

## To Test or Not To Test: A Common Question for Homeschoolers

**0= Not important      1= Slightly Important      2=Moderately Important      3=Very Important**

### **Goals: Portfolio Assessment**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Have samples and records of progress made during the course of the school year
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have a place to demonstrate a wide range of work, field trips, projects
- \_\_\_\_\_ Meet with a homeschool professional for suggestions in an area of challenge
- \_\_\_\_\_ Meet with a homeschool professional for curriculum improvement/development
- \_\_\_\_\_ Meet with a homeschool professional for support and encouragement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Avoid the testing situation because my student will find it too stressful
- \_\_\_\_\_ I question the validity/importance of standardized tests.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL SCORE FOR THE PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT OPTION**

### **Goals: Standardized Testing**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Experience in a formal testing situation (if given in a large group)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Discover academic placement within a nationalized peer group
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have specific grade levels assigned to each subject
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prepare for college entrance exams (to gain "test taking" skills)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Avoid dialog with a homeschool professional because I would find it too stressful
- \_\_\_\_\_ Obtain official documentation of grade level to present to others (family, neighbors, the courts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ I question the validity/importance of dialog with a homeschool professional
- \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL SCORE FOR THE STANDARDIZED TESTING OPTION**

Your highest score will be the best evaluation option for you at this time. Please also consider:

- Your evaluation preference may change from year to year.
- Some families alternate between the two, some do both each year, some use only one option for the duration of homeschooling.
- If you have any additional questions, please email Lisa Cox at [bri9c@aol.com](mailto:bri9c@aol.com) or FB message me.