



## CARDINAL LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As a part of Cardinal Local School District's gifted identification process, all sixth grade students will participate in the administration of the Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT) on October 10th, 11th, & 12th.

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) is an ability assessment that focuses on a student's reasoning skills. It assesses three areas of reasoning abilities that research shows are closely related to success in school: Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, and Nonverbal Reasoning. The Verbal Battery measures students' ability to reason with words and solve verbal problems. The Quantitative Battery assesses their ability to organize and reason with quantitative concepts. The Nonverbal Battery tests students' ability to reason with figural drawings and invent strategies to solve novel problems. The results from this assessment will allow us to see how your child compares to a national sample of students who are the same age and grade level in school. Information gathered from this assessment also provides our teachers with data that will allow adaption of instructional activities to enhance student learning.

No special preparation is required for the CogAT. However, you can encourage your child to answer all the items and give their best effort. We also recommend your child have a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast on testing days.

The results of this assessment will be used for identification of students as gifted in superior cognitive ability and creative thinking ability. You will receive the results of your child's performance and you will be notified via letter if your child meets the criteria for gifted identification..

Please feel free to contact me with further questions,

Sincerely

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