



Welcome!

G/T Testing Orientation
for 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades



Dates of Test

- **3rd and 4th grades**
- Wednesday, February 8th at 9:45 am
- Snow date: Wednesday, February 22nd at 9:45 am
- **5th grade**
- Tuesday, December 6th at 9:45 am
- Snow date: Wednesday, December 14th at 9:45 am



Nominations

- 3rd and 4th Grade
- Advanced level on mathematics portion of MSA
- Participation in above grade level math
- Teachers
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

DUE: November 18th



Nominations

- 5th Grade
- Advanced level on mathematics or reading portion of MSA
- Participation in above grade level mathematics or Language Arts class
- Participation in a Curriculum Extension Unit
- Teachers
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s)
- **Due: October 20th**



Permission Slip

- After all nominations received, we will send, in the mail, a consent form that needs to be signed and returned for your child to take the G/T test.
- The permission slip is due:
 - 5th: Wednesday, October 26th
 - 3rd & 4th: Monday, November 28th



Test Taking Strategies

- Get a good night's sleep
- Eat a filling breakfast
- Answer all questions
- Take an educated guess if you don't know the answer



Test

- School and College Ability Test referred to as SCAT
- Secure test
- It is not an achievement test as is MSA
- It doesn't measure content knowledge
- It is a nationally normed assessment that measures ability in the areas of verbal and quantitative reasoning



Test continued

- You are not able to study for this test!
- The test results do not affect report card grades
- Higher level test, so it is very challenging
- Only 20 minutes to complete the 50 questions



Test: School and College Ability Test (SCAT)

- 3rd and 4th Grades
- One section which is quantitative
- 20 minutes
- Measures a student's understanding of mathematical reasoning
- Compares two mathematical quantities



Test: School and College Ability Test (SCAT)

- 5th Grade
- Two sections: Verbal and Quantitative
- Both sections 20 minutes
- Verbal section measures verbal reasoning through analogies
- Quantitative section measures understanding of number operations by comparing two quantities
- Testing for Science, Social Studies, English, and Math



After the test

- Send scantrons to Central Office
- Letter comes in the mail with the results.
- If a student is eligible sign the consent form for the class for which he/she is eligible.
- If a student is not eligible, you may write a placement review letter.



Placement Reviews

- If you want a placement review you need to:
- Write a formal letter to the Placement Review Committee
- Include information in the letter - grades, why your child might enjoy this class - interests, MSA scores, and written work samples
- Be aware of due dates because there are deadlines



Placement Review Committee

- Made of grade level teachers, G/T Resource Teachers, Administrators
- Meet and discuss the best option for your child
- Middle School expectations
- Results sent home in the mail of Committee's decision



Questions

- Please email us if you have any questions during the testing process.