

TYPES OF ASSESSMENTS and EVALUATIONS

* *State and District-Wide Assessments of Achievement*

- a. Achievement tests – Given annually to students in certain grade levels, each test checks a student’s knowledge in the areas of math and language arts. The tests school districts use, and in what grade levels, varies by district.
 - California Achievement Test (CAT)
 - Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills (CTBS), includes the "Terra Nova"
 - Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS)
 - Metropolitan Achievement Test (MAT)
 - Stanford Achievement Test (SAT)
 - Tests of Academic Proficiency (TAP)
- b. Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) – A mandatory annual test given to all Pennsylvania students in grades 3, 5, 8, and 11, assesses students’ subject knowledge in the areas of writing, language arts, and math.

* *Psychological Tests of Ability*

- a. Tests administered by school psychologists in order to determine whether or not a child has a disability
- b. You may find an explanation of some of the tests used by school psychologists on the following website (<http://www.deltabravo.net/custody/psychtests.htm>)

* *IQ Tests* – Measures cognitive ability in relationship to chronological age

* *Teacher Made Tests* – Tests that teachers administer to assess how much of a subject a child learned

