



October 5, 2020

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 district to test all enrolled students (in-person and virtual attendance plans). Testing is conducted at the student's enrolled elementary school.

We encourage your child to test, as these assessments are screeners for qualifying 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](#). If you have questions about the Gifted and Talented Program and/or CTC, please contact Jane Snyder at 355-4821.

Although the primary purpose of these assessments is to identify students for the Gifted and Talented Programs, student results can be useful to teachers as they examine their instructional practices and can help them identify teaching strategies for all students,

We have scheduled your student to participate in the CogAT and Iowa assessments on the following dates*. **Please report at 8:15 AM each day.** As a reminder, parents of GCSVP students must provide transportation on all test days. Students may bring personal water bottles (pre-filled) and snacks.

Testing Dates

- CogAT: November 2 and November 4 (must attend both days)
- Iowa: November 5

Makeup Testing Dates

- CogAT: November 9 and November 10
- Iowa: November 11

**Due to the uncertainty of and impact surrounding COVID-19 affecting schools' schedules, all dates are subject to change.*

If you do **not** want your child to participate in this testing opportunity or have questions, please contact [Tracy Winetroub](#) by Tuesday, October 13. This will be the only opportunity students have this year to take the CogAT and Iowa assessments.

Sincerely,

Kristy Qualls, Principal