

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ♦ PLEASE READ UPON RECEIPT

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Dear

Thank you for choosing Diagnostic Assessment Associates for your child's admission testing. We would like to take this opportunity to explain the testing procedure to you as well as give you some practical details.

Enclosed is an admissions testing form. Please fill it out and return it to me immediately with a check payable to Mary H. Beardsley, M.Ed. Return of the form with a check is necessary to hold your child's appointment.

The admissions test will take from 1 hour to 1½ hours. Please be sure that your child is well rested, well fed, and healthy on the day of testing so (s)he can do the best job possible. (S)he will be asked to complete a number of tasks assessing specific areas of development including verbal, perceptual, and memory skills. You can best prepare your child for the testing by explaining that (s)he will be completing tasks with someone who is interested in learning about what (s)he knows. Please note that the WISC-V and WPPSI-IV are protected tests and no practice or test prep is needed or allowed.

We encourage you to wait for your child while (s)he is being tested. However, please keep noise to a minimum in the waiting room as it can be disturbing. Cell phone usage should be restricted to emergencies only.

Your child's abilities based on the test results will be compared to other children of approximately the same age. It is important to keep in mind that children develop at different rates and all children show relative strengths and weaknesses in their skills. Please be aware that while the admissions testing is important, it is only one piece of data that schools consider when making their selections. As a parent, a relaxed attitude toward the testing process can be very helpful to your child.

A written report of your child's test results will be mailed to you at the same time it is sent to the schools you have indicated on your application form. The test report is generally sent within two weeks of the testing. If you have questions about the report, please feel free to contact me; no charge will be made for a brief telephone consultation. If further consultation is necessary, an appointment with an additional charge will be scheduled to discuss the test results.

Our office is located in a small shopping complex at the corners of Seven Locks Road and MacArthur Boulevard, where Seven Locks Road ends. Enter the lobby to the right of the Bethesda Coop and take the elevator or the stairs to the second floor to suite 220. Park anywhere in the complex. All parking is free.

Thank you again and I look forward to meeting you and your child.

Sincerely,

Mary H. Beardsley, M.Ed.
Educational Diagnostician

Appointment Day/Date: _____ Time: _____