

Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)

~Mental Abilities Test~

What does CogAT measure?

The *Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)* measures students' learned reasoning abilities in the three areas most linked to academic success in school: Verbal, Quantitative and Nonverbal. –Riverside Publishing

How can I help my child prepare?

- This test measures reasoning skills so critical thinking (logic games and puzzles) activities can help.
- Prep books and practice tests are available online.

How long is the test?

- The CogAT requires approximately 1.5 hours, and is administered over three sessions of ~30 minutes each.

How does a child qualify?

- Minimum qualifying score- 96th percentile on Verbal, Non-Verbal, Quantitative or Composite sections.

Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT-2)

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What does NNAT measure?

NNAT is nonverbal test of general ability commonly used to identify gifted children. The questions on the NNAT are composed of shapes and/or symbols, and require few instructions. –Pearson Assessments

How can I help my child prepare?

- This test measures non-verbal reasoning skills, logic and reasoning activities and games are good preparation.
- Prep books and practice tests are available online.

How long is the test?

- The NNAT requires approximately 30 minutes, and is administered in a single session.

How does a child qualify?

- Minimum qualifying score- 96th percentile on Non-Verbal test.

Please note that this test is a secondary qualifying test in mental ability. It will only be given if your child does not qualify using the CogAT

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

~Achievement Test~

What does MAP measure?

MAP measures a student's math and reading skills.

How can I help my child prepare?

- This test is a test of their understanding of reading and math skills for their age/grade level.
- Spectrum Reading and Math Skills practice test available from Walmart.

How long is the test?

- The MAP requires approximately 1.5 hours.

How does a child qualify?

- Minimum qualifying score- 90th percentile on Reading or Math sections.

All RCS students are given the MAP test in the fall, winter and spring. This test is used as a formative assessment instrument for students in K-8 and helps teachers meet student needs in all academic areas.

Torrance Test of Creative Thinking- Figural Testing (TTCT)

~Creativity Test~

What does TTCT measure?

TTCT measures a child's ability to think creatively. –Scholastic Testing Service

How can I help my child prepare?

- Example of test questions- <http://goo.gl/WgKeZQ>
- Practice with creative tasks such as drawing and arts and crafts may help.

How long is the test?

- The TTCT takes approximately 45 minutes and is administered in a single session.

How does a child qualify?

Minimum qualifying score- 90th percentile on Creativity.

Notes about Gifted Testing

The best preparation for these tests is a good night's sleep and a good breakfast. Please make sure that your child is well rested once you receive your testing schedule.

All preparation materials suggested are best used as "games" rather than serious "test-prep". These tests evaluate underlying cognitive processes and content understanding, so preparation should be **focused only on exposing children to test questions of this type** rather than "teaching a test".

Your child may not require all of this testing, if they have had previous gifted testing in the last two years, please see the accompanying letter for more information.

Most testing will occur online, your child will be exposed to this prior to testing.

The following website has a lot of information on all of these tests, both free and paid resources-

<https://www.testingmom.com/>

Testing for the Gifted Program



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