

Now Offering iReady Testing Services For Homeschool Families!

Who can take these tests?

Homeschool students in grades K-12 in need of a standardized test option to fulfill state requirements.

What is iReady?

HCCA uses the nationally norm-referenced iReady diagnostic testing and supplemental online instruction program (details below) as an assessment tool to monitor student needs and progress throughout the school year. The assessment is adaptive and responds to student abilities throughout the test, which means that students will receive a variety of questions that range from potentially very easy to very difficult as the test works to find their specific level of ability in different areas of math and reading. It is not the type of test in which everyone is answering the same exact questions, or even the same number of questions. The specific questions and the length of each testing session are determined by student performance and ability to answer questions correctly. Watch this video for more info on how iReady works and guidelines for taking it at home: Introduction to iReady at Home.

How do we get results?

Upon completing their session, students will be shown their score immediately. A detailed report will be shared by the school within 1 week of testing.

When is testing offered?

Testing is offered three times each school year (check our <u>academic calendar</u> on our school website for this year's specific dates). There will be a two-week window during which your child may complete both the math and reading tests. They may take as much time as they need to complete each test.

In order to get the most from your child's test results, it is recommended that you participate in all three sessions. After the second and third sessions, your child's unique diagnostic report will show growth comparisons and will provide advice on potential next steps in instruction.

Where is testing offered?

Since this is a web-based program, it is possible for you to administer the test from your home. With this, we will ask that you sign a waiver (this will be part of the application form) stating your commitment to refrain from interfering in your child's performance, and that you will ensure that your child has an environment free from distractions and/or any tools that would allow them to have access to assistance or answers during their test in order to maintain the integrity of the data and your connection to HCCA as your testing source. You will also need to have a reliable internet connection, as well as a chromebook, laptop, or desktop computer with audio (headphones may be used during testing).

If you would rather have your child take the test at HCCA, we will have two days within each testing window when that will be available for a small proctoring fee. Contact the school prior to the testing window to find out which specific days this service will be available. You will need to bring a set of headphones for your child to use during the test, and if you have your own device, that would be helpful as well.

What is the online instruction program?

HCCA is offering the option to sign up for <u>iReady Online Instruction</u> as a supplemental online practice tool. The program uses the student's unique diagnostic performance to help curate their experience by starting them on lessons and activities that correlate to areas in which they demonstrated a need for further practice or instruction, or in areas where they were ready to move ahead. There is also an option for you as a parent to assign specific practice activities based on your own observations and instructional plans.

How much does it cost?

Service	Fee (per student)	Fee x # of Students and # of Sessions
Math & Reading Diagnostics Only -home administration- (fee covers all 3 testing windows)	\$20	
Math & Reading Diagnostics Only -HCCA administration-	\$20 Diagnostic Program Fee, plus \$30 proctoring fee per test subject session	
Access to iReady Online Instruction in Math & Reading	\$50	
Total Charges:		

How do we sign up?

Complete the <u>Homeschool iReady Testing Application</u>. An HCCA staff member will contact you with any necessary login info and to collect applicable fees upon receipt.

If you need more info:

If you have any questions, please email HCCA's Curriculum and Instruction Director, Becky Connell, at missbeckyhcca@gmail.com.