

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS)
Advanced Academic Programs (AAP)
Testing and Identification Time Line for Students Attending FCPS

School-Based Advanced Academic Services (Level II and III)

All decisions regarding advanced academic school-based services are made at the local school. Parents/guardians who would like their child considered for school-based services should submit an *AAP School-Based (Level III) Referral Form* to the Advanced Academic Resource Teacher at the local school. Students must be attending FCPS in order to be considered for advanced academic school-based services.

Full-Time Advanced Academic Placement (Level IV)

All decisions regarding full-time placement in advanced academic programs are made by a central selection committee. Based on 2nd grade test scores, a screening pool is created. Parents or guardians may refer 2nd grade students who are not in the screening pool, and students in grades 3 through 7, by submitting the *AAP Level IV Referral Form* (available in all schools and on the AAP web site: www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt) according to the identification schedule below.

Testing Schedule

Schools administer tests to all FCPS students in 2nd grade and to students in 3rd through 7th grades who are missing ability test scores. Parents or guardians may request **one** retest in grades 3 through 7 during the fall testing cycle. Students must be enrolled in and attending FCPS in order to be tested. **An ability test score is required for the screening process.**

- September 22–25, 2009 Naglieri Nonverbal Test
- October 19–30, 2009 Cognitive Abilities Test
- February 22–26, 2010 Make up **only** for FCPS students enrolled after October/November 2009

Additional optional testing is available at George Mason University; go to the GMU web site at psyclinic.gmu.edu or call 703-993-4200.

Identification Schedule

FALL 2009 (For FCPS students enrolled and attending after January 2009 and students **not** enrolled in FCPS)

- October 30, 2009** AAP Level IV Referral forms for **new** FCPS students due to local school*
- December 2009 Central Selection Committee meets
- January 2010 Eligibility decisions mailed
- January 15, 2010 Appeals due to AAP Office
- February 2010 Eligible students grades 3-8 may attend full-time AAPs beginning 2nd semester 2009-10

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- February 5, 2010** **AAP Level IV Referrals due—2nd graders not in pool and 3rd – 7th graders***
- February 12, 2010 Optional parent screening materials due to local school (according to guidelines)
- March-April 2010 Central Selection Committee meets
- End of April 2010 Eligibility decisions mailed
- May 3-14, 2010 Full-time AAP orientations held at Level IV sites
- June 1, 2010 Appeals due to AAP Office
- Fall 2010 Eligible students grades 3-8 may attend full-time AAPs beginning 1st semester 2010-11

Documents Needed for Screening File	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> AAP Level IV Referral Form*	Parent/Guardian, if student not in 2 nd grade pool
<input type="checkbox"/> AAP Summary Sheet	School
<input type="checkbox"/> Gifted Behaviors Rating Scale with Commentary	School
<input type="checkbox"/> Ability Test Scores	School, GMU, or licensed psychologist
<input type="checkbox"/> Report Cards	School
<input type="checkbox"/> Achievement Test Scores (optional)	School
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent Questionnaire (optional)*	Parent/Guardian
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Work Samples – limit 5 (optional)*	Parent/Guardian
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Awards or Commendations – limit 5 (optional)*	Parent/Guardian

* **Parents/guardians** send or deliver documents to Advanced Academic Resource Teacher at local school by this deadline.

For additional information about the screening process or advanced academic opportunities at your child's school, contact the principal or Advanced Academic Resource Teacher at your child's school. For information on countywide services for advanced learners, visit the Advanced Academic Programs web site at www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt or call the Advanced Academic Programs office at 703-846-8670.