

**Windsor School District
Gifted Education
PLACEMENT EVALUATION PROCEDURE**

Students going through the Placement Evaluation Procedure for the first time will take group cognitive assessments.

Students going through the Placement Evaluation Procedure for other than the first time will be given cognitive assessments based on the following conditions:

- If all previous group cognitive scores are less than 120, the student will be given group cognitive assessments.
- If any previous group cognitive scores are 120 or higher, the student will be given an individual cognitive assessment.

Students must pass *one* of the following cognitive placement criteria to continue with assessments for placement.

Cognitive Assessment

- Students must have a standard score of **125 or higher** on **two group** cognitive assessments: Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) and Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT).
- Students must have a standard score **at or above the 95th percentile** on **one individual** cognitive assessment: Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children or Stanford-Binet.
- Students in the ELL/ESOL program must have a standard score **at or above the 95th percentile** on **one individual** cognitive assessment: Wechsler Nonverbal Scale of Ability (WNV) or Test of Nonverbal Intelligence (TONI)

If the student meets the above criteria, then the student must meet *two* out of the following placement criteria to be eligible for placement in the O.W.L. Gifted Program.

Achievement Tests

Students must have composite score at the **95th or higher** percentile on the most recent achievement test.

(Iowa Test of Basic Skills, KTEA3, WIAT-III, Key Math, or other standardized assessment)

Creativity Assessment

Students must score **at or above the 83rd percentile** on the creativity assessment: Creativity Assessment Packet (CAP) from the Test of Divergent Thinking by Dr. Frank Williams.

Teacher Recommendation

Students must achieve a **probable or higher rating in 3 out of 5 areas** on the Gifted and Talented Evaluation Scales (GATES).