

JCHE Testing
Monday & Tuesday
May 20 & 21, 2024

BETHEL CHURCH
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MEDFORD, 97504

Please do not call the church for information.

SIGN-UP DEADLINE May 6, 2024

There are changes in what you need to bring to testing this year. See the beginning of page 2.

TIMES:

THIRD GRADE: *Both* mornings—Mon. & Tues. 8:30-11:30 AM (Approximate ending time)

FOURTH-FIFTH GRADE: *Both* mornings—Mon. & Tues. 8:30-11:30 AM (Approximate ending time)

SIXTH-EIGHTH GRADE: *Both* Mornings—Mon. & Tues. 8:30-11:30 AM (Approximate ending time)

NINTH-TWELFTH GRADE: *Both* Mornings—Mon. & Tues. 8:30-11:30 AM (Approximate ending time)

REGISTRATION:

Please put these dates and times for testing on your calendar.

- Then fill out and mail your registration to JCHE, PO Box 562, Eagle Point, OR 97524 **OR** email a copy to Lkimmelster@gmail.com.
- Call Lorraine Kimmel's cell at 541-826-3427 or email if you have any questions about registration.
- Checks should be made out to **JCHE**. You do not need to send money now, but please register in order to reserve a test for your child.
- Just for your information, I do not deposit any checks until the last morning of testing. It makes cancellations much easier.
- For questions about the *test*, call Cecile Enright at 541-821-6035.
- On **Monday** morning, please plan to arrive by 8:00 am to check in, get name tags, etc.
- If you are volunteering, allow a few extra minutes.
- On Tuesday, arrive 10-15 minutes before starting time.

For the safety and well-being of the children who are testing, as well as the Bethel Church employees and all volunteers in the building, please wait for your children outside the building. We will have a Hall Monitor on duty who can come get you if your child needs you. Teachers or Proctors will escort 3rd-7th graders outside to their parents when they're done testing.

If you have a third or fourth grader, please accompany them to their room and help them fill out the cover of their test booklet or answer sheet.

IF YOU PASS ON A COPY OF THE REGISTRATION FORM TO ANYONE, PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY ALSO GET A COPY OF THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY GET ALL THREE PAGES. THANKS!

SUPPLIES TO BRING OR *NOT BRING* TO TESTING

- Please bring scratch paper,
- several sharpened #2 pencils,
- a healthy snack & drink,
- a book to read, and
- ***you DO NOT need to bring a stamped, self-addressed envelope for each child. We will email you the test results***
- **DO NOT BRING** MACHINES WITH EARPHONES OR CALCULATORS to testing.

Also, in the interest of full disclosure, because many of you are not familiar with Jackson County Home Educators (JCHE), here is an excerpt from the JCHE website that explains who we are and why we start each testing session with a simple non-denominational prayer. If you're not comfortable with prayer before testing begins, you will want to seek another source of testing.

We are an informal group of Christians from many churches and many parts of Jackson County, Oregon. A great variety of lifestyles are represented in the group with all ages of children involved. There are people who are only marginally affiliated with the group, and there are others for whom the group is a major part of their lives.

THE TEST WE USE:

We use the McGraw-Hill Terra Nova (2nd Edition), a CAT (California Achievement Test). It is an older publication but still accepted by the state of Oregon.

TEST RESULTS

We will email the test results to you. **YOU KEEP THE RESULTS.** Please guard the results well. ☺

The ESD does NOT want the results. In fact, they may get irritated if you try to turn them in. They **may** request them from you in the future, however.

If you decide to enroll your child in school or they want to participate in sports, the school, coach, & or athletic director will want a copy of the scores. The ESD does NOT want forms for athletics. **The schools require testing every year if a student wants to participate in sports or other school activities.** If you have a problem or need a different form, call Cecile at 541-821-6035.

GENERAL INFORMATION

If your child turns 6 years old *after* this coming September 1st, Oregon law does NOT REQUIRE THEM TO BE IN SCHOOL.

You must send a **one-time** notice of **intent** to homeschool to your local ESD before you **start** to homeschool your child

- when they turn 6 by or on September 1st, or
- 10 days before you start to homeschool, or
- within 10 days of withdrawing them from a public or private school.

You are NOT asking permission. Do not re-register in subsequent years. The phone number for the Jackson ESD is 541-776-8590, Option 2 for questions. The web page that you can use to register online is <https://www.soesd.k12.or.us/home-school/>

Homeschool Legal Defense Association has state-specific Oregon homeschool law information here <https://hsllda.org/post/how-to-comply-with-oregon-s-homeschool-law>

[Oregon.gov](https://www.oregon.gov) has comprehensive information for homeschooling families. Click the link to go directly there. There are additional helpful links at the bottom of the page.

Both of the above sites have the same information, but it's often helpful to read it from different perspectives.

Grades 3, 5, 8, and 10 are required to be tested by August 15th.

This is from the HSLDA website:

The Oregon State Board of Education recently updated its administrative rules to state that a 6-year-old child is presumed to be in kindergarten unless the parent places the child in a higher grade. So, the law will maintain the presumption that the 1st grade is when the student turns 7 by September 1.

Please remember we need to be considerate of those testing. It is VERY IMPORTANT that we be as quiet as possible. Please do not smoke on church grounds. ***Bethel has asked that nobody wait inside the church building.***

Students need to get plenty of rest the night before testing. They will be more alert and able to concentrate better if their snack and drinks are not sugary or simple carbohydrates.

SMALL GROUP TESTING

Think about how your child did last year and whether or not a large group will distract or hinder your child from showing what they really know. If you decide that large group testing is not appropriate for one or more of your children, consider private/small group.

We know of two small group testers this year.

Cecile Enright (541-821-6035) and

Mindy White (541-450-5410). Mindy lives in Grants Pass but may be willing to travel to the Medford area.

About 4- 6 children are usually tested at a time, and the cost is \$75.00/child.