



September 29, 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Students in second grade will be administered the CogAT and Iowa assessments as part of South Carolina's Grade 2 Gifted and Talented Assessment Program. SC State Board Regulation 43-220 requires districts to test all enrolled students (in-person and virtual). Testing is conducted at the student's enrolled elementary school.

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. Complete criteria for Challenge and CTC can be found on the Greenville County Schools website: <https://sites.google.com/greenvilleschools.us/gifted-talented/gt-criteria>.

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 and can help them identify teaching strategies for all students.

Testing will take place on the following dates.

Test	Dates
CogAT (5 Subtests)	Monday, October 10
CogAT (4 Subtests)	Tuesday, October 11
Iowa Reading	Wednesday, October 12
Iowa Math	Thursday, October 13

While these tests are untimed, most students will finish CogAT testing in about one and a half hours and Iowa testing in about one hour (breaks will be provided as needed). Students will complete the CogAT and Iowa assessments on paper.

Please ensure your student is on-time each day, and refrain from scheduling any early dismissals or appointments on test days.

If you have questions regarding the CogAT/Iowa testing program, please contact Erin McCauley at 355-5411 or at [emccaule@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:emccaule@greenville.k12.sc.us). If you have questions about the Gifted and Talented Program and/or CTC, please contact Jane Snyder at 355-4821 or at [jsnyder@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:jsnyder@greenville.k12.sc.us).

Sincerely,

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Principal

