

## Measure Achievement and Ability to Impact Instruction

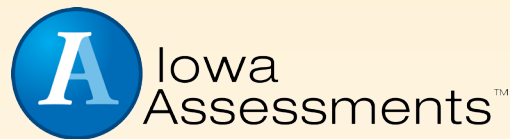


The American Association of Christian Schools is pleased to partner with **Houghton Mifflin Harcourt™** for nationally-normed assessments beginning in the 2015–2016 school year. The Iowa Assessments™ and Cognitive Abilities Tests® from **Houghton Mifflin Harcourt** are proven measures of student achievement and reasoning abilities.

Leveraging over 80 years of research, the Iowa Tests provide educators with measurement you can trust, backed by innovation you can use. The Iowa Assessments measure student achievement and growth across a continuum of next generation learning standards from kindergarten through Grade 12.

The Iowa Assessments offer educators a diagnostic look at how their students are progressing in key academic areas and offer educators diagnostic data that can be used to create intervention groups and to drive curricular decisions. Form E offers a host of enhancements to help educators meet today's evolving educational needs.

### Iowa Assessments Benefits



**Monitor Growth** using a continuous, research-based, vertical scale to accurately measure academic growth from kindergarten through high school.

**Indicate College and Career Readiness** through high-quality assessment data that is accessible and interpretable, helping educators and families determine whether their students are on track for college and career.

**Engage Students** through an attractive new four-color design.

**Measure Mastery** against a framework of standards developed by evaluating state, professional, and international standards, NAEP frameworks and test specifications, curriculum surveys, and scholarly research.

**Choose Administration Options** that include both paper/pencil and online alternatives.

### Provide actionable data and educator support

- Reliable norm-referenced scores that also predict ACT and SAT scores
- Lexile® and Quantile® measures
- Ancillaries that include printed materials as well as online tools



## Featured Assessment Solutions

The **Cognitive Abilities Test™ (CogAT®) Form 7** measures students' verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal reasoning abilities and assists educators in determining instructional strategies.

Authored by Dr. David F. Lohman of the University of Iowa, a nationally recognized expert on ability assessment, **CogAT®**:



- Helps identify all students' abilities.
- Links teachers to instructional strategies through unique Ability Profiles.
- Delivers predictive data with the Iowa Assessments and highlights significant discrepancies between expected and actual achievement.
- Includes three separate cognitive domains to form a more comprehensive perspective of a student's reasoning abilities.
- Offers superior technical quality.

## CogAT Features and Benefits

**ELL Friendly:** Form 7 further levels the playing field for English language learners by introducing improvements such as replacing verbal prompts with picture prompts.

**Measures Broad Range of Student Performance:** The addition of more challenging items at each level helps reduce the need for out-of-level testing.

**Professional Development and Support:** Teachers and administrators can review interactive web content, view videos, review pre-testing instructions, and learn instructional strategies based on student performance, helping answer the "what's next" questions.

**Flexibility in Administration:** Educators can select flexible methods of administration and scoring, including online administration.

**New Reporting Options:** Talent Identification Reporting blends scores from achievement, ability, and giftedness scales to provide the ability to review multiple data points.

**DataManager** is your online resource for streamlining the management of your assessment program using the **Iowa Assessments and Cognitive Abilities Test™ (CogAT)**.

- Use **DataManager** to:
- Prepare for test events
  - Administer assessments
  - View reports
  - Interpret results
  - Access digital resources



**DataManager** is your single source for supporting your comprehensive, balanced assessment program.

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