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## **PLEASE READ! CHANGE from original letter!**

October 12, 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 districts 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: <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, 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. **The schedule was changed due to the change in attendance days announced on October 7, 2020.**

<b>In-Building Students to Test</b>	<b>Test</b>	<b>Dates*</b>
<b>All in-building 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders</b>	<b>CogAT Day #1</b>	<b>Monday, October 26</b>
	<b>CogAT Day #2</b>	<b>Tuesday, October 27</b>
<b>All in-building 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders</b>	<b>Iowa Day #1</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 28</b>
<b>All in-building 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders</b>	<b>Make-Up Day #1</b>	<b>Thursday, October 29</b>
	<b>Make-Up Day #2</b>	<b>Friday, November 1</b>

Virtual Students to Test	Test	Dates*
<b>Blue/Green Virtual Students</b> Blue Group - Last Name A-D Green Group - Last Name L-Q	CogAT Day #1 <b>VIRTUAL - Pick-up students at 10:15 am in Taylors Elementary Car Line*</b>	Wednesday, October 21
<b>Blue/Green Virtual Students</b> Blue Group - Last Name A-D Green Group - Last Name L-Q	CogAT Day #2 <b>VIRTUAL - Pick-up students at 9:00 am in Taylors Elementary Car Line*</b>	Monday, October 26
	Iowa Day #1 <b>VIRTUAL - Pick-up students at 10:15 am in Taylors Elementary Car Line*</b>	Wednesday, October 28
	Make-Up Day #1	Monday, November 2
	Make-Up Day #2	Wednesday, November 4
<b>Red/Purple Virtual Students</b> Red Group - Last Name E-K Purple Group - Last Name R-Z	CogAT Day #1 <b>VIRTUAL - Pick-up students at 10:15 am in Taylors Elementary Car Line*</b>	Thursday, October 22
<b>Red/Purple Virtual Students</b> Red Group - Last Name E-K Purple Group - Last Name R-Z	CogAT Day #2 <b>VIRTUAL - Pick-up students at 9:00 am in Taylors Elementary Car Line*</b>	Tuesday, October 27
<b>Red/Purple Virtual Students</b> Red Group - Last Name E-K Purple Group - Last Name R-Z	Iowa Day #1 <b>VIRTUAL - Pick-up students at 10:15 am in Taylors Elementary Car Line*</b>	Thursday, October 29

	<b>Make-Up Day #1</b>	<b>Thursday, November 5</b>
	<b>Make-Up Day #2</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 10</b>

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

## **Parents of GCSVP students must provide transportation on all test days.**

Students may bring personal water bottles (pre-filled), snacks, a book to read, and two #2 pencils. Please have students at Taylors Elementary by 7:45 am each morning of testing.

To ensure that the students perform to the best of their ability, we need your assistance with the following during testing:

- **Make sure your child gets plenty of rest at night.**
- **Make sure your child eats a nourishing breakfast.**
- **Make every effort to have your child in school. We have a very limited makeup schedule, and it is important that your child take all of the sub-tests in order to have a complete score.**
- **Make sure your child is at school on time. Although testing will not begin until 8:00 A.M., there are many things the teachers and students will have to do each morning before testing begins.**
- **Make sure your child wears comfortable clothing and leaves watches and other items at home that may be distracting.**

If you do **not** want your child to participate in this testing opportunity or have questions, please contact **Monica Brackett** at 355-7462 or [mbracket@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:mbracket@greenville.k12.sc.us). This will be the only opportunity students have this year to take the CogAT and Iowa assessments. 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,

Rhonda Rhodes