



DEER VALLEY
Unified School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each year Deer Valley Unified School District offers the opportunity for students to complete testing to determine eligibility for additional accelerated or gifted services.

This year, Deer Valley is sponsoring universal gifted testing for first grade students between November 9th and December 11th.

First grade students will complete the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). The CogAT is a state-approved assessment that measures students' Verbal, Quantitative, and Nonverbal abilities. This opportunity will be provided to all 1st grade students registered in Deer Valley Unified School District. No additional registration is required.

If you do NOT want your child tested for gifted services, you have the option to decline testing by submitting a request on our [DVUSD Gifted Services Website](#). Alternately, you may click [HERE](#) to access the form directly. If you wish to decline testing, complete the online request by Friday, October 30th.

Gifted Services is dedicated toward meeting the needs of all DVUSD students. If we may support your family, please contact our office: Giftedservices@dvUSD.org

Sincerely,

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