



FAIRFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

GRADE 2 GIFTED & TALENTED IDENTIFICATION TESTING

Fall 2026 | CogAT + Iowa Assessments

ALL ENROLLED SECOND-GRADE STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE

Testing is required by SC State Board Regulation 43-220 and takes place online at each student's school.

COGAT

OCTOBER 6-8, 2026

The CogAT is a nationally standardized aptitude test that estimates the likelihood of a student's success in certain academic areas.

DIMENSION A • APTITUDE

IOWA

OCTOBER 20-21, 2026

The Iowa is a nationally standardized test that measures students' performance in reading and mathematics.

DIMENSION B • ACHIEVEMENT

WHAT WILL STUDENTS COMPLETE?

COGAT: Verbal Battery • Nonverbal Battery • Quantitative Battery

IOWA: Reading Comprehension • Math Concepts & Estimation • Math Problem-Solving

GIFTED & TALENTED IDENTIFICATION CRITERIA

STUDENTS MUST QUALIFY IN TWO OF THREE DIMENSIONS

To qualify, your child must earn a CogAT total (composite) score of 96 or higher, or score 93 or higher on the verbal, nonverbal, or quantitative portion of CogAT and 94 or higher on either the math or reading portion of the Iowa assessment.

If your child meets one of these areas, they may qualify to take the Performance Task in February. For second grade, the qualifying Performance Task score is 16 or higher in verbal or nonverbal performance.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact your child's school for additional information.

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