



Elementary Gifted Services Identification Criteria Grades 3-5



Gifted Services are available in two areas: verbal and non-verbal. Verbal classes will incorporate reading standards. Non-verbal classes will incorporate mathematics and science standards.

Student data is reviewed in the spring to qualify for service(s) for the following year using the criteria below.

To qualify for Verbal Gifted Services for grades 3-5, students must meet ONE of the following criteria:

- A CogAT Verbal (V) score of 122 or above **AND** one fall/spring NWEA in Reading in the 80th percentile or above (within the past year); OR
- A CogAT Verbal (V) score of 116-121 **AND** one fall/spring NWEA in Reading in the 95th percentile or above (within the past year); OR
- Two NWEA scores of 95th percentile or above out of the last three fall/spring NWEAs in Reading; OR
- Portfolio process - These portfolios must be requested through your building gifted services specialist and are completed in school.

To qualify for Non-verbal Gifted Services for grades 3-5, students must meet ONE of the following criteria:

- A CogAT Quantitative + Non-verbal (Q+NV) score of 122 or above **AND** one fall/spring NWEA in Math in the 80th percentile or above (within the past year); OR
- A CogAT Quantitative + Non-verbal (Q+NV) score of 116-121 **AND** one fall/spring NWEA in Math in the 95th percentile or above (within the past year); OR
- Two NWEA scores of 95th percentile or above out of the last three fall/spring NWEAs in Math; OR
- Portfolio process - These portfolios must be requested through your building gifted services specialist and are completed in school.

What is the CogAT?

The Cognitive Abilities Test assesses students' reasoning and problem solving abilities in three areas: verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal (spatial) symbols. This assessment is administered to all students in grades 2 and 4.

What is the NWEA?

The NWEA assesses students' academic achievement. Gifted Services uses the national percentile rank for identification. This assessment is administered to all students in grades K-8, in fall and spring.

What is a Portfolio?

A portfolio is a series of open-ended questions and tasks that students complete at school and is administered by the site's gifted services specialist. The verbal portfolio consists of a writing prompt and a creativity prompt. The non-verbal portfolio consists of open-ended math problems and a creativity prompt.