



# Gifted Testing Process 2021-2022

Austin Elementary  
DeKalb County School District



# Important Information to Know

1. The gifted testing process is very long. It can take at least one school year and possibly several years to navigate through the process.
2. All test scores (MAP, CogAT, Renzulli, Torrance Test of Creative Thinking, GES-4, and CAIMI) are valid for **two years**.
3. As soon as we receive information from the school district, our websites are updated and needed information (Permission forms, eligibility reports, etc.) are sent home via TIP. Please check our websites for updates before emailing us with questions.

# Kindergarten-2nd Grade Testing Process

1. All students take the Fall MAP tests of reading and math.
2. Students that score a 90% or above on the reading/math MAP test will take the CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) in Oct./Nov. 2021.
3. Teachers fill out a Renzulli checklist rating scale for creativity and motivation in Nov./Dec. 2021. Teachers (including Westrick/Hoyem) do not have access to scores.
4. CogAT scores are returned and uploaded to database in Feb./March.

## K-2 Testing Process Continued

5. Once we have permission from the school district, we will run eligibility reports to send home to parents of students that qualify for the gifted program. Dr. Nugent will send home a copy of the CogAT score report.
6. Students that do not qualify for the gifted program will take the Torrance Test of Creative Thinking and possibly another motivation rating scale filled out by the teacher in the spring of 2022 (2nd semester).

## K-2 Testing Process Continued

7. Students that do not have a qualifying score in the Fall can qualify with a Winter MAP score of 90% or above in reading/math.
8. Students that begin the gifted testing process with the Winter MAP will take the Torrance Test of Creative Thinking in the spring 2022.
9. Winter MAP students will take the CogAT in the fall of 2022 (the next school year).

# 3-5 Grades Gifted Testing Process

1. All students take the Fall MAP tests of reading and math.
2. Students that score a 90% or above on the reading/math MAP test will take the CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) in Oct./Nov. 2021.
3. Teachers fill out a Renzulli checklist rating scale for creativity and motivation in Nov./Dec. 2021. Teachers (including Westrick/Hoyem) do not have access to scores.
4. CogAT scores are returned and uploaded to database in Feb./March.

## 3-5 Grades Continued

5. Once we have permission from the school district, we will run eligibility reports to send home to parents of students that qualify for the gifted program. Dr. Nugent will send home a copy of the CogAT score report.
6. Students that do not qualify for the gifted program will take the Torrance Test of Creative Thinking and possibly another motivation rating scale filled out by the teacher in the spring of 2022 (2nd semester).

# Qualifying Test Scores

- MAP (Reading or Math): 90%
- CogAT (V, Q, NV, CC): 96%
- Creativity (Renzulli or TTCT): 90%
- Motivation (Renzulli, GES-3, CAIMI): 90%



# Ways to Qualify for the Gifted Program

- A. MAP score of 90% on Reading or Math; CogAT score of 96% in any subtest (V, Q, NV or CC); Renzulli Creativity or Motivation score of 90%
- B. MAP score of 90% on Reading or Math; TTCT 90%; Renzulli or other Motivation 90%

**MAP**- achievement test; **CogAT**- mental ability test; **Renzulli Creativity/Motivation**- teacher rating scale; **Torrance Test of Creative Thinking**- creativity paper/pencil test; **GES-4**-more in-depth teacher rating scale on motivation (K-3); **CAIMI**- motivation rating scale filled out by 4th and 5th grade students.

# Wrap Up

- K-2 students can qualify for the gifted testing process with the Fall or Winter MAP testing sessions.
- 3-5 students can qualify for the gifted testing process with the Fall MAP testing session only: unless new to DeKalb after the Fall testing session closes. Those students will follow the same path as the Winter K-2 students.
- Mrs. Westrick's webpage:  
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