

To: Families of Referred Fifth Grade Students

From: Dr. Kimberly Beckerdite, Gifted Services Supervisor

Date: September 29, 2023

Re: Fifth Grade Gifted Services Screening for Referred Students

As part of the Plan for the Gifted for Newport News Public Schools, fifth grade students who are referred for gifted services screening will be administered the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT3) in October. This aptitude test is a measure of general ability that requires the student to use reasoning and problem-solving skills. The NNAT3 is a completely nonverbal, culturally neutral multiple-choice assessment. The test features pictorial direction and requires no spoken or written language. Our students will be taking a printed version of the test. This test is timed and students are allowed 30 minutes to complete the assessment.

The NNAT3 test will help us determine if your child needs to be screened to receive gifted services for the 2024-2025 school year. Students who qualify to continue with the gifted screening process will take another aptitude test administered in November 2023. You will receive information regarding your child's NNAT3 test results. If the results indicate that your child qualifies for further screening, you will be contacted regarding the administration of a second aptitude test.

This is an in-person test administered at your child's school. Virtual testing at home is not permitted. If you have any concerns about your child taking the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT3) in October and would prefer your child not to participate in this process, please contact your child's school and speak to the School Testing Coordinator.

**NNAT3 Testing Window:  
October 9-19, 2023**