



Dear Second Grade Parent/Guardian (Virtual and In-Person),

In October, your second grade student completed the CogAT and Iowa Assessments online. These assessments are used as screeners for qualifying students to participate in our South Carolina Gifted and Talented Program (Challenge). The test results are also used to determine placement in the Charles Townes Center (CTC) at Sterling School for Highly Gifted students. Although the primary purpose of these assessments is to identify students for the Gifted and Talented Programs, students' results can be useful to teachers as they examine their instructional practices to help them identify teaching strategies for all students.

During October's CogAT and Iowa test window, some students at some schools experienced technical issues (e.g., freezing screens, audio issues, omitted software functionality) during the online administration. While school staff resolved many technical issues, allowing students to complete their tests, the testing vendor and the district have deemed some issues to have created disruptions, distractions, or experiences which could compromise the validity of some students' scores. Thus, due to the technical issues some students experienced while completing the tests, **we are offering all students, both virtual and in-person, the opportunity to retake both the CogAT and Iowa tests during the January testing window, January 4-13.**

Testing Schedule

Test	Test Date	Test	Test Date
CogAT Verbal Battery	January 4, 2022	Iowa Reading	January 7, 2022
CogAT Quantitative Battery	January 5, 2022	Iowa Math	January 7, 2022
CogAT Nonverbal Battery	January 6, 2022		

*Note: If your student is absent or you choose not to have your student participate, **no other test opportunities will be offered.***

During all retesting/make-up testing opportunities in January, students will test via paper and **not** online. When determining eligibility for Gifted and Talented programs, including CTC, students' highest scores from either the October or January administrations will be considered. If your child is absent during the January testing window, scores from the October administration will be used to determine Gifted and Talented eligibility. Scores from the October administrations are not available at this time.

If you have questions regarding your child's retesting, please contact Tracy Winetroub, Instructional Coach and School Testing Coordinator at twinetroub@greenville.k12.sc.us.

All 2nd grade students will be provided the opportunity to retake the CogAT and Iowa Assessments. If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to retest, please complete and sign (on reverse) and return this form to your child's school by **November 19**,

Sincerely,

Kristy Qualls, Principal

January CogAT and Iowa Retesting Opportunity

Student's First and Last Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

By signing, I acknowledge that **I DO NOT** want my child to retake the CogAT and Iowa assessments. I understand this will be the only opportunity for my child to retake these assessments.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____