

Wilson Elementary & Primary School

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

Dear Wilson Families.

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! My name is Stacie Chambers. I am the Dean of Students at Wilson Elementary School and will be providing pull-out services for our Gifted students. I have 13 years of experience working in Education, as a former teacher, specializing in Gifted Education, and most recently as a School Counselor. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with you and your student(s) this school year.

A "gifted" student is defined as, a student who demonstrates superior intellect or advanced learning ability. Students must qualify as gifted by scoring in the 97th percentile or higher on a national normed abilities test. Wilson uses the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) to identify gifted students. You are receiving this letter for one or more of the reasons below:

**Your student has previously been identified as gifted (as determined by ARS §15-779) in one or more of the
areas listed below and will receive 45 minutes of pull-out services on Tuesday's at 9:00am on campus.
 Verbal Reasoning - Flexibility, fluency, and adaptability in reasoning with verbal materials and in
solving verbal problems.
 Quantitative Reasoning - Math reasoning.
 Non-Verbal Reasoning - Problem solving and reasoning through the use of visual and spatial based
questions.

Your student has been referred by their teacher or other school staff to participate in Gifted testing.

You have requested that your student participates in Gifted testing.

**NOTE: If your student has already been identified as "gifted", you do not need to do anything further at this time and your student will start receiving services effective on Monday, September 9, 2024.

Wilson School District must obtain permission from a parent/guardian in order to evaluate a student. Enclosed, you will find a copy of the "Parent Permission To Test Form". <u>Please sign the included form and have your student return the form to their homeroom teacher no later than Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Gifted Testing will take place on Thursday, September 12, 2024 during the school day.</u>

Warm_regards,

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PARENT PERMISSION TO TEST FOR GIFTED SERVICES

A gifted child is one who demonstrates superior intellect or ability in verbal, quantitative, and/or non-verbal reasoning. Eligibility for gifted services is determined by Arizona Revised Statutes §15-779. In order for services to be provided in WSD, a student must first be assessed using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT).

It has been recommended that your child be eva	luated for gifted services. I	Evaluation is scheduled to
begin the week of	Please provide all inform	ation requested below and
return the form to your child's homeroom teacher a	s soon as possible.	
Child's Name:	Birth date:	Grade
School: Home	eroom Teacher:	
Parent/Guardian:		·
Home Address:		·
Email Address:		
Phone: Home ()	Work ()	
Please place an X next to one of the choices below:		
[] I give permission for my child to be evaluate	ted for gifted services	
[] I do <u>NOT</u> give my permission for my child t	to be evaluated for gifted se	rvices.
Parent/Guardian Signature:		Date: