

A Proposed New Test: What Do You Think?

Please let us know what you think of the proposed new test. It does not matter whether you are a Catforms customer or not, or whether or not you would ever be interested in using this new test, if it is produced. Feel free to make copies of this survey for others at your school. Your response in the enclosed envelope by March 31 would be helpful.

Directions: Please fill in only one oval per item, unless directed otherwise. Fill in the oval completely, not going outside the lines. If you change your mind, please erase the original response. Thank you!

1. Please indicate your current testing program:

- 1970 California Achievement Test (CAT)
- Newer version of the CAT Which one? _____
- Iowa Tests of Basic Skills
- Stanford Achievement Test
- Other test: _____
- Don't test or don't know

2. Do you use or have you used Catforms Testing Service for your scoring?

- Yes, currently
- Yes, but not currently
- No

3. How much do these issues concern you in relation to current tests or a new test? On a scale of 1-5, rate the importance of these issues to you, with 1 being not important at all, and 5 being critically important.

(Remember that there are trade-offs. You probably cannot realistically mark a 5 for both the 2nd and 3rd items.)

Fill in one oval per row.

	1	2	3	4	5
Objectionable content of many current tests	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Having a nationally normed test from a commercial company	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cost of testing (Does your school have a very tight budget?)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Concerns about the quality of a new test	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
User-friendliness of test (ease of administration, reporting, etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being able to test all grades, not just grades 4-12	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. How much would your school be willing to spend, per student, on an annual basis for achievement testing?
Fill in one oval per row.

	\$6	\$9	\$12	\$15	\$20
For an acceptable test designed in Mennonite circles, with no input from a commercial testing company?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For a test designed with input or items purchased from a commercial testing company?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For a commercial, nationally normed test that would meet your standards?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. Which best describes your feeling about a new test similar to that outlined in the accompanying proposal?

- I think that it is a great idea and that we would be very likely to use such a test, if the final version is anything close to the proposal.
- I think that it is worth pursuing and that we may be interested in using such a test, possibly with some modifications.
- I think that a better testing program is needed for our schools, but I am not sure that this is the answer. It would depend greatly on our school's evaluation of the finished product.
- I seriously doubt that such a plan is workable. Nevertheless, it would be interesting to see what develops, and our school would be open to receiving information about any new test in progress.
- I am not interested. Our school has a satisfactory program for the foreseeable future, or I think the proposed test is simply the wrong approach.

6. Can you explain in more detail why you selected the answer you did for Item 5?

7. Please list any comments or criticisms you may have about specific aspects of the new test proposal.

8. Do you have any other suggestions that may help us in our decision-making process?

(Optional)

Name _____ School _____ City _____ State _____