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COGAT: IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

CogAt Testing Block: March 1-June 30, 2016

The Related Services office with School Psychologists, GATE Program Office, and IT teams have been working hard putting together the details in order to efficiently roll out the new online identification process.

The BOE approved a new process in the identification of students who are eligible for Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Programs and Services. We are continuing discussions with the GATE Program Manager to further pursue how the GATE identification process will align with the GATE Program.

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS:

In preparation for the new assessment, most schools have identified a set of computers for the roll out of the CogAT testing.

Beginning Feb. 1st, IT will be pushing out the secure browser to the identified computers. It is critical that all site principals work with their school psychologist to identify site computers that will be used for the administration of the CogAt. School Psychologists completed the training on January 26th in preparation for the on-line testing administration. Your site school psychologist will be your point of contact for all identification and appeal questions or needs.

PARTICIPATION:

Grades 2-5 will be tested utilizing the CogAT assessment battery as a component of the multi-criteria GATE identification process. This will include all second graders (universal testing), students new to the district grades 3- 5, and re-test at grade 5.

Students new to the district in grades 6-12 will utilize existing assessment data from their prior districts through the new **“Student Multi-Criterion”** process. **Student’s grades 6 – 12 will not be assessed with the CogAt.** In the past the re-test criteria for 5th grade students included CST scores. Since we no longer have this data, the GATE District team will be determining the new criteria. Once this decision is made, the school psychologists will be notified.

APPEAL PROCESS:

Appeal process parameters should be implemented at each school site. The appeal process is in place to address parent/team concerns, acknowledge special circumstances, and review any additional relevant data not previously captured. The team reviews the available data to make an informed decision. District policy requires “suspected disabilities” to also be considered as relevant data. A decision letter should be placed in the student file with documentation.

PRIVATE/CHARTER SCHOOLS:

Private and Charter school students who reside in our district can register for one of the monthly testing sessions for a \$50.00 fee. Please refer parents to the Related Services office to schedule testing 858-573-5941.

For more information, please contact Program Manager Carrie Rea at crea@sandi.net

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