



# North Kitsap School District



Highly Capable Identification Process &  
NKSD Services

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**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.



# Gifted Cliff Notes

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.



# Ability $\neq$ Achievement





# PROCESS FOR HIGHLY CAPABLE IDENTIFICATION

- 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 late February.
- Notification of identification and type of highly capable services will be mailed out.
- Services for students who qualify for services will start in the following school year.



# WHAT IS THE COGAT?

CogAT Screener (V+Q+N) (or WISC Full Scale IQ)	SAS Percentile:	SAS:	125-128	128-131	132-136	137+
CogAT Verbal Reasoning	P Score					
CogAT Quantitative Reasoning	N Score					
CogAT Nonverbal Reasoning	F Score					

## ▪ 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 learned reasoning and problem solving abilities through a variety of battery of verbal, quantitative and nonverbal test items.
- The SAS score is a Standard Age Score that is based off the student's birthdate. Usually students considered for services have a SAS of 125 or higher.



# STAR AND SBA ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

## Achievement Scores

STAR Reading	Percentile:	Below 95	95-96	97-98	99+
STAR Math	Percentile:	Below 95	95-96	97-98	99+

Smarter Balanced ELA Scores						Smarter Balanced MATH Scores					
Grade	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	High 4	Grade	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	High 4
3	2114-2366	2367-2431	2432-2489	2490-2623	2556+	3	2189-2380	2381-2435	2436-2500	2501-2621	2561+
4	2131-2415	2416-2472	2473-2532	2533-2663	2598+	4	2204-2410	2411-2484	2485-2548	2549-2659	2604+
5	2201-2441	2442-2501	2502-2581	2582-2701	2641+	5	2219-2454	2455-2527	2528-2578	2579-2700	2639+
6	2210-2456	2457-2530	2531-2617	2618-2724	2671+	6	2235-2472	2473-2551	2552-2609	2610-2748	2679+
7	2258-2478	2479-2551	2552-2648	2649-2745	2697+	7	2250-2483	2484-2566	2567-2634	2635-2778	2706+
8	2288-2486	2487-2566	2567-2667	2668-2769	2718+	8	2265-2503	2504-2585	2586-2652	2653-2802	2723+
10/11	2299-2492	2493-2582	2583-2681	2682-2795	2738+	10/11	2280-2542	2543-2627	2628-2717	2718-2862	2790+



# NKSD SERVICE MODEL

## Highly Capable

### 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.*

## Elementary

*AGATE Self Contained Classroom  
Grades 3-5 Suquamish Elementary*

## Middle School

*AGATE Social Studies & Language Arts  
at both PMS and KMS*

## High School

*Pre AP, AP & Electives Programs*





# EXAMPLE COGAT SCREENING SCHEDULE

January				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25	26	27	28	29
Pearson 9:30 - 12:30	PMS 8:00 - 10:45	Suquamish 9:30 - 10:30	Gordon 9:30 - 10:30	NO SCHOOL
Poulsbo EL. 1:30 - 3:30	KMS 1:00 - 2:00	Suquamish 10:45 - 11:45	Vinland 12:00 - 3:30	
February				
1	2	3	4	5
Wofle 9:30 - 11:30	Poulsbo EL. 9:30 - 11:30		NKHS AM	Make- ups
KHS 12:30 - 1:00	Poulsbo EL. 12:15 - 3:15		Vinland 1:30 - 2:30	
All times confirmed unless indicated.				



# APPEALS PROCESS

- 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 Sweeny

Please indicate the reason for this appeal and provide a detailed explanation:

- Specific circumstances related to the testing conditions
- Misapplication or miscalculation of scores by the Multidisciplinary Team
- Other (explain)

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information visit our website:

- <http://nkschools.org/learning/hcp>

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