

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of the DCSD Universal Screening process and our commitment to equitable identification for gifted programming, DCSD will administer the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT 7) during the weeks of Feb. 8 - March 5, 2021. This assessment indicates the level and pattern of cognitive development of a student in comparison to grade and age mates. Please see below for specific information based on your child's current grade.

### **2nd Grade Universal Screen**

- As part of this process, **ALL** in-person students in **2nd grade** who have not been identified for gifted programming will take the **Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)** the week of **February 8th**. This assessment indicates the level and pattern of cognitive development of a student in comparison to grade and age mates. These general reasoning abilities, which start developing at birth and continue through early adulthood, are influenced by experiences gained both in and out of school.
- **If your child is already identified for gifted programming, they will not participate in this universal screen testing. Your Gifted Education Facilitator will contact you directly with more detailed information about this process.**
- Please see the following for additional information linked below:  
[2020 - 2021 Spring CogAT UNIVERSAL Screening Letter](#)

### **Gifted Identification Referral Testing**

- If your child is in-person and in grades **1, 3, 4** and you believe he/she needs evaluation for Gifted Identification and Services, you may refer your child for testing by initiating the Gifted Identification Process.
- **NOTE:** Requesting this assessment automatically initiates the process to evaluate for Gifted Identification.
- Please request CogAT testing for your child by completing the **Referral for Gifted Identification** linked [HERE](#)
- *Upon receipt of this form the Gifted Education Facilitator will connect with you to discuss next steps in the gifted identification process.*

### **5th Grade Universal Screen from November 2020 - Makeups**

- Students who are now in-person and were not able to take the test in November will take the CogAT on **March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**.
- Students who started the CogAT but were not able to finish will have the chance to take the portion(s) that was not completed during this February window.

### **Remote Learners**

- All 5<sup>th</sup> grade remote learners will have the opportunity to test on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM in a small group setting at AVA.
- All 2<sup>nd</sup> grade remote learners will have the opportunity to test on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:15 AM in a small group setting at AVA.
- If your student is a remote learner and is in grades 1, 3, and 4 and you believe he/she needs evaluation for Gifted Identification and Services, you may refer your child for testing by initiating the Gifted Identification Process. Please complete the **Referral for Gifted Identification** linked [HERE](#). *Upon receipt of this form the Gifted Education Facilitator will connect with you to discuss next steps in the gifted identification process.*