
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



STARTM
Early Literacy



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Reading



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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

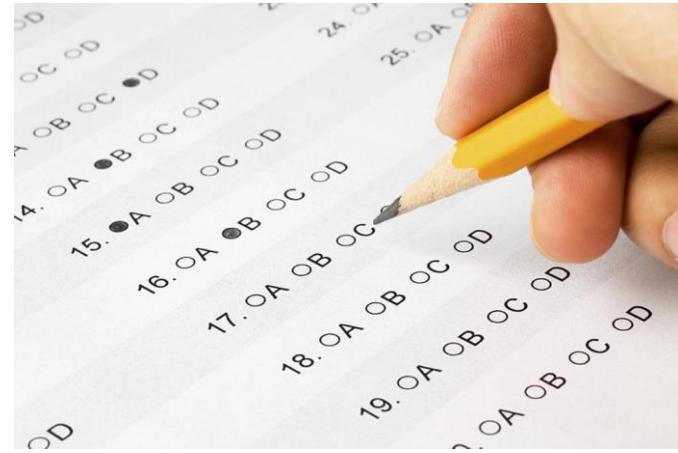
Week of March 4th - 2nd - 8th Grades

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
 - Ie. 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

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

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

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/terranova-test-prep>

Terra Nova practice booklets with free samples under resources

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