

FCPS Advanced Academic Programs



Fairfax County Public Schools Advanced Academic programs (AAP), formerly known as gifted and talented or GT, offers a continuum of advanced academic opportunities in FCPS that range from part-time services in one or more areas of academic strength to full-time placement in an advanced academic program. School-based services (Levels I – III) are offered in every elementary school and middle school. Decisions regarding school-based services are made at the local elementary and middle school. Full-time placement in an advanced academic program in grades 3-8 (Level IV) is available to students who have been identified by a central selection committee.

Eligibility for Full-Time Placement in Advanced Academic Programs in Grades 3–8 (Level IV)

A countywide central selection committee determines eligibility for placement in a full-time advanced academic program using ability test data, achievement test scores (if available), the Gifted Behaviors Rating Scale With Commentary (GBRSw/C), progress reports, and other available information. The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAt) and the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT) are administered during September and October to second graders currently enrolled in and attending an FCPS school.

A review of the scores is used by the school system to select a second grade screening pool for Level IV consideration. Students who are not in the screening pool and students in grades 3-7 may be referred by their parents for consideration by submitting the AAP Level IV referral form (available on the AAP web site at <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/qt/forms.html>) by **February 5, 2010**, to the advanced academic resource teacher at their local school.