

2020-2021 Guide to New Student Testing

All incoming students require educational testing to be considered for admission to Charlotte Jewish Day School. Families may choose from the following practices:

DR. BARRIE MORGANSTEIN	SOUTHEAST PSYCH	Page 1 - 2
DR. TERRI JAMES	SOUTHEAST PSYCH	Page 1-2
JAMIE DORSEY, ED.S.	MindSpark	Page 2-3
DR. MELANIE POWELL	MindSpark	Page 2-3
JENNIFER MCCONNEL, M.A.	SOUTHEAST PSYCH (BALLANTYNE)	Page 4

Note: You must choose one of the psychologists mentioned above unless prior permission is granted by CJDS. If for any reason, you choose a psychologist other than the ones mentioned above, you must request a BASC inventory or a Connors Early Childhood Assessment to be completed and interpreted by the psychologist. Your child’s admission to the school will be delayed until this step is completed and we receive this information.

Preferred Psychologists:

Southeast Psych: Dr. Barrie Morganstein or Dr. Terri James. All psychologists who administer these tests have had extensive experience evaluating preschool and elementary-aged children and will meet with your child to administer the Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence, IV or the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children. They will also ask parents and former teachers to complete a BASC II, which is a developmentally sensitive inventory used to measure a child’s behaviors and emotions. **The focus of the assessment and inventory is to identify a child’s developmental strengths and weaknesses and to alert the school, staff and family to potential areas of need, realistic expectations of learning and preferred learning styles.**

STEP ONE: PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING

Location: Testing will take place at Southeast Psychological Services. 6060 Piedmont Row Drive South, Suite 120. Parents should call 704-552-0116 to schedule an appointment with Dr. Barrie Morganstein or Dr. Terri James.

- **The payment is due at time of scheduling. (credit/debit card accepted)**
- Testing must be scheduled in the morning, when kids have more energy, to ensure accurate results.
- **The standard battery for preschool, kindergarten, and 1st graders will be:**
 - a. Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence- Third Edition (WPPSI-IV)
 - b. Behavior Assessment System for Children- Second Edition (BASC-2) Parent Rating Scales- Preschool (ages 2-5). This questionnaire to be completed by parent while the child is being tested.
 - c. Behavior Assessment System for Children- Second Edition (BASC-2) Teacher Rating Scales- Preschool (ages 2-5). This questionnaire will be given to the parent after the testing session to give to the teacher, along with a self-addressed and stamped envelope to expedite return to Southeast Psych.
 - d. Testing session for this basic battery will last up to 90 minutes.
 - e. Fee will be \$250 (paid at time of scheduling).

- **The standard battery for 2nd through 5th graders will be:**
 - a. Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children- Fourth Edition (WISC-V)
 - b. Behavior Assessment System for Children- Second Edition (BASC-2) Parent Rating Scales. This questionnaire to be completed by parent while the child is being tested
 - c. Behavior Assessment System for Children- Second Edition (BASC-2) Teacher Rating Scales. This questionnaire will be given to the parent after the testing session to give to the teacher, along with a self-addressed and stamped envelope to expedite return to Southeast Psych.
 - d. Testing session for this basic battery will last up to 90 minutes.
 - e. Fee of \$250 (paid at time of scheduling).

Within a week of receiving the teacher's BASC-2, the clinician will email the report to Barbara Foxx and a hard copy of the report will be mailed to the family.

STEP TWO: IN-SCHOOL TESTING

To schedule in-school testing for all new students: Call Barbara Foxx at Charlotte Jewish Day School at 704-366-4558 to set up an appointment. This evaluation should take 15 – 60 minutes. Testing will take place at the school. 5007 Providence Road, Building E Charlotte, NC 28226

STEP THREE: TIER 2 TESTING

Based on the information received from the above-mentioned assessments, additional testing may be required in order to ensure educational success for your child. During the parent interview and interpretation of test results, we will discuss if further testing is needed.

MINDSPARK (Formerly known as DR. MELANIE POWELL & ASSOCIATES):

All psychologists who administer these tests have had extensive experience evaluating preschool and elementary-aged children and will meet with your child to administer the Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence, IV or the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children. They will also ask parents and former teachers to complete an online Connors Early Childhood Assessment, which is a developmentally sensitive inventory used to measure a child's behaviors and emotions. **The focus of the assessment and inventory is to identify a child's developmental strengths and weaknesses and to alert the school, staff and family to potential areas of need, realistic expectations of learning and preferred learning styles.**

STEP ONE: PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING

Location: 501 South Sharon Amity Road, Suite 500. Parents should email Jami Gentner (client coordinator) at admin@mindsparkpsych.com to schedule an appointment with **Jamie Dorsey**.

- Once testing is scheduled, parents will be emailed an invoice that they can either pay online with a credit card or mail in a check made payable to MindSpark, PLLC. **The assessment fee is \$250.**
- Testing must be scheduled in the morning, when kids have more energy, to ensure accurate results.

The standard battery for preschool, kindergarten, and 1st graders will be:

1. Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence- Fourth Edition (WPPSI-IV)
2. Parents will email Jami (admin@mindsparkpsych.com) with their contact information (names, address, phone number); and their child's name, gender, birthdate, current school/grade and teacher name and email.
3. Jami will email a link to the parents to complete the Connors Early Childhood Assessment online. Once completed, parents must email Jami to let her know they've completed the online assessment.

4. Jami will also email a separate link to the child's teacher to complete the Connors Early Childhood Assessment Online. Teachers will be instructed to email Jami to let her know they've completed the online assessment.
5. Fee will be \$250.00 (paid at the time of scheduling if via credit card or within 1 week if paying by check).

The standard battery for 2nd through 5th graders will be:

1. Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children- Fifth Edition (WISC-V)
2. Parents will email Jami (admin@mindsparkpsych.com) with their contact information (names, address, phone number); and their child's name, gender, birthdate, current school/grade and teacher name and email.
3. Jami will email a link to the parents to complete the Connors Comprehensive Behavior Rating Scale online. Once completed, parents must email Jami to let her know they've completed the online assessment.
4. Jami will also email a separate link to the child's teacher to complete the Connors Comprehensive Behavior Rating Scale Online. Teachers will be instructed to email Jami to let her know they've completed the online assessment.
5. Fee will be \$250.00 (paid at the time of scheduling if via credit card or within 1 week if paying by check).

Within a week of receiving both the parent and teacher rating scales (Connors Early Childhood Assessment or Connors Comprehensive Behavior Rating Scale), the clinician will email a written report to Barbara Foxx and will also email a copy to the parents. *Please note a hard copy can be mailed to parents upon request.*

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STEP THREE: TIER 2 TESTING and/or EVALUATIONS

Based on the information received from the above-mentioned assessments, additional testing or evaluations may be required to ensure educational success for your child. During the parent interview and interpretation of test results, CJDS will discuss if further testing or evaluations are needed.

CAIS APPLICANTS ONLY

CAIS (Charlotte Area Independent Schools) APPLICANTS

Several Charlotte area independent schools (including Providence Day School, Charlotte Country Day School, and Charlotte Latin School) have created a consortium to facilitate their admissions process. Though each school continues to make its own admissions decisions, children will be administered only one developmental evaluation, the results of which will be shared among all the member schools to which families are applying. From a list provided by the Charlotte Area Independent Schools (CAIS) Consortium, parents may choose a clinical psychologist to administer the battery of developmental tests.

Charlotte Jewish Day School is not part of the CAIS consortium. **Dr. Melanie Powell**, is on their list of approved psychologists. Therefore, if you are considering applying to CJDS, please select Dr. Melanie Powell to administer the standardized cognitive evaluation to your child. Her knowledge of academic assessment as well as early childhood and kindergarten readiness will help maximize your child's first year at school.

To schedule an appointment with **Melanie Powell**, parents should email Jami at admin@mindsparkpsych.com.

Alternatively, you may choose one of our consulting psychologists, **Jennifer McConnell, M.A.**, who is on the CAIS list of approved assessment specialists.

To schedule your appointment with Ms. McConnell, please contact Kendra Smith by calling 704-970-4791 (Southeast Psych – Ballantyne office). Testing will take place at 15720 Brixham Hill Avenue, Suite 150, Charlotte, NC 28277.

Note: All CAIS applicants must request a BASC inventory or a Connors Early Childhood Assessment / Connors Comprehensive Behavior Rating Scale to be completed and interpreted by the psychologist. Your child's admission to the school will be delayed until this step is completed and we receive this information.