



January 1, 2021

Dear Principals, School Psychologists, and GATE Coordinators/Lead Teachers,

As schools are coming back into physical instruction, the GATE identification process, including the administration of the CogAt Screener, will also begin. The GATE identification process will determine which students are eligible for GATE programs in 21-22.

We highly recommend that GATE site teams meet to determine their testing dates, equipment and locations for this year's testing. There are three blocks for the CogAt Screener to choose from:

Norming Windows:	Mid-year	December 1 – February 29
	Spring	March 1 – July 31

The GATE department created a reference binder for principals and schools as a reference for the GATE identification and programming process.

Riverside publishing recommends the following testing times for the CogAt:

- Very young students might benefit by waiting until midyear when they are more comfortable with school procedures and are more likely to attend fully to the test tasks.
- Testing in the spring allows school personnel to plan for acceleration or to put the new programs in place by the fall.
- To expedite receipt of test results for a school system and to keep results within the same norming window, test administration at each site should occur on approximately the same dates.
- Ensure that specific testing dates do not conflict with holidays or other testing dates.
- School psychologists will be notified when the test is available.

Technology Recommendations:

- A computer lab or classroom dedicated to GATE assessment.
- If using laptops, use newer versions.
- A desktop dedicated hard-wired computer.
- An Ethernet connection with wireless turned off on the proctor device or test less than 12 students at a time (if experiencing problems). Ethernet cables can be purchased through office depot.

- IT has recommended session of 20 or less students per test session if technology issues persist.
- Align with local and state safety guidelines as the primary decision for group testing.

Results:

At the end of the testing block, results will be available to the Administrator and GATE team to distribute results available through Illuminate.

Private/Charter School Assessment Dates: TBD

Thank you!