

Test Descriptions and Levels

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English

Student Outcome Writing

MSE Writing

Years 2 - 10

The tests are marked by trained and experienced markers. Results are given for areas such as punctuation, grammar, spelling, genre, form etc. The results are expressed in stanines at the child, class and school level. Available in Narrative for all years. Also Letter for Yr 7 and Essay for Yr 10.

The latest marking rubrics are adopted as soon as normed information is available

Student Outcome Reading

Years 1 - 7

This test has comprehension items addressing relevant Outcome Statements in the Reading Strand for children of each year level. Standardised scores are available.

Student Outcome Spelling

Years 1 - 7

This test has 5 parts including a dictation passage. Students are asked to identify errors and to supply the correct spelling in sentences and passages. Discriminates well at upper levels. Standardised scores are available.

EasyMark Diagnostic Spelling Tests

Years 1 - 10

40 item tests that diagnose common errors and provide normed results in stanines at the child and class level, and results in a Whole School Profile compared with normal distribution. Standardised scores are available.

MSE Reading, Viewing, Speaking & Listening

Years 3, 7 and 10

Levels and normed results in the form of stanines are provided at the individual, class and school levels.

TORCH (2nd Edition) Reading Comprehension

Years 3 - 10

TORCH is a modified cloze procedure test with 14 sub-tests. Diagnostic information is provided about each child and class and a whole school profile is provided. NEW VERSIONS 2003.

NEW Waddington's Reading & Spelling Tests

Years 1 - 7

A diagnostic reading/spelling test especially useful for Years 1 - 3 or very weak students. The results are in the form of Reading Ages and stanines. NEW VERSION 2002

Revised Progressive Achievement Tests – Vocabulary or Comprehension

Years 3 - 9

Traditional test of vocabulary and comprehension. Results in the form of stanines and graphs are provided at the student, class and school level. Marking also available for REVISED VERSIONS 2003

Progress in English 8 –13 NFER Nelson

Ages 7 – 13+

Editing and reading exercises that provide standardised scores, stanines and percentiles. Various tests levels are available.

Attitude to Library

Years 3 - 10

Students' opinions regarding their use and enjoyment of the library, and their assessment of their ability to use IT to find resources for study and pleasure.

Attitude to Reading

Years 3 - 7

A self-assessment inventory which asks students about such aspects as enjoyment of reading, books available at home, use of local library, ability to handle set reading tasks.

Literacy Skills Inventory

Years 8 - 12

A 48 item instrument asking students about their ability to handle a range of tasks relating to Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening.

Science

MSE Science

Years 3, 7 and 10

Each separate strand test; Earth and Beyond, Energy and Change, Life and Living, Natural and Processed Materials, produces scores and levels for that strand and the strand Investigating Scientifically. Individual student results and class results are shown.

Attitude to Science

Years 6 - 12

40 item inventories asking students about their interest in, enjoyment of, ability to handle, and the perceived value of science.

Mathematics

Student Outcome Mathematics Tests

Years 1 - 7

Highly graphical and attractive tests which cover all strands in Mathematics. The tests are easy to administer. (Years 1 and 2 are tested in small groups.) Levels are provided for each strand. Normative results are provided in stanines. A school profile is included. Standardised scores are available.

Rigby EasyMark Maths Tests

Years 1-7

These tests cover all the strands in Mathematics and reflect the style and content of the Rigby Maths Series of books. Levels are provided for each strand. Results for each outcome statement are also given. Normative results are provided in stanines. A school profile is included.

Wood and Lowther EasyMark Diagnostic Maths Tests

Year 2

A 24 item test which assesses the major components of Year 2 mathematics.

Years 3 - 7

A 60 item test of the mathematics course with 20 items in each of Number, Space and Measurement. The analysis gives individual student results, common class errors, normed scores and a school profile.

Progressive Achievement Tests in Mathematics (PATM) Third Edition NEW

Years 3 - 11

8 tests which gather diagnostic information about the strands of mathematics. The test results in stanine and percentile scores at the student and class level. Also Progress Map outcomes and levels.

MSE Mathematics

Years 3, 5, 7, 10a & 10b

Separate tests for Number, Measurement, Space and Chance & Data are available. Working Mathematically available for Yr 3, 7 & 10.

EasyMark Attitude to Mathematics

Years 3 - 7

A 24 item self-assessment inventory which asks students about such aspects as enjoyment of mathematics, their ability to handle the work and their assessment of the importance of mathematics.

Years 8 - 12

A 40 item self-assessment inventory which asks students about such aspects as enjoyment of mathematics, their ability to handle the work and their assessment of the importance of mathematics.

Physical & Health Education

MSE Concepts for a Healthy Lifestyle

Years 3, 7 and 10

Results are provided for this test in terms of Levels and stanines. Diagnostic information is provided about each student.

MSE Self Management Skills – Decision Making

Years 3, 7 and 10

Results are provided in terms of Levels and Stanines. Diagnostic information is provided about each student.

MSE Surveys – Self Efficacy & Fitness

Years 3, 7 and 10

These short surveys provide normed information about Western Australian children.

EasyMark Attitude to Health or Physical Education

Years 3 - 10

A self-assessment of students' interests in and enjoyment of Physical Education, their assessment of its value and of their ability to handle the activities they are given.

Society & Environment

MSE Studies of Society and Environment

Years 3, 7 and 10

A total of 8 tests are available for various strands and year levels. Each test can be conducted separately. A magazine or video is used for the Yr 7 & 10 tests.

EasyMark Attitude to Society & Environment

Years 6 - 12

40 item inventories asking students about their interest in, enjoyment of, ability to handle and perceived value of Social Studies.

Technology

EasyMark Technology Concepts Test

Years 6 - 10

A series of pencil and paper activities designed to assess competencies in the Technology Student Profiles.

Computer Confidence (Levels 1 & 2)

Years 4 - 8

A short questionnaire to gather information about how confident students feel with regard to basic operations on a computer.

The Arts

Attitude to Art, Drama, and Music

Years 3 - 10

These three surveys provide self-assessment of students' interest in and enjoyment of each subject.

Languages Other Than English

MSE Italian, Indonesian, French, Japanese

Tests are available in several strands. We can mark most papers.

WALNA and MSE9 Marking

WALNA

We can mark past WALNA tests for all year levels. Results are presented in a similar manner to WALNA results. Past papers can be marked immediately but if you are using the current year's paper, there will be a delay until normed results are released (usually in November).

MSE9

We can mark past MSE9 tests. Results are presented in a similar manner to MSE9 results. Past papers can be marked immediately but if you are using the current year's paper, there will be a delay until normed results are released (usually in November).

Social Outcomes of Schooling

MSE Social Outcomes of Schooling – Respecting and Valuing Others

Yr 3, 7, 10

A written paper addressing issues related to the core shared values and encompassing several learning area outcomes. Students need to complete both booklets for their year level and place one inside the other when submitting.

Attitude Measures

Student Self Esteem

Years 2 - 12

A 40 item self-assessment inventory which gathers information about students' ability to make friends, secure, self-confidence, self acceptance etc. Normed scores identify children at risk. Class and school profiles are provided.

Attitude to School Subjects

Years 2 - 7

A short instrument which asks students about their opinions regarding the importance of 12 subject areas, and whether they feel able to handle the work they are doing in those areas. The test results in a profile of student attitude across the subject areas. More detailed information about specific subjects can be obtained from the separate subject instruments listed.

Bullying In Our School

Years 4 - 12

Whole school focus with detailed information from a short survey. Includes gender breakdowns. Smaller groups can also use the test.

Personal Qualities Affecting Learning

Years 6 - 12

A 40 item inventory gathering information about non-academic aspects of schooling such as working cooperatively, participating actively in learning etc.

Study Skills Inventory

Years 6 - 12

This inventory asks students about their Learning skills (such as note-taking and summarising), access to resources for homework and study (such as references), goal-setting, and exam skills. Results for each student and class are provided in comparison with State norms. Information is provided about each student both globally and regarding each item. A Whole School profile is provided.

Attitude to School (24 Item)

Yr 2-7

A questionnaire gathering information about students' enjoyment of school, interest in the subjects, value of education, parent attitude to education etc. Normed comparative data are included.

Attitude to School (60 Item)

Years 6-12

A questionnaire gathering information about students' enjoyment of school, interest in the subjects, value of education, parent attitude to education etc. Normed comparative data are included.

Attitude to Bullying (60 Item)

Years 6-12

A version of the Attitude to School instrument, asks about the frequency and severity of bullying at the school, who is bullied and what is done about bullying.

Attitude to Administration Team

All Schools

A 40 item questionnaire for staff, addressing aspects of leadership such as approachability, goal setting, communication, innovativeness, decision making. Separate instruments are available for the **Principal, Deputy Principal, Head of Department, and the Admin Team**. An open-ended questionnaire is also available to ask about strengths and improvable areas.

OLO 12&13 – Our Classroom & Learning at Our School

Years 2 - 12

There are several forms available that address learning styles and classroom practices. These can be easily modified to suit your purpose.

School Surveys

EasyMark School Community Surveys - Parent or Student or Staff

All Years

A survey inviting parent, student or staff views of how the school is operating in terms of student outcomes. The staff version has an extra section on staff management.

Key Outcomes Surveys – Parent or Staff

This survey addresses the 8 key outcomes from the annual reports.

DET School Community Surveys - Parent or Student or Staff

We can provide a marking and analysis service for these surveys.

School Development

School Performance Rating Scale

These detailed rating scales gather the information needed for a comprehensive school report. The report includes summary data for direct entry into the Reporting School Performance software that will print out the report to the District Office.

Characteristics of School Performance

(Short version)

This A4 page questionnaire invites staff views about how they see the operation of the school. The survey addresses the criteria in "School Performance: A Framework for Improving and Reporting".

Characteristics of School Performance

(Full version)

This is a more detailed questionnaire addressing the same content as the short version described above.

School Reports Graphical Summary

At the request of schools EasyMark has devised a brightly coloured graphical overview of how the school is operating - based on school reports. We supply you with graphs of the distribution of results for the whole school, year level, or each class for each of the learning areas in terms of Achievement and Effort (or in whatever form you choose). EasyMark provides these results in transparent plastic inserts bound in durable plastic file appropriately labeled so that the file can be easily identified.

Analysis of Year 12 results

We are able to provide a graphical and written analysis of Year 12 TEE and WSA subjects based on information provided to schools from the Curriculum Council. Suitable for year by year comparison and also for parent publications.

WALNA Analysis

Graphical and written summaries of school results are available for all years. Diagnostic information and comparisons are included as well as graphs suitable for school newsletters.

IQ Tests

At the request of schools different types of IQ tests can be marked. These tests and manuals are available from bookshops.

The most commonly used tests are:

- ACER MYAT (replacing Inter F & Inter G)
- ACER General Select (replacing ML&MQ)
- NFER Nelson Verbal Reasoning
- NFER Nelson Non-Verbal Reasoning
- TOLA 4 & 6

Services and Options

Test papers are returned to schools with a printed report of individual student results for each class. This includes normative and diagnostic information.

A Whole School Summary is available for all tests. This includes tables and graphs comparing results by year and gender. This can be supplied on paper or as an excel file on CD or emailed to you.

For an additional charge we can also provide:

- Separate Summary of ATSI student results
- Separate Summary of LBOTE student results
- Archive retrieval of previous results
- Provision of requested information on disk
- Presentation to staff on interpreting and using results (all tests)
- Individual student reports

Most of the surveys and attitudes measures can be modified to suit your school. Please call or email to discuss this option.

We happy to assist with advice or information at any time.

MSE (Monitoring Standards in Education) tests papers are available from the Department of Education via their website www.eddept.wa.edu.au

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