



Assessment: Creating Unique Learning Profiles

Have you ever used a map kiosk inside a shopping mall to locate a specific store? If so, the first thing you probably did was look for the “You Are Here” marker so you could orient yourself and figure out what to do next. This is exactly what a Langsford learning assessment can do for parents.

Through research, we already know what brain processes all good readers use effectively to be able to read, spell and comprehend well. A Langsford assessment will isolate all of these brain processes and pinpoint an individual’s strengths and weaknesses. Without this important starting point, seeking help can become frustrating and can delay the appropriate support. Our process creates a unique learning profile and provides the “You Are Here” marker for improving your child’s learning. In our experience, this provides for the best possible outcomes.

Research-Based Evaluation

As experts in the reading process, Langsford Learning Acceleration Centers has compiled a specific battery of tests proven to be the most accurate at measuring the brain processes needed for reading, spelling and comprehension. These assessments are statistically normed and compare an individual student to his peers.

However, as important and helpful as numbers are, a truly valuable assessment is not just about measurable and quantifiable skills; it’s about the individual as a whole. Research shows that reading is an integrated process. We want to discover how your child is thinking and processing information. In essence, we learn how your child’s brain approaches reading and learning. That’s why Langsford’s assessments are different.

One-to-One Administration

A Langsford assessment consists of a highly interactive, one-to-one administration and is specifically designed to ease anxiety. Your child is actively engaged with the examiner and is not in a room by himself for hours filling in ovals for a computerized test.

The authentic information an experienced examiner can gather from this type of assessment is vital to understanding more fully how your child learns, processes information, and solves problems. We assess the difficulty, behaviors, and time it takes an individual to

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Austin's Story

Dear Langsford Staff,

I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate everyone's help during Austin's assessment process. My family has been through other assessments before, from psychologists to other educational centers, and I was often displeased with the attitude presented.

So when I learned I would need to do yet another assessment with Langsford, I was somewhat disappointed. On the day of the assessment, my son was apprehensive and I was skeptical. But I knew Langsford was different immediately upon entering. Your décor, the way we were greeted, everyone showed such genuine concern. Austin relaxed when he met Jessica who happened to have the same name as his sister. I watched him skip down the hall and when he came back out at his first break, he did not complain like he did before. I am not sure what she did, but it worked well.

While Austin was testing, I spoke with Claudia who was incredibly open in answering my questions. It just seemed like other places wanted to hide parts what they do for some reason. But you guys were very transparent.

Our parent consult with Stephen was great, again other places were vague on exactly what they were going to teach my son. My husband struggled with reading

and it was truly an "a-ha" moment for him as he participated in the mini-lesson Stephen did with him. This really impacted my husband, and it confirmed for me how important the multi-sensory approach is to learning anything.

As for me, I really liked how the Venn diagram visually explained how each assessment specifically relates to the reading process. He also gave fabulous explanations about the connections going on inside the brain when reading. As a science teacher, that really made sense to me and yet it didn't matter that I was a teacher because his explanation was given in language that any parent could understand. I got the feeling that Stephen finds the best way to explain the assessment results depending on each family's individual background.

The assessment consult helped me become more relaxed that this was not a "smoke and mirrors" of an organization doing the same old, same old; this was different. How do I say it? It's not magic but it was an epiphany for me that there was someone out there who truly understood Austin's reading needs and although we've only been through a few weeks I can already see the difference in his ability to read. Thank you.

➔ Dawn Lynch

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complete a task. For example, two students may have identical scores on a normed test, but through the examiner's observation, we know that one of them struggled and had to work much harder to arrive at the answer. The interaction also helps us discover strengths that may not show up on test score results and we can observe how your child reacts when a task becomes more difficult.

Team Analysis

All of the information gathered during the assessment process - the scores, examiner observations and parent questionnaire - are taken into consideration when Langsford professionals meet to analyze and discuss your child's learning profile. We take a very focused and thoughtful look at your child's needs and map out a

customized plan of action. This is another example of our unique Team-To-One™ approach.

Parent Feedback

The final step in the assessment process is an in-depth consultation with you, the parents. During this consultation, you will learn the specifics of your child's learning profile so you will be able to make more informed decisions on how to help. A Langsford assessment provides the vital "You Are Here" marker everyone needs in order to help their child along his/her journey to the desired destination: a confident, independent, self-correcting learner.

If you would like to receive a free report explaining the best tests for measuring reading, spelling and comprehension, contact us at info@WeTeachReading.com.



Website Spotlight

SEDL'S Searchable Assessment Database

<http://www.sedl.org/reading/rad/database.html>

SEDL (Southwest Educational Development Laboratory) is a private, nonprofit education organization involved in many aspects of education, including reading assessment. SEDL has developed a searchable database of tools to assess reading from grades Pre-K to 3. This database is an easy and quick way for educators to sift through available tests and find one that meets their needs.

The database divides each test into several categories to help narrow the search such as: language administered, grade, and specific

skills assessed (decoding, phonological awareness, letter knowledge, reading comprehension, etc.). After choosing the search criteria and clicking the search button, a results page displays information for each assessment in table form and in alphabetical order. The website includes a handy clipboard feature to hold all the tests that interest the user.



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From enrichment to remediation, we have extensive experience training the foundations associated with independent learning, including helping individuals with learning disabilities, auditory processing disorder (APD), dyslexia, and hyperlexia.

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