

Naglieri General Abilities Test® (NGAT)

In compliance with the Exceptional Children's Educational Act (ECEA), the Gifted and Talented (GT) Department implements a universal screening each fall semester to aid in the identification and programming of students for the purpose of gifted education services. All DPS students in grades kindergarten, 2nd, and 6th are included in the screening for Gifted and Talented services and/or identification.



WHAT IS THIS ASSESSMENT?

The NGAT consists of multiple choice questions divided into three sections (Verbal Battery, Quantitative Battery, and Nonverbal Battery) that yield age normed scores. The Verbal battery requires students to understand the relationships among six pictures to determine what verbal concept is shared by five of the pictures and which does not represent the concept. The Nonverbal battery requires the student to decipher the logic behind the relationships among shapes, their color, sequences, orientation, etc. to determine which option completes the pattern. The Quantitative battery requires students to examine the relationships, patterns, and sequences among numbers and/or symbols using basic math concepts. No words are presented in any of the batteries.

This test is intended to assess cognitive ability across many student populations, including those with limited educational experiences, those who come from diverse cultural, socioeconomic, and/or linguistic backgrounds, and those who have language disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, or are deaf or hard of hearing.

Testing is in an online format and takes approximately 30 minutes per subtest to administer. The NGAT consists of 40 multiple choice questions per subtest in pictorial form. The test is self-paced, but the students are given 30 minutes in which to complete each battery of the test. Students can check their answers before completing the test.



WHEN IS MY CHILD BEING TESTED?

The NGAT universal screening occurs in the fall semester. Some NGAT testing may occur in the spring for students who were not enrolled in DPS during the fall assessment window.

Families will receive an "Intent to Test" letter prior to the testing date with the dates scheduled at their student's school. NGAT testing will occur at the child's school (if currently enrolled in DPS) or at a site determined by the Gifted and Talented Office (if homeschooled, out-of district, or private school). Please refer to <http://gt.dpsk12.org> for more information.



WHAT SCORE(S) WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE?

The score for the NGAT is reported in a national percentile ranking which compares your student's results to those of a group of students of the same age chosen to be representative of the U.S. population. Percentile rank tells you what percentage of students scored the same or below your student. For example, if a student scores at the 90th percentile, that means that they scored the same or better than 90% of the students of the same age. Percentile ranks range from 1 to 99, and a score at the 50th percentile is average for that student's age.



HOW WILL THESE SCORES BE USED?

The purpose of the NGAT during universal screening is to provide all students in kindergarten, second, and sixth grades with the opportunity to take a cognitive assessment that may result in a qualifying data point toward an overall body of evidence resulting in gifted identification, programming, and/or placement at a highly gifted magnet site. A score in the 95th percentile and above is considered a qualifying data point and also results in the student being eligible to attend a gifted magnet school in DPS. Please note: While this one score does result in magnet eligibility for the purpose of school choice in our district, the state requires additional data to fully be identified as gifted.

For more information on gifted and talented identification, the universal screening process or levels of gifted services offered in Denver Public Schools, please contact the Gifted and Talented teacher at your student's school or visit the Gifted and Talented Department website: <http://gt.dpsk12.org>



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We encourage you to be involved in your child's education. Please reach out to your child's school to learn more about assessment and programming. Reach out to your schools Gifted and Talented Teacher or contact the Gifted and Talented Department at <http://gt.dpsk12.org> or call 720-423-2056.

More Information: Assessments: Visit: <http://assessments.dpsk12.org>

If you have questions or concerns about assessments, please contact your child's school directly or call Family Constituency Services at (720) 423-3054.