

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Advanced Studies
2026-2027 Gifted Assessment Windows

Dates	Assessment	Grade Level(s)	Purpose	Locations
September 8-October 1, 2026	Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) & Iowa Assessments	2nd	Universal screening with nationally-normed abilities test, continue 2nd grade screening process with Iowa for those who meet criteria.	All CMS elementary schools with 2nd graders
December 1, 2026 - February 26, 2027	Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)	3rd, 4th, & 5th	Screen 3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade students for gifted identification. Students are selected by AIG Site-Based Committees at schools for screening or rescreening. <i>A period of 24 months must pass before students can be rescreened by our district.</i>	CMS elementary schools with 3rd, 4th, or 5th graders
January 25-29, 2027	Portfolio Scoring	2nd	Score portfolios in combination with other data points to determine gifted eligibility for students who meet traditional criteria.	Virtual
March 1-March 19, 2027	Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) & Iowa Assessments	2nd	Provide abilities testing for new-to-CMS 2nd graders who missed initial fall screening, continue screening process with Iowa for students who meet criteria.	CMS elementary schools with new-to-CMS 2nd graders
March 15-19, 2027	Portfolio Scoring	2nd	Score portfolios in combination with other data points to determine gifted eligibility for students who meet specific criteria with one or more factors, per our AIG Plan.	Virtual
May 10-12, 2027	Portfolio Scoring	2nd	Score new-to-CMS portfolios in combination with other data points to determine gifted eligibility for students who meet traditional and specific criteria with one or more factors, per our AIG Plan.	Virtual
April-May 2027	Gifted Rating Scales	1st	Universal informal assessment screening for all 1st grade students. This begins the screening process for CMS students.	All CMS elementary schools with 1st graders