**Talented and Gifted**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Do I have to fill out a parent form and will my child automatically get tested if I do?**

* Testing is based on three components:
	+ Teacher observation through the Kingore Inventory
	+ Student performance in the classroom
	+ Parent Input is considered.
* A parent input form by itself will not necessarily include the child for testing, but

 can be a piece of the process.

**Can my child study for the test?**

* These tests are meant to measure student’s true raw potential. Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and eats a healthy breakfast.

**Can my child be tested in more than one area?**

* Yes, they can be tested for reading, math and/or intellect.

**When will my child be tested?**

* Testing occurs in November. Students will be pulled out of class to take the tests they qualify for.
* The COGAT screener for 3rd & 5th grade will be in mid October

**What if you are absent when the test is given?**

* Students will be given the test within the testing window or be picked up to test in the spring for the COGAT or ITBS

**When will we know the results?**

* Results are returned to the school sometime in February. Results are sent to parents about 2 weeks after they arrive at the school. During that two weeks, the TAG committee interprets data and determines who qualifies based on the test results.

**Can my child be retested?**

* Students may be retested for TAG every two years.

**How long is my child TAG?**

* Once a child is identified as TAG, they are TAG for life. There is no need to retest later in the child’s school career.

**If my child qualifies for TAG will they go to a special class or be treated differently?**

* Once a student is identified as TAG, they will not go to a special class. Teachers will work with parents to develop a TAG plan to differentiate instruction to meet the student’s needs.

**How do I make my child TAG?**

* A child can be a high achiever, gifted or creative. These are qualities that come with our children and cannot be learned. Try this link to see the differences: http://www.bertiekingore.com/high-gt-create.htm

**Does my child have to go to Summa if they qualify?**

* No, students have many options for middle school and may choose which one will fit them best

**Can my child be tested for Summa?**

* The district office will test 5th graders who are already identified as TAG to see if they qualify for Summa. They will send a postcard in October to take a test with them.

**How do SBAC test scores affect Summa or TAG qualification?**

* SBAC test scores are not used as a qualifying assessment for Summa or TAG.