



## Nationally Standardized Tests For Homeschool

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### California Achievement Test (CAT)

*Fifth Edition, published in 1992 by CTB/McGraw-Hill.*

The CAT for Grades 4 through 12 requires very little parental involvement beyond general directions and time-keeping. Grades 4 through 12 have identical directions and timings (except the 4th grade timing on one section) so several children at different grade levels may take the test together. Grades K through 3 have sections that are read to the child by the parent, using the supplied examiner's manual. All grades are in non-consumable format which requires the student to mark answers on a separate answer sheet.

*Where to purchase:*

[https://www.familylearning.org/tests\\_cat.php](https://www.familylearning.org/tests_cat.php)

<http://www.setontesting.com/cat/>

<http://www.shopchristianliberty.com/california-achievement-test-online-version/>

### PASS Test

The PASS Test was developed specifically for home schoolers. It has certain similarities to other achievement tests in that it measures student achievement in the subjects of reading, language, and mathematics. But it has important differences:

- It was designed for parents to administer at home. This can greatly reduce the stress level of testing. We do not require that a certified teacher administer it.
- It is untimed, which helps students relax.
- It consists of many test levels instead of one per grade. As a result, students take a shorter test and find most questions challenging but not frustrating. By contrast, tests for an entire grade must cover a broad range of abilities and therefore many items are either too hard or too easy. A brief placement test is included with the PASS to help choose a test level of appropriate difficulty.
- While the PASS results show personal achievement and national percentile comparisons like other tests, they also include home school percentiles and improvement suggestions for each subject.
- Because of the inherent stress of testing and our informal approach to teaching lower elementary grades, the PASS test is only available for grades three through eight.

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<https://www.hewitthomeschooling.com/Testing/tMain.aspx>