

NOTIFICATION AND OPT-IN FOR HOME LANGUAGE DIRECTIONS
Cognitive Abilities Test

Dear Parents and Guardians:

In an effort to obtain additional information about your child, the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) will be administered to your child between _____ and _____. It is important that your child attend school on these days. If your child must miss school during this time period and your child does not have another ability test result in their student record, they will have an opportunity to take another ability test later this fall.

The purpose of the CogAT is to provide information about students' developed abilities in verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal reasoning. The types of tasks included in the test are based on content that children are likely to have experienced in school. However, the way questions are asked and specific test content are not necessarily what children have previously experienced. Children are not expected to know the answers to all questions and will be given opportunities to practice sample items before taking the test. The CogAT is an abilities test, so children are not expected to study or prepare for the test the way they would for an achievement test.

Our records show that your child has a home language other than or in addition to English. *This means you have the option to have your child receive test directions in your designated home language.* If you do not choose this option, your child can receive test directions in English. Please note that the test items themselves are only available in English and that some questions for grades 4-7 require the student to read in English. *Your choice regarding home language test directions will not affect the language for test questions.* **If you would like for your child to receive CogAT test directions in a home language, please return the opt-in form below to the school or send an email with your opt-in request to _____.**

Score reports will be provided to parents once results become available. Typically, these reports are available before winter break. If you have any questions about this test, please contact the Advanced Academics Resource Teacher (AART), _____, or school test coordinator, _____, at your child's school.

Opt-In Form to Receive Test Directions in a Home Language

Return this form to your child's school if you want him/her to receive CogAT directions in a home language.

I, _____ (parent/guardian) would like my student _____ (student's name) to receive directions for the CogAT assessment in the following language:

_____ English	_____ Russian	_____ Cantonese	_____ Mandarin
_____ Spanish	_____ Arabic	_____ Vietnamese	_____ Somali