



Noblesville Schools High Ability Identification Process for 2025–26

Academic Achievement - NWEA MAP Growth

Achievement Overview: All K-8 students take NWEA MAP Growth in reading and math during the fall of the school year. All K-2 students also take NWEA in the winter and spring. Grades 3-6 students will take NWEA MAP Growth in the winter based on meeting established percentiles on previous administrations that will be content specific. Grades 7 and 8 students will only take NWEA MAP Growth in the fall of the school year.

- Students may qualify for high ability services through academic achievement in the area of English/Language Arts, Math, or both.
- National norms and percentile ranks (PR) for NWEA MAP Growth are used to identify high ability students in academic achievement.

Kindergarten

Students in kindergarten are identified as eligible for services with a PR of 99 on both current year fall and current year winter MAP Growth K-2. **All kindergarteners take the MAP Growth K-2 in reading and math. Note: Spring MAP Growth K-2 will be factored in 2026-27 identification process.**

Grade 1

Students in first grade are identified as eligible for services by meeting or exceeding the criteria as follows:

- ELA: PR of 99 on two of the most recent three test administrations of MAP Growth K-2 (previous year spring, current year fall, current year winter). **All first graders take the MAP Growth K-2 in reading.**
- Math: PR of 98 or higher on two of the most recent three test administrations of MAP Growth K-2 Math (previous year spring, current year fall, current year winter). **All first graders take the MAP Growth K-2 in math.**

Grade 2

Students in grade 2 are identified as eligible for services on two of the most recent three test administrations (previous year spring, current year fall, current year winter) by meeting or exceeding the criteria as follows:

- ELA or Math: PR of 95 or higher on both current year fall and current year winter on MAP Growth 2-5.
- ELA: PR of 95 or higher on either current year fall or current year winter on MAP Growth 2-5 AND PR of 99 previous year spring MAP Growth K-2.
- Math: PR of 95 or higher on either current year fall or current year winter on MAP Growth 2-5 AND PR of 98 or higher previous year spring MAP Growth K-2.

Grades 3-5

Students in grades 3-5 are identified as eligible for services with a PR of 95 or higher on two of the most recent three test administrations of MAP Growth 2-5 by meeting the criteria as follows: **All students in grades 2-5 take the MAP Growth 2-5 in reading and math.**

- ELA or Math: PR of 95 or higher on both current year fall and previous year spring (grade 3) or previous year winter (grades 4-5)
- ELA or Math: PR of 95 or higher on both current current year *winter and current year fall. (grades 3-5)
- ELA or Math: PR of 95 or higher on both current year winter* and previous year spring (grade 3) or previous year winter (grades 4-5)

**NOTE: Students will only take NWEA MAP Growth in the winter if they have one PR of 95 or higher on previous year spring (grade 3)/previous year winter (grades 4-5) or current year fall in either or both content areas. Students who have a PR of 95 or higher on both previous year spring/previous year winter and current year fall will already be eligible for services.*

Cognitive Potential - Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)

Cognitive Potential Overview: All students in grades K, 2, and 5 who have not already qualified for high ability services in both ELA and Math will be evaluated for cognitive potential that was not indicated by achievement testing.

- Students in grades K, 2, and 5 will take the CogAT screener, a short version of the Cognitive Abilities Test. Those with a national age PR of 80 or higher on this screener will then take the post-screener CogAT.
- Students with CogAT national age PR of 95 or higher are eligible for services as follows:
 - Verbal score (V) for ELA
 - Quantitative/Nonverbal (QN) Composite score for Math

Middle School Math (Grade 6) - Orleans-Hanna Algebra Prognosis Test

Orleans Hanna Overview: Students take the Orleans-Hanna Algebra Prognosis test (O-H) if they earn an A in Math 6 and at least 80 on NWEA Math in either fall or *winter, or are in Math 6 Advanced or Math 6 Accelerated. **NOTE: Winter NWEA MAP Growth will only be given to those grade 6 students who have earned an A and fall below the PR of 80 in the fall.*

- Students in Math 6 who score at or above the benchmark of 30 on the O-H will be considered for Pre-algebra.
- Students in Math 6 Accelerated who earn an A, score at or above 45 on the O-H and at least 95 on NWEA, will be considered for Algebra 1.
- Students not already identified as High Ability in math will be identified if they meet the O-H benchmark of 45 and their NWEA math PR is 95 or above.

Other Information

• NWEA scores for all students are reviewed each year to identify students who are achieving at an exceptional level in English Language Arts, Math, or both. Cognitive potential is evaluated in grades K, 2, and 5 for all students who have not already qualified for high ability services. Therefore, all students are considered equally, and special requests for additional evaluation are unnecessary.

• Evidence suggesting that the identification process produced an inaccurate result may be submitted to the Noblesville Schools High Ability Coordinator, Lauren Smith. This submission must include a cover letter along with evidence of high achievement or potential in addition to classroom grades (if applicable), ILEARN and NWEA scores, scales, and any additional evidence that supports the requests.

Note: Assessments, benchmark scores, and timelines may be adjusted without notice in response to changing circumstances.

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