

FAQ's: CCSD Gifted and Talented Nomination Testing

What is it?

Every year, the CCSD Gifted and Talented Department offers testing for students in grades 3-11 who are nominated to be assessed for gifted identification. *This testing event is separate from the state-wide Grade 2 gifted identification testing that happens in October in which ALL second graders are administered aptitude & achievement tests to determine initial identifications.*

What we refer to as “nomination testing” is aptitude testing that is given to students who have been nominated for possible academic gifted and talented identification. Aptitude is what is evaluated in **Dimension A** of the gifted identification process. Aptitude is different from achievement.

Aptitude (Dimension A)

Indicates how well a child may reason through content/problems they have NOT been explicitly taught

Achievement (Dimension B)

Indicates how well a child retains the content/curriculum they have ALREADY been taught

Who is eligible?

ANY CCSD parent, teacher, administrator, or student can nominate ANY CCSD student in grades 3-11 who has not been previously identified as gifted.

How do I know if a child should be nominated?

We typically recommend nomination testing for students who are:

- considered partially identified and have met dimension B or C previously
- showing signs of talent or growth or may be in need of additional academic challenge
- new to CCSD from another district and:
 - *Have not had the opportunity for aptitude testing previously*
 - *Parents are requesting evaluation for gifted program*
 - *Have strong previous academic data*
 - *The Gifted Department will internally nominate any students who are partially identified in need of Dimension A (Aptitude) testing.*

How can a child be nominated?

Parents, teachers, administrators, or students can use online or paper Nomination Forms:

- PREFERRED - online google form is available on our website [CCSD Gifted and Talented Website](#)
- Paper form - download from our website; return to GT teacher at school level

What tests are used?

CCSD uses the Cognitive Abilities Test Form 7. The test is administered online over the course of 2 days.

When does the testing occur?

- Grades 3-5 will be assessed in September
- Grades 6-12 will be assessed in October

Who can I contact with additional questions?

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