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Dear APS family,

Your child has recently completed the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Screening Form. The CogAT Screener is a nationally standardized assessment that measures reasoning and problem-solving skills in verbal, quantitative, and non-verbal areas. CogAT is a K-12 assessment and is useful in measuring students' learned reasoning abilities at any school age.

The attached Profile Narrative summarizes the CogAT Screening results for your child. Scores are reported in percentile scores. Percentile rankings indicate the relative standing of a student in comparison to other students in a particular age normed group. For example, a percentile rank of 75 means that he/she scored better than 75% of all students his/her age in the country. Students who score at or above the 80th percentile or who score high on an individual subtest will be assessed for possible identification in an area of strength.

Throughout life, a student will develop reasoning and problem-solving skills. The CogAT Screener is given to identify relative strengths and weaknesses in specific areas. These results provide the teacher with information to capitalize on a student's strongest areas while building up weaker areas. The CogAT Screener is also one piece of information used to help educators make student placement decisions for advanced learner support.

As with any assessment, this is only one measure of your student's academic performance. It is only through multiple assessments (for example, teacher developed assessments, state and district assessments) that we are able to develop a clearer picture of your student's current level of performance as well as their growth over time.

Thank you for your involvement and commitment to your child's education. If you have any further questions, please contact your school's Gifted and Talented Leader.

Sincerely,
The APS Gifted and Talented Team