

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Gifted & Talented Program
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Christina E. Lugo Vreeland
Supervisor

Dear Parent/Guardian,

During the 2022-2023 school year, the Woodbridge Township School District made the commitment to implement universal screening to all students enrolled in Grade 1 with regard to eligibility for our Gifted and Talented programs. The district has chosen the CogAT ability test as one measure to identify our students who would benefit from enrichment or support in areas they may demonstrate an early readiness to achieve in. CogAT offers detailed information on students' verbal, quantitative, and figural reasoning. The assessment in Grade 1 is picture-based and does not require participants to be readers or have an advanced command of the spoken language.

In addition to identifying a students' readiness to participate in the Gifted and Talented program, this assessment will also help guide learning strategies and differentiation for our students. The test will be administered in an online format within their respective first-grade classrooms during a 30-day testing window beginning April 17, 2023. The assessment will take approximately 90 minutes in total, which will be divided into shorter testing sessions during the instructional day.

Additional information about the CogAT can be found here:

https://www.riversideinsights.com/cognitive_abilities_test

We anticipate the results for students who participate in this assessment to be posted within the Genesis Parent portal once processed no later than June 30, 2023. Students who are identified as being eligible for the Gifted and Talented Programs will be contacted over the summer to coordinate services for the coming 2023-2024 school year.

Individual schools will communicate the specifics of the classroom testing schedules by March 31. In the meantime should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Christina Vreeland