



# Perth Amboy Public Schools

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Greetings Parents and Guardians:

The Cognitive Abilities Test™ (CogAT®) Form 7 will be administered during the week of **March 7th-10<sup>th</sup>** to **all second grade** and any **new** students to our district who are currently **in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**. The results will be used to recognize signs of giftedness and screen for potentiality in students.

The (CogAT®) score along with other forms of multiple criteria (assessments, teacher recommendations, student work samples, etc) will be used in order to determine, which students will ultimately be served in a gifted classroom next school year.

The (CogAT®) assessment measures students' abilities in reasoning and problem solving using verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal (spatial) symbols. Our students' sequential, inductive and quantitative reasoning abilities will be assessed. These reasoning abilities develop and change over time and are good predictors of school success. This assessment is accessible for English Language Learners (ELL) students and helps to identify student's individual strengths and needs.

If you have any questions, please contact the Dr. Brita A. Woodard, Supervisor of Gifted and Talented or your school building principal.

Thank you, for your support.

Sincerely,

Elementary  
Principal

Dr. Brita A. Woodard,  
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