

Dear Parents,

Home Education Learning Partnership is happy to announce that we will again offer Stanford 10 testing at our West Ashley campus! Our test dates for 2011 are set for Wednesday, March 30th and Thursday, March 31st. The test cost is \$60 per student to include testing and the testing materials. Registration forms are available on the website www.helpresources.org and will be available for pick up at the welcome desk during H.E.L.P. hours on Tuesday and Thursday.

The Stanford 10 is a nationally standardized test. It is in full-color, and special formatting keeps students focused, interested, and on track during testing. Our students are separated into groups by grade levels and tested by very experienced Bob Jones certified testers. This year's testers will be as follows:

3rd grade- Jane Moeller
4th grade- Denise Kroninger
5-6th grade- Maryann Palmgren
7-8th grade- Liz Giles
9-12 grade- Chelsea Gour
If needed – Naomi Hardin

To reduce test anxiety, we recommend that your student be well prepared.

- Be sure to register them for the appropriate test and not a test that is above their grade level.
- You can purchase a grade level set of Better Test Scores from www.bjupress.com to use for practice test taking for students that you feel will benefit from this.
- Making sure your child gets regular exercise and minimize or eliminate sugar for a few days leading up to testing will help reduce stress as well.
- It is always a good idea to make sure your students get plenty of rest the night before and eat a good high protein breakfast before coming to the test site!
- Most importantly, please be well prepared as a family to allow PLENTY of time the morning of the test for your morning routine and travel so that your student arrives unhurried and ON TIME. Students are naturally stressed and apprehensive about entering a classroom late and this is amplified in a testing situation.
- Please do not stress the importance of the test but instead encourage your student to do his or her best.

The Stanford 10 is an "untimed" test, however, in the best interest of the group, we must set some limits on the amount of time allowed for each sub-test. We plan, as always, to allow up to 10% over the suggested times for each sub-test if needed.

Group Testing is not for every student. However, if your student is familiar with the site and/or has a relationship with the tester then, a group setting could be preferred.

If your child is easily distracted, made anxious by testing with others that progress faster than them, or simply will need extra time to complete the test, then consider a private testing option. Some of our testers, including myself, offer private testing options throughout the spring. Testing fees for private testing run around \$80 per student + cost of the testing materials. Please make me aware of your interest and I will be happy to help you to find a tester for your student.

Stanford 10 Group Testing: Charleston Baptist Church

Dates: March 30-31

Times: 8:30am-1:00pm on Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 am - TBD

Cost: \$60 per student

Registration Deadline: In my hands February 21st!

You must include a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive your test scores.

Stanford Achievement Test

H.E.L.P. Registration for 2011

Charleston Baptist Church: 13 San Miguel Road, Charleston, SC
 Wednesday, March 30th -Thursday, March 31st 8:30am-2:30pm

Parent's Name(s): _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Cell Phone Mom: _____ Cell Phone Dad: _____
 Emergency Contact: _____
 Contact's Phone: _____

	Child's First Name	Child's Last Name	Grade	Birth date
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

Please answer YES, NO or NA (not applicable) to the following questions and sign below!

	I legally home school the children listed above for testing.
	I have read and understand the Stanford Information Sheet on page 2 of this document. (print and keep for your records!)
	I am a member of at least one of these email loops: (circle one) HELP HELP e-resources LCHEA Legacy.
	My high school student WILL test the entire battery.

Signed: _____

Make checks or money orders payable to H.E.L.P.
Send to: Chelsea Gour, 4 Fieldfare Way, Charleston, SC 29414 or
Drop off at H.E.L.P welcome desk during classes!
Deadline is February 21st, 2011.

Checklist of Items to mail:

- ✓ Completed and Signed Registration Form pg. 1 – You keep Information sheet, pg. 2 so you have detailed testing information as dates approach
- ✓ Check or Money Order for \$60 per student payable to H.E.L.P.
- ✓ One Self Addressed Stamped Envelope per every two students testing. Use "Forever stamp" in the event of a postage increase before mailing results to you.

Stanford Achievement Test Information Sheet for Parents

Questions leading up to test date: Chelsea Gour: csgour@yahoo.com

Dates: Wednesday, March 30th - Thursday, March 31st

Location: Charleston Baptist Church: 13 San Miguel Road, Charleston, SC

Group Testing: While Stanford 10 allows unlimited time for testing (for students making progress), group testing requires time limits to be set in order for the group to move forward. This group testing option will allow 10% more time for students making progress. Group testing is not for everyone so please consider this when choosing the best testing option for your student.

Emergency Contact on testing days: Anita Coward 843-813-5652

Arrival Time: Students that arrive late may not be allowed to test. Parents bring students to the check in desk between 8:15am and 8:30am. **Parents are not permitted to enter the classroom area during the test!**

Dismissal Time: 2:30 pm on Wednesday and TBA on Thursday.

Students needing additional time may require the student to stay longer.

You may pick up students via our drive-up loop or by walking up to the door at dismissal time.

There will be volunteers to help you. Parents may not enter the building.

High School students **will not test on Thursday. You may take just the math and language sections or the entire battery on Wednesday. Entire Battery may make for a late dismissal!

Updates Prior to Testing: Updates will be posted to the regular HELP. And the HELP e-resources loop as well as LCHEA and Legacy. In order to receive updates prior to testing you **MUST** be a member of a loop. If you are not already a member, please subscribe by sending an email to HELPresource-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Test Results: Tests are scored and returned to me usually within 6-8 weeks of our test dates. Results will be mailed to you in the self addressed stamped envelopes you provide with your registration forms. Postage seems to go up every year, so please allow for this by using Forever Stamps or extra postage. Use my address for the return address. **I will notify you when the results are in via the loops so you will know when to expect them!**

Checklist of items to bring to the test:

- ✓ Two sharpened #2 pencils
- ✓ A Ruler with metric and standard measurement
- ✓ Blank scrap paper
- ✓ Healthy, Self-Contained Lunch (no refrigeration or heating is provided)
- ✓ Book to read when sections are completed early.

Calculator: **Optional for students in 7th-12th grades only!** Must be a battery powered four function, scientific or graphing calculator with characters no larger than 1" inch. All others are unacceptable, including QWERTY keypads, computers, organizers and calculators with paper tape.