We'll start at 8:15 !



WELCOME

Principal's Coffee



Agenda

1. Gifted Testing, Eligibility, Service Model
2. Volunteering
3. School Resource Officer, Patricia Bartee

Gifted Eligibility (GATE)



Gifted + Talented Education

Our Vision

Gifted and Talented Education in Atlanta Public Schools will architect globally competitive, critical, and creative thinkers of the 21st Century.

Our Mission

Through advocacy and innovation, the unique needs of gifted and talented students will be recognized, valued, and nurtured so their inspired minds are equipped to change the world.

Identifying | Serving | Enriching | Supporting

APS GATE Website

Assessment Cycle



Offering Cycle for Full Battery of GATE Assessments

1. Offer All Gate Assessments

2. If Ineligible sit out three semesters (monitored for district scores)

3. Offer All GATE Assessments

- ES ineligible students sit out three semesters
- MS/HS ineligible students sit out three semesters (only receive one year of testing in HS)

Fall Year 1	Spring Year 1	Fall Year 2	Spring Year 2	Fall Year 3	Spring Year 3
MS and HS Full Battery	ES Full Battery	MS/HS sit out	MS/HS sit out	MS and HS Full Battery	ES Full Battery
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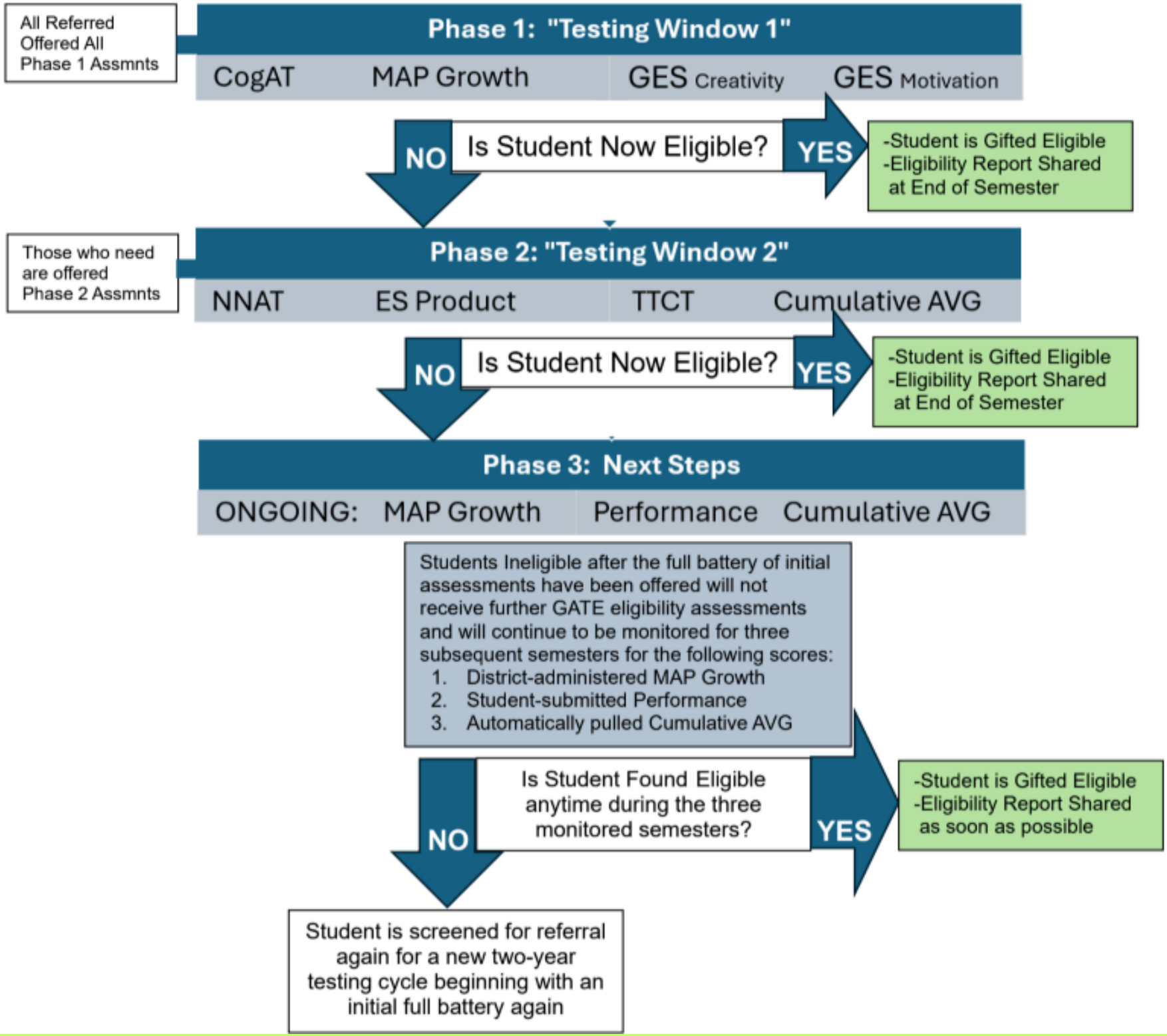
All Referred Offered All Phase 1 Assmnts
Phase 1: "Testing Window 1"
CogAT
MAP Growth
GES Creativity
GES Motivation
NO
Is Student Now Eligible?
YES
-Student is Gifted Eligible
-Eligibility Report Shared at End of Semester
Those who need are offered Phase 2 Assmnts
Phase 2: "Testing Window 2"
NNAT
ES Product
TTCT
Cumulative AVG
NO
Is Student Now Eligible?
YES
-Student is Gifted Eligible
-Eligibility Report Shared at End of Semester
Phase 3: Next Steps
ONGOING:
MAP Growth
Performance
Cumulative AVG
Students Ineligible after the full battery of initial assessments have been offered will not receive further GATE eligibility assessments and will continue to be monitored for three subsequent semesters for the following scores:
1. District-administered MAP Growth
2. Student-submitted Performance
3. Automatically pulled Cumulative AVG
NO
Is Student Found Eligible anytime during the three monitored semesters?
YES
-Student is Gifted Eligible
-Eligibility Report Shared as soon as possible
Student is screened for referral again for a new two-year testing cycle beginning with an initial full battery again

Assessments



State Area of Assessment	Initial Assessment		Additional Assessment	Additional Option	Additional Option	Additional Option
	Offered to ALL referred students initially		**Offered only to students who need the additional assessment**	**Offered only when additional option needed**	**Offered only when additional option needed**	**Offered only when additional option needed**
MENTAL ABILITY	Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Student-completed		Naglieri Nonverbal Abilities Test (NNAT) Student-completed	Referral for Individual Psychological Student-completed, APS Psychologist		
ACHIEVEMENT	NWEA MAP Growth Test (MAP) Student-completed			Student Performance Student-completed, Parent-submitted	Elementary Student Product (Grades K-5) Student-completed	
CREATIVITY	Gifted Evaluation Scales (GES) Teacher-completed by Two Teachers		Torrance Test of Creative Thinking (TTCT) Student-completed	Student Performance Student-completed, Parent-submitted	Elementary Student Product (Grades K-5) Student-completed	
MOTIVATION	Gifted Evaluation Scales (GES) Teacher-completed by Two Teachers			Student Performance Student-completed, Parent-submitted	Elementary Student Product (Grades K-5) Student-completed	Two-Year Core Cumulative Average (Grades 6-10) Automatically applied

Timeline



ES Gifted Testing Calendar, 2025-26 – **Grades K through 5**

JAN

13	**Contacts Approve Spring 2025 Referred Roster in APS Portal** **-All students are automatic referrals and the portal will create the roster**
15-23	**Portal sends automatic parent consent invitation email only to parents who do not currently possess a two-year consent on file**
28	**Testing Window 1 Opens for CogAT and GES** (2 weeks)

FEB

11	**Testing Window 1 Closes for CogAT and GES**
23	**Testing Window 2 Opens for NNAT, TTCT, ES Product** (3 weeks)

MAR

13	**Testing Window 2 Closes for NNAT, TTCT, and ES Product**
13	**Remember to Turn in any desired Performance Scores with documentation**

Timeline



APR

03	**ES Product Scoring Window Closes**
15	**Eligibility Status for All Students in Portal** (Goal. Must wait for TTCT scores)
16	**Eligibility Team Meeting Window Opens** (3 weeks)

MAY

08	**Eligibility Team Meeting Window Closes**
15	**Contacts/Schedulers have all parents informed and students scheduled for next school year (Fall start for all students)**

Gifted Model



Resource Model

- Gifted eligible students are pulled 1 day a week to gifted classroom for instruction.

Cluster Grouping Model

- All gifted eligible students recieve gifted instruction from their gifted endorsed homeroom teacher.



- Phased approach
- 1 grade level per year
- Starting with 1st grade in 2025-26
- By 2027-28, we should be able to hire a Gifted Instructional Coach!
- Every classroom at Mary Lin is a Gifted classroom.

Volunteer Levels



No Formal Volunteer Clearance Needed	Level 3 Volunteer
Volunteering in any capacity where you may interact with or supervise students **with a staff member present.**	Volunteering in any capacity where you may interact with or supervise students **without a staff member present.**
Lunch Visitors, Class Party Helpers, Mystery Readers, Media Center & STEAM Lab Volunteers, PTO Volunteers	Field Trip and 5th Grade Trip Chaperones, Staff Holiday Party Volunteers

Level 3 Clearance



How do I become a Level 3 Volunteer?

Fill out the Volunteer Interest Form so Ms. Wheeler can get you started!

Then, you'll need to...

- Fill out the **Volunteer Release Form.**
- Fill out the **Background Check Release Form.**
- Make a copy of your ID (DL or a valid Passport).
- Pay $45 to APS.

Volunteer Interest Form

Safety & Security



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