

Testing and Identification Time Line for Students Attending FCPS Advanced Academic Programs (AAP)

Part-Time Advanced Academic Services (Level II and III)

All decisions regarding advanced academic part-time school-based services are made at the local school. Parents or guardians who would like their child considered for school-based services should submit an *AAP School-Based (Levels II-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 part-time 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 1st and 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 *Advanced Academic Programs Level IV Referral Form* (available in all schools and on the AAP website: www.fcps.edu/is/aap according to the identification schedule below.

Testing Schedule

Schools administer tests to all FCPS students in 1st and 2nd grade, and to students in grades 3rd through 7th who are missing ability test scores, according to timeline below. 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 and selection process.**

October 17–28, 2011	Cognitive Abilities Test	(Administered to all 2 nd graders and specific students grades 3-7)
November 14-18, 2011	Naglieri Nonverbal Test	(Administered to all 1 st graders and specific students grades 2-7)
February 1–10, 2012	Make up only for FCPS students enrolled after October 2011	

Additional optional testing is available at George Mason University; go to the GMU website at <http://cap.gmu.edu/> or call 703-993-4200.

Identification Schedule

FALL 2011 (For FCPS students enrolled and attending after January 2011 and students **not** enrolled in FCPS)

October 28, 2011	<i>AAP Level IV Referral Form</i> for new FCPS students due to local school*
December 2011	Central Selection Committee meets
January 2012	Eligibility decisions mailed
January 13, 2012	Appeals due to AAP office
February 2012	Eligible students grades 3-8 may attend full-time Level IV AAPs beginning second semester 2011-12

SPRING 2012

February 3, 2012	<i>AAP Level IV Referral Form and optional materials due (2nd graders not in pool and 3rd– 7th graders*)</i>
March-April 2012	Central Selection Committee meets
End of April 2012	Eligibility decisions mailed
May 1-11, 2012	Full-time AAP orientations held at Level IV sites
June 1, 2012	Appeals due to AAP office
Fall 2012	Eligible students grades 3-8 may attend full-time Level IV AAPs beginning first semester 2012-13

Documents Needed for Screening File	Source for FCPS-enrolled students
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Advanced Academic Programs Level IV Referral Form*</i>	Parents/Guardians/Teacher/Student (if student not in 2 nd grade pool)
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Advanced Academic Programs Level IV Screening Summary Sheet</i>	School
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Gifted Behaviors Rating Scale with Commentary</i>	School
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Ability Test Scores</i>	School, GMU, or licensed psychologist
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Report Cards</i>	School
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Achievement Test Scores (optional)</i>	School
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Parent Questionnaire (optional)*</i>	Parents or guardians
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Student Work Samples – limit 5 (optional)*</i>	Parents or guardians (submit up to 4) School (submits minimum of 1)
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Student Awards or Commendations – limit 5 (optional)*</i>	Parents or guardians

***Parents or 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 website at www.fcps.edu/is/aap or call the Advanced Academic Programs office at 571-423-4740.