

MEMO



From: PPS TAG Department

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Subject: ACCESS Academy Eligibility Assessments

Portland Public Schools (PPS) uses a set of nationally normed assessments to determine student eligibility for the ACCESS Academy lottery. Students must demonstrate performance at the 99th percentile or above in **Reading, Math, and/or Cognitive Ability** on one of the assessments listed below.

- Applicants must have a **composite (not sub-test) score** at the **99th percentile** or higher in Reading, Math, or Cognitive Ability.
- Scores from **any academic year** may be considered.
- To qualify, assessments must meet the following requirements:
 - The test must be **proctored by an independent, qualified professional**.
 - Submitted documentation must include a **full score report generated by the assessment vendor** (summaries from psychologists or other professionals cannot be accepted without the score report).

Predetermination of Eligibility

Families of students currently enrolled in 1st through 7th grades who have a qualifying score on a district-administered assessment (marked with an asterisk (*) below) will be notified of their eligibility to apply in time for the ACCESS Lottery. Those families will not need to submit additional eligibility documentation, should they decide to submit an application for the lottery.

Families of students applying for the ACCESS lottery whose students are not predetermined as eligible must submit documentation of a qualifying assessment score.

Assessments Accepted for ACCESS Academy Eligibility

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| ● Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) | ● Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) |
| ● Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) | ● Stanford-Binet Achievement Test |
| ● iReady Math Diagnostic* | ● Wechsler Individual Achievement Test (WIAT) |
| ● Kaufman Test of Educational Achievement | ● Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC) |
| ● MAP Growth (NWEA)* – note: this differs from MAP Fluency | ● Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence (WPPSI) |
| ● Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT)* | ● Woodcock-Johnson Tests of Cognitive Abilities |
| ● Naglieri General Ability Test (Verbal, Nonverbal, or Quantitative)* | |