*“I want to know the best way to get into Summa.” ~many parents*

There are several options and it is a family choice on what you decide.

Some basic rules to keep in mind:

1. Testing recommendation is determined by teachers through the Kingore observation inventory. Parents are welcome to have input via the parent information form, which is helpful for teachers to know of the parent interest. A parent input form does not mean your child will be tested automatically.
2. A student qualifies for Summa with 4th or 5th grade scores on the ITBS or COGAT only. SBAC Scores are not considered.
3. Tests can only be given every two years. Students may not take tests every year to see if they qualify for Summa and/or TAG.
4. COGAT screener will be given in the fall of 2018 to all 3rd and 5th graders which is a change from previous years.
5. At the school level, we are responsible for identifying students as TAG, once they are in TAG in a certain area, we do not test them again in that area. The district will test again in the fall of 5th grade for TAG students to qualify for Summa.

Some scenarios:

1. Your child is recommended for TAG testing in grades K-3.

* If they qualify for TAG, then they will no longer be tested in that area at the building level. For example, if they are TAG identified in reading, they will not take a reading test again at Findley even if they need it for Summa qualification. However, they will be identified as TAG which will automatically qualify them to take the tests for Summa in 5th grade through the district.
* You decide not to test, decline the testing and wait until 4th or 5th grade. In this scenario, please remember there is no guarantee the upper grades will recommend the student for testing. It is highly recommended you fill out a parent information form in the fall to express your interest, although this does not guarantee they will be tested.
* If your child is performing at a higher level in class, your child’s needs will be met at Findley whether they have a TAG identification or not. Students who are identified as TAG are then labeled as such and both the parents and teachers make a plan to make sure the needs are met.

2. Take the tests in 4th grade.

* If the child does not pass the tests at a 97% or above, there will be  NO further opportunity for Summa testing, students will not be  able to take the test again in 5th grade.
* The child passes the tests at a 97% or above, but does not meet the  criteria of 97% and 99% on two different tests. Since they are now qualified as TAG, they will be invited to test for Summa in the fall of 5th grade through the district.
* Passes the test with a 97% and 99% on two tests, automatically qualifies for Summa.