

# Private Testing for AIG Qualification

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Union County Public Schools (UCPS) accepts scores from approved nationally-normed aptitude and/or achievement tests administered at the family's expense by a licensed private clinical psychologist outside of UCPS. **Acceptable aptitude/intelligence tests or achievement tests can be found on page 3 of this document.** In order for a student to be considered for gifted identification in UCPS, the following conditions must be met:

- Private tests must be from the approved list starting on page 3.
- Private test scores may only be submitted once per academic year and must be submitted by the psychologist to the AIG Secretary. No other copies of the results will be accepted.
- Written notification of the intent to pursue private testing is required, see the last page.
- Students may only take the same aptitude/intelligence test or achievement test once in a twelve month period. Violation of this rule will result in the child being denied admission to the AIG program.
- For students enrolling in UCPS, private tests must be administered within the past twelve months prior to the date of placement in the desired program.
- For students already enrolled at UCPS, private testing must be administered over the summer or within the first thirty days of school by a licensed North Carolina psychologist outside of UCPS.

Students who, according to their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan, cannot take this type of standardized testing (with or without accommodations or modification or whose necessary accommodations or modifications are not available with, or appropriate for this testing), will be eligible for the gifted program through alternative assessments and/or the alternative pathway.

Students not currently enrolled in school should contact the AIG department to discuss testing options.

If a family elects to pursue private testing at their own expense, a written notification of intent needs to be completed by the parent and sent to the AIG Secretary prior to private testing administration. The intent form serves as written notification to the AIG department that private testing is being pursued. This measure is intended to help parents ascertain the proper window of time for private testing administration and eliminate the opportunity for repeated administration of the same test. Parents are not required to have the psychologist submit the results of private testing to the school system unless they desire to have the scores considered in the identification of the child for AIG services. An official copy of the results must be sent by the licensed private clinical psychologist directly to the AIG Director at Central Office, 400 North Church Street, Monroe, North Carolina, 28112.

If private testing, at the family's expense, is pursued, the written notification of intent and the official results can be emailed directly to [Cynthia.Hogston@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Cynthia.Hogston@ucps.k12.nc.us), the AIG Director.

## New to Union County Public Schools (UCPS)

Students in grades 3-8 arriving in UCPS from other North Carolina districts who were receiving AIG services in their previous district will maintain AIG eligibility. Services will be determined based upon the most recent data. The school-site AIG team will review all information to determine best service delivery match in the new school. Eligibility will be verified through PowerSchool and/or official AIG documentation within 10 business days of receiving verification of the student's previous identification. Additional screening and/or further testing

may be needed to best match the child's needs to our service delivery options. The student's Differentiated Education Plan (DEP) will need to be revised. Parents may need to contact the previous school to request copies of the AIG identification documentation to submit to the school-site AIG team for review.

Students in grades 3-8 arriving in UCPS from districts outside of North Carolina who provide documentation of AIG eligibility in their previous district will be screened for AIG services according to UCPS eligibility criteria within 10 business days of receiving verification of the student's identification as AIG. Parents may need to contact the previous school to request copies of the gifted identification documentation to submit to the school-site AIG team for review.

For students who enroll during the summer months, parents will need to contact via email [aigsummertesting@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:aigsummertesting@ucps.k12.nc.us) and request an AIG screening of student data in the subject line. Please include PDF attachment(s) of the most current student report card, results from any nationally-normed standardized tests, and previous identification documentation (if applicable). In the body of the email include the following information:

- Student full name
- School of enrollment
- UCPS Student ID number
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Race
- Grade level just completed
- Parent's name
- New home address
- Preferred phone number

The AIG summer testing coordinator will review the student's records and determine if any additional testing is needed. Parents will receive a phone call to discuss student data and possibly schedule testing if needed. Although we will try to schedule testing around vacations, camps, moving schedules, etc., our window for summer testing is limited. If testing is completed by early August, every effort will be made to have results available before the beginning of the school year. The results of any testing administered after early August, may be delayed until after the start of school.

### **Approved Tests for Evaluation**

Any student data from these assessments will be used for the purposes of evaluating students for gifted services in Union County Public Schools. The scores needed from each of the assessments is dependent upon the desired area(s) of service for each student. Data points from subtest areas may only be considered for the same area of gifted services. Students must meet multiple local criteria in order to be considered for services and typically need both an aptitude test and an achievement test to qualify for services. All data used for qualifying criteria must be within the past year to be considered current.

Parents can request AIG screening upon enrollment in UCPS. Please request a screening at the school. The screening process evaluates student data to determine next steps. Screening does not guarantee a referral for further testing.

Students need both an Aptitude and an Achievement test. Students must average a 93<sup>rd</sup> percentile or higher for total score and/or a 90<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher on a subtest score (verbal composite and/or nonverbal

composite) on an approved aptitude test. Students must average a 93<sup>rd</sup> percentile or higher for total score (on grade level) on an approved achievement test and/or an “A” in the same content area to qualify for services.

**Testing done outside of Union County Public Schools:** All testing needs to be done by a licensed private clinical psychologist and be an approved, nationally-normed aptitude test and/or nationally-normed achievement test. Tests must have been conducted within the past 12 months. Assessment scores must be received by the AIG Secretary within the first thirty days of the school.

Contact the AIG department for additional questions.

Aptitude Tests	Achievement Tests (Reading & Math)
<p><b>Cognitive Abilities Test, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition (CogAT 7)</b></p> <p><u>Subtests needed:</u> Verbal (V), Quantitative (Q), Nonverbal (N)</p> <p><u>Scores Accepted:</u> National Percentile Rank by Age Group (PR Age Scores) for Verbal, Composite (QN), and Total Composite (VQN)</p>	<p><b>Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS)</b></p> <p><u>Tests needed:</u> Reading and/or Mathematics + Computation</p> <p><u>Scores Accepted:</u> National Percentile Rank for Reading and/or Math Total</p>
<p><b>Inview Assessment of Cognitive Abilities (InView)</b></p> <p><u>Subtests needed:</u> Verbal Reasoning (Words); Verbal Reasoning (Context); Sequences; Analogies; Quantitative Reasoning</p> <p><u>Scores Accepted:</u> National Percentile by Age (NPA) for Total Nonverbal; Total Verbal; Total Score</p>	<p><b>TerraNova, Complete Battery, 3rd Edition (TerraNova 3)</b></p> <p><u>Tests needed:</u> Reading and/or Mathematics</p> <p><u>Scores Accepted:</u> National Percentile for Reading and/or Mathematics</p>
<p><b>Wechsler Intelligence Scales for Children, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition (WISC V)*</b> <i>*for Reading placement consideration only, no composite score available for mathematics subtest.</i></p> <p><u>Subtests Needed:</u> Verbal Comprehension, Visual Spatial, Fluid Reasoning, Working Memory, and Processing Speed</p> <p><u>Scores Accepted:</u> Composite Percentile Rank for Verbal Comprehension (VCI) and Full Scale IQ</p>	<p><b>Wechsler Individual Achievement Test (WIAT III)</b></p> <p><u>Subtests Needed:</u> Word Reading, Reading Comprehension, Pseudoword Numerical Operations, Math Reasoning</p> <p><u>Scores Accepted:</u> Composite Percentile Rank for Reading Total and/or Mathematics</p>
<p><b>Otis-Lennon School Ability Test, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (OLSAT 8)</b></p> <p><u>Scores Accepted:</u> Percentile Rank based on School Ability Index (SAI) for verbal subtest (V); nonverbal subtest (NV); and composite total score (VNV)</p>	<p><b>Stanford Achievement Test Series, 10th Edition (SATs 10)</b></p> <p><u>Tests Needed:</u> Reading Vocabulary + Reading Comprehension Math Problem Solving + Math Procedures</p>

	<p><u>Scores Accepted:</u> Nationally Normed Percentile Rank for Reading Total and/or Mathematics Total</p>
<p><b>Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (NNAT 2)</b> <i>Until December 31, 2017</i></p> <p><b>Starting January 1, 2018</b> <b>Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (NNAT 3)</b></p> <p><u>Scores Accepted:</u> National Percentile Rank based on Naglieri Ability Index (NAI)</p>	<p><b>North Carolina End of Grade (EOG)</b></p> <p><u>Tests needed:</u> Reading and/or Mathematics</p> <p><u>Scores Accepted:</u> Percentile Rank for Reading and/or Mathematics</p>
<p><b>Woodcock Johnson Test of Cognitive Abilities, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition (WJ IV COG)</b></p> <p><u>Subtests Needed from the Standard Battery:</u> Oral Vocabulary, General Information, Number Series, and Concept Formation</p> <p><u>Scores Accepted:</u> National Percentile Rank for Comprehension-Knowledge (GF), Fluid Reasoning (GC) and General Abilities Index (GAI)</p>	<p><b>Woodcock-Johnson Tests of Achievement, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition (WJ IV ACH)</b></p> <p><u>Subtests Needed:</u> Passage Comprehension + Reading Vocabulary and/or Calculation + Math Fluency + Applied Problems</p> <p><u>Scores Accepted:</u> National Percentile Rank for Reading Comprehension and/or Broad Mathematics</p>
<p><b>Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scales, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition (SB5)</b></p> <p><u>Subtests Needed:</u> Fluid Reasoning, Knowledge, Quantitative Reasoning, Visual-Spatial Processing, and Working Memory</p> <p><u>Scores Accepted:</u> National Percentile Rank for Verbal IQ (VIQ), Nonverbal IQ (NVIQ), and Full Scale IQ (FSIQ)</p>	<p><b>Education Record Bureau's (ERB) Comprehensive Testing Program (CTP) Achievement Testing</b></p> <p><u>Tests needed:</u> Reading and/or Mathematics</p> <p><u>Scores Accepted:</u> National Normed Percentile (NN) for Reading and/or Mathematics</p>

# UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AIG DEPARTMENT

## Written Notification of Intent for Private Testing

Written notification of intent for private testing needs to be received by the AIG testing specialist prior to private testing administration. Private testing is done at the family's expense and is not required for consideration during the AIG screening process. This measure is intended to help parents ascertain the proper window of time for the tests to be administered, as well as to assure the validity and accuracy of the results by eliminating the opportunity for repeated administration of the same test. Parents are not required to have the psychologist submit the results of private testing to the school system unless they desire to have them considered in identification of their child for AIG services. An official copy of the results must be sent directly to the AIG Secretary from the licensed private clinical psychologist at Walter Bickett Education Center, Attn: AIG Director, 400 North Church Street, Monroe, North Carolina, 28112.

If this form is being completed for private testing, email it prior to the administration of private testing to [Cynthia.Hogston@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Cynthia.Hogston@ucps.k12.nc.us), the AIG Director.

### Student Information

Today's Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:

☐ Female

☐ Male

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

UCPS School of enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Area(s) of Service Interest:

☐ Reading

☐ Math

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Private Testing Information

Private testing can only be administered by a North Carolina licensed private clinical psychologist.

The most current form of the test must be administered. See list of Gifted Services Approved Tests for Evaluation.

Name of test administrator: \_\_\_\_\_

Date scheduled for testing: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of test: \_\_\_\_\_

Test form/version: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_