

For highly capable students, access to accelerated learning and enhanced instruction is access to a basic education.

School districts may access basic education funds, in addition to highly capable categorical funds, to provide appropriate highly capable student programs.

Who are the highly capable? People outside the norm in terms of mental processing as measured by standardized verbal, quantitative, and non-verbal reasoning tasks.

How are highly capable children identified? Predominately standardized measures. NKSD uses multiple measure: Referrals, CogAT, State Assessments and other measures.

What is the process for Highly Capable Identification in North Kitsap?

- All NKSD second graders as our self-contained AGATE classes start in third grade.
- Referred by a parent, staff or community member.
- Parent permission to screen.
- CogAT screener with a SAS of 125 or higher. CogAT is an aptitude test.
- Achievement Data: STAR Math/ ELA and SBA. Usually the 90% percentile or higher.
- HOPE SCORE
- Multidisciplinary Team determines placement.
- MDT = Highly Capable Directors, School District Psyche & Teacher (s).
- MDT uses clearly defined criteria that reflects student aptitude & achievement.
- MDT date scheduled for February 8th.
- Notification of identification and type of highly capable services will be emailed out.
- Services for students who qualify for services will start in the 2018-19 school year.

What is the CogAT? The CogAT is an Aptitude Test. The CogAT test is given to all grades, from Kindergarten through grade 12. CogAT is an aptitude test that demonstrates a student's leaned reasoning and problem solving abilities through a variety of battery of verbal, quantitative and nonverbal test items.

There are three batteries: **P (verbal), N (quantitative) and F (non-verbal)** score and have a different SAS (standard age score) because the SAS is determined from the individual student birth date. Usually students considered for services have a SAS of 125 or higher.

What are the STAR and SBA assessments? STAR and SBA are achievement assessments. Students who qualify for highly capable services generally are in the 90th percentile in STAR and Level 4 on the SBA.

What is the service model? NKS has two service models.

- **Building Plan & Student Learning Plan**
- Services in the General Education Classroom
- *Highly Capable Student Learning Plan – to be completed at Parent Conferences with teacher and parent input.*
- **AGATE Self Contained Classroom Grades 3-5 at Suquamish Elementary**
- **Middle School AGATE Social Studies & Language Arts at both PMS and KMS**
- **High School Pre AP, AP & Electives Programs**

How do I appeal a determination? The North Kitsap School District Highly Capable Program has an appeal process, in compliance with the Washington State rules for Highly Capable Programs (WAC 392-170-047). Parents may appeal the decision of the Multidisciplinary Team by completing this form within ten days of eligibility notification. Appeals Form is available on the website. Appeals go through Executive Director Jeff Sweeney