



New Hope Christian Academy New Student Assessments

What is a New Student Assessment?

All students entering grades K-5 are given an academic assessment by a New Hope staff member. This is a time for us to meet your child and observe him/her in an academic environment. Assessments typically take 20-45 minutes (depending on grade level).

The kindergarten assessment includes the following sections: Vocabulary, Letter Recognition, Visual Discrimination, Phonemic Awareness, Listening Comprehension, Numbers and Operations, Measurement, and Geometric Concepts.

The 1st-5th grade assessments include Oral Reading Fluency, Reading Comprehension, and Mathematics.

Why do we administer a New Student Assessment?

A New Student Assessment is given to help us make sure that we are able to meet your child's academic needs. It also provides an opportunity for us to interact with your child and identify his/her strengths and weaknesses. The data from the New Student Assessment is shared with the child's teacher so that she can be better prepared to assist him/her in the classroom.

What can I expect on the day of the New Student Assessment?

New Student Assessments are scheduled with Mrs. Shepherd, Elementary Principal. Families are to enter the building by being buzzed in at the school office. You will be greeted by the office staff, and you and your child will meet the staff member assigned to administer the assessment. The staff member will then take your child to a quiet classroom. (The kindergarten teacher always administers the assessment to incoming kindergarteners.) Parents are asked to wait in the cafe area during the assessment. As soon as the assessment is completed, your child will be brought to you. You will not receive results that day. The data collected will become part of the information the Admissions Committee reviews during its meetings.

How can I prepare my child for the New Student Assessment?

Please make sure your child has a good night's sleep before the screening. If possible, try to schedule a time that is most beneficial for your child.

What do I need to bring?

All of the testing materials will be provided by NHCA. All you need to bring is your child!