



Westfield Washington Schools

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Sherry L. Grate, Ed.D., Superintendent

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Dear Parent/Guardian of a 6th grade student,

Your child participated in the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) this spring. The test assessed students' abilities in reasoning and problem solving using verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal symbols. The verbal area corresponds to language arts concepts, the quantitative area corresponds to math concepts, and the nonverbal area corresponds to reasoning and spatial concepts.

Enclosed is a report that shows how well your child did and an overall score comparing nationally against children of the same age and grade level. An overview and narratives provide additional details about your child's performance with information on areas of strengths and opportunities for growth.

A combination of scores from the Spring NWEA and CogAT are used to determine high ability. Please note that once a student is identified as high ability in either math, language arts, or both, they will continue to have access to high ability curriculum instruction. High ability may consist of cluster grouping, flexible grouping within a grade level team, and differentiation by the classroom teacher. There is emphasis on above grade level work and enrichment opportunities. Continuation with services is contingent upon your child's academic progress and task commitment.

As we strive to meet the instructional needs of all students using multiple sources of information, your child will continue to receive the appropriate levels of instruction this year and will be placed based on those needs at WMS next year. As students continue at WMS, and WHS, there are additional opportunities to enter accelerated and advanced courses. For example, PSAT results are used in 9th-11th grades to identify students who are ready for Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

Your child is qualified as high ability in the areas of:

Language Arts Math Both Language Arts and Math Did not qualify

If you have questions, please contact the following:

- Classroom placement: Valerie Love, WMS Assistant Principal;
- High ability programming: Brooke Watkins, Director of Secondary Curriculum, Instruction, and Talent Development, 317-867-8034; or
- Testing program, Lynn Schemel, Director of Organizational Systems, Assessment, and Analysis, 317-867-8004.

Thank you for your continued partnership in the success of your child.

Sincerely,

Annette Patchett, Principal of Westfield Intermediate School