation)
 - Quiet space, no distractions
 - Practice questions
 - Learn to pace yourself

How to Help Your Child Improve Math and Reading

- Reading
 - Read nightly together
 - Read magazines, look at charts, captions
 - Word of the Day
 - Play games like Madlibs
 - Write letters to friends and family
- Math
 - Cook together and go grocery shopping
 - Flash cards
 - Use dice (or other math games)
 - Point out real life math examples
 - “Talk it out”
 - Practice using vocabulary

Testing Strategies for Multiple Choice Questions

1. **Formulate your own answer before reading the options.** Otherwise, you may be confused by the answer choices given.
2. **Eliminate unlikely answers first.** Eliminating two alternatives quickly may increase your probability to 50/50 or better.
 - a. **Look alike options:** choose the best but eliminate choices that mean basically the same thing, and thus cancel each other out
 - b. **Echo options:** If two options are opposite each other, chances are one of them is correct

Examples

Directions: Choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word.

1. To hoist a crate
 1. Measure
 2. Drop
 3. Lift
 4. Weigh
2. A somber occasion
 1. Unique
 2. Cheerful
 3. Special
 4. Gloomy

Math Problem Solving Code Words

Addition

+	Increased by
Add	More than
Together	Combined
Total	In all
Altogether	Added to
All	Sum

Subtraction

-	Minus
Left	Greater than
Less than	More than
Decreased by	Reduced by
Difference	From
Fewer than	Remains
Subtract	Words ending in "er" ex. Higher, Longer, Faster

Multiplication

X	•
Factor	Product
Times	Multiply
Every Ex. Kim buys 2 apples every day . How many apples does she buy in a week?	At this rate

Division

÷	Out of
Quotient	Ratio of
Per	Divide
Each Ex. Ken has 75 pencils and 15 boxes. How many pencils should he pack in each box so each customer gets the same number of pencils?	

Extra Resources and Information

Information about the Terra Nova and practice questions

<http://www.originstutoring.com/blog/terranoa-test-prep>

Terra Nova practice booklets with free samples under resources

<https://www.mheducation.com/prek-12/program/MKTSP-YRB04M0.html>