

PICC Supports & Services
Buffalo/Western NY & Rochester/Finger Lakes
Regional Fall Testing Days!

What: Test of Auditory and Visual Skills (TAVS)

When: Wednesday, Sept. 27th, Oct. 18th, & Oct. 25th

**Where: Lake Shore Chapel, 4552 W. Main Rd. (Route 20), Fredonia,
NY**

**What: Test of Visual Perceptual Skills (TVPS), Wide Range Aptitude
Test (WRAT), &
 Screener of Handwriting Proficiency (SHP)**

When: Monday, Oct. 2 & Oct. 9

Where: Remote via ZOOM

Pre-Registration/Pre-Payment DEADLINE for ALL tests: Sept. 15th

NOTE:

- **In addition to the cost of test administration**, testing requires that the family pay the **\$75 PICC Annual Access Fee** if they have not done so already. To pay the **PICC Annual Access Fee** please go to <https://leah.regfox.com/picc-services-annual-access-fee> . If your family has already paid the **PICC Annual Access Fee**, only the cost of testing applies.
- There is a **\$25 Test Scheduling Fee** per family.
- **All prepayments are non-refundable**. If you cancel testing for any reason and are not able to reschedule, your prepayment will become a tax-deductible donation to LEAH for PICC LEAH.

TAVS test administration will be provided by Holly Payne, **PICC TAVS Screener**. Assessment reports and recommendations will be prepared and provided by Mary Fratianni, **Homeschool New York/LEAH Special Needs Coordinator**.

All assessment report(s) include student scores versus norms and recommendation(s). Reports are provided only to the parent(s) for private use.

All information is confidential!

Please see test descriptions, costs, and how to request an appointment below.

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Test of Auditory and Visual Skills (TAVS): **TAVS** is a formal norm referenced screening tool for assessing low level auditory and visual processing skills that are well understood to be vital for the higher development of phonological awareness, speech, reading, memory, attention and other areas. These areas are important for listening, reading and attention skills.

Does your student have difficulty paying attention? Are they impulsive? Are they struggling to get through their school work? Are they having problems with phonemic awareness, spelling, and/or comprehension? Have you ever wondered if your student has auditory and/or visual processing problems but have stopped short of having them get formal testing because you did not want to go through your school district, or could not afford private testing? Has your child ever had psycho-educational testing and not qualified for services or accommodations yet continues to struggle in the classroom? If you answered, "Yes," to any of these questions, then you might want to consider having your student take the **Test of Auditory and Visual Skills (TAVS)**. **TAVS** is an effective measurement tool for children with auditory and visual processing difficulties, providing vital information needed for effective intervention. **TAVS** can help parents better understand the challenges that their students may be having within the classroom and then seek appropriate intervention(s) that can help their student(s).

TAVS Quick: Screens 5 key Auditory Assessment Areas: Auditory Temporal Order Processing, Fusion Threshold, Auditory, Motor, Pitch Discrimination, and Duration Pattern. The **TAVS Quick Screen** is recommended for young students (**ages 5-6**) and for those with significant attention challenges.

Cost: \$35 per student **Time Required:** 30 minutes

TAVS Full: Screens 11 Auditory and 4 Visual Assessment Areas: The five Auditory Quick Screen areas, plus Noise-gap, Directional Hearing, Sequence Order, Pitch Pattern, Duration Pattern Sequence, Pitch Pattern Sequence, Auditory Temporal Order Processing, Fusion Threshold, Auditory, Motor, Pitch Discrimination, and Duration Pattern, Visual Temporal Order, Visual Fusion Threshold, Visual Motor, and Cross-Modality. The **TAVS Full Screen** is recommended for students in **ages 7 and up**.

Cost: \$65 per student **Time Required:** 60-90 minutes

TAVS test administration will be provided by Holly Payne, **PICC LEAH TAVS Screener**. Assessment reports and recommendations will be prepared and provided by Mary Fratianni, **Homeschool New York/LEAH Special Needs Coordinator**.

Additional tests available via ZOOM*

***Requires a desktop or laptop computer with a full-size screen and webcam. The parent is required to be present for the entire duration of testing.** Tests will be administered by Mary Fratianni, **Homeschool New York/LEAH Special Needs Coordinator**.

1. Test of Visual Perceptual Skills (TVPS): The **TVPS** is a formal standardized norm referenced assessment test to determine the visual perceptual strengths and weaknesses of students aged 4 through 18. The **TVPS** assesses the seven key visual perceptual areas necessary for learning in the classroom. **Visual perceptual**

processing impacts the ability to learn. Without accurate visual perceptual processing, a student would have difficulty learning to read, give or follow directions, copy from the whiteboard, visualize objects or past experiences, have good eye-hand coordination, integrate visual information with other senses to do things like ride a bike, play catch, shoot baskets when playing basketball, or hear a sound and visualize where it is coming from (like the siren on a police car). If you have ever wondered if your student has vision-based learning problems even though they have no trouble reading an eye chart, and if they are struggling with reading, spelling, handwriting, math and comprehension, they may have challenges with visual perception skills.

Cost: \$45 per student **Time Required:** 60 minutes

2. Screener of Handwriting Proficiency (SHP): The **SHP** is an assessment tool that provides insightful data through formative and summative assessments on a student's handwriting skills, and areas in need of remediation. The **SHP** is used to identify and measure the following specific handwriting skill areas: **Memory, Orientation, Placement, Sentence, & Word Skills (Memory/Connections for cursive)**. The **SHP** provides personalized learning strategies that are targeted to the student's areas of need to help teachers better focus handwriting instruction.

Cost: \$15 per student **Time Required:** 15 minutes

3. Wide Range Achievement Test, Fifth Edition™ (WRAT5) – Offered REMOTELY via ZOOM:

The **WRAT** measures foundational academic skills and monitors fundamental reading, spelling, and math skills in students ages 5 and up and helps identify possible learning disabilities.

The **WRAT** provides scores and interpretive information for four subtests:

1. **Word Reading:** Measures untimed letter identification and word recognition. The student reads aloud a list of letters/words.
 2. **Sentence Comprehension:** Measures the ability to identify the meaning of words and to comprehend the ideas and information in a sentence using an untimed modified cloze procedure. Each item requires the student to read (aloud OR silently) a sentence with a word missing and then say the word that best completes the sentence.
 3. **Spelling:** Measures an individual's ability to write letters and words from dictation without a time limit.
 4. **Math Computation:** Measures an individual's ability to count, identify numbers, solve simple oral math problems, and calculate written math problems with a time limit. Problems are presented in a range of domains, including arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and advanced operations.
 5. **A Reading Composite** score is created by combining the Word Reading and Sentence Comprehension standard scores.
- **Cost:** \$55 per student **Time Required:** 45 min.
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How to Schedule a Testing Appointment:**

To register your student, please contact Mary Fratianni, **LEAH Special Needs Coordinator**, at the **PICC Supports & Services Office** (email: picc@nysleah.org or phone [1-866-960-9440 ext. 3](tel:1-866-960-9440)) with the following information:

1. Parent name, email address and contact phone number
2. Your student(s) name, age, and grade
3. Which test you want in **Fredonia, NY (TAVS Quick or Full)**
4. Choose first and second choice of date: **Sept. 27th, Oct. 18th, & Oct. 25th**
 - a. 1st Choice:___ 2nd Choice:___
5. If you want **additional tests via ZOOM**, choose: (**TVPS, SHP, and/or WRAT**)
6. Choose first and second choice of date for ZOOM testing: **Oct. 2 & Oct. 9**
 - a. 1st Choice:___ 2nd Choice: ___

****Testing appointments are granted on a first come first serve basis once the preregistration and prepayment receipt are received at the PICC Office. We are unable to grant specific time requests.** The sooner you get your testing appointment request in and submit your preregistration and prepayment to the **PICC Office**, the higher the likelihood you will get your first choice of testing day.

What happens next?

- You will be sent **Preregistration Form(s)** for the test(s) you have requested and a **LEAH Prepayment web link**.
- **Preregistration forms must be filled out and emailed to the PICC Office and the prepayment made no later than the Sept. 15, 2023 deadline.**
- Once received, the parent will be emailed a testing confirmation with their student's testing day and time.
- **Testing slots are not confirmed until the preregistration and prepayment receipt are received by the PICC Office.**

If you have any questions, please contact the PICC Office at 1-866-960-9440 ext. 3 or email picc@nysleah.org .