



## A Parent's Guide to Assessments

### Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test® (NNAT3)

In compliance with the Exceptional Children's Educational Act (ECEA), the Gifted and Talented (GT) Department implements a universal screening each fall semester to aid in the identification and programming of students in need of gifted education services. All DPS students in grades kindergarten, 2nd, and 6th are automatically screened using the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test® (NNAT3).



#### WHAT IS THIS ASSESSMENT?

The NNAT3 is a brief, nonverbal measure of general intellectual ability that yields a norm-based score. The NNAT3 consists of geometric shapes with pictorial directions and minimal verbal instructions. This test is intended to screen a wide variety of students including those with limited educational experiences, those who come from diverse cultural, socioeconomic, or linguistic backgrounds, and those who have language disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, or are deaf or hard of hearing.

Testing is in an online format, and takes approximately 30 minutes to administer. The NNAT3 consists of 48 multiple choice questions in pictorial form. The test is self-paced, but the students are given 30 minutes in which to complete the test. Students can check their answers before completing the test.



#### WHEN IS MY CHILD BEING TESTED?

NNAT3 universal screening occurs in the fall semester for ALL students in Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grades. Some NNAT testing may occur in the spring for students who were not enrolled in DPS during the fall assessment window.

Families will receive an "Intent to Test" letter prior to the testing date with the dates scheduled at their student's school. NNAT testing will occur at the child's school (if currently enrolled in DPS) or at a site determined by the Gifted and Talented Office (if homeschooled, out-of district, or private school). Please refer to <http://gt.dpsk12.org> for more information.



#### WHAT SCORE(S) WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE?

The score for the NNAT3 is reported in a national percentile ranking which compares your student's results to those of a group of students of the same age chosen to be representative of the U.S. population. Percentile rank tells you what percentage of students scored the same or below your student. For example, if a student scores at the 90th percentile, that means that they scored the same or better than 90% of the students of the same age. Percentile ranks range from 1 to 99, and a score at the 50th percentile is average for that student's age.



#### HOW WILL THESE SCORES BE USED?

The purpose of the NNAT is to provide one data point towards an overall body of evidence towards gifted identification, programming, and/or placement at a highly gifted magnet site. Please note: One test score alone may not identify a student as gifted and talented.

For more information on gifted and talented identification, the universal screening process or levels of gifted service offered in Denver Public Schools, please contact the Gifted and Talented teacher at your student's school or visit the Gifted and Talented Department website: <http://gt.dpsk12.org>



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We encourage you to be involved in your child's education. Please reach out to your child's school to learn more about assessment and programming. Reach out to your schools Gifted and Talented Teacher or contact the Gifted and Talented Department at <http://gt.dpsk12.org> or call 720-423-2056.

### **More Information: Assessments**

Visit:

- <http://assessments.dpsk12.org>

If you have questions or concerns about assessments, please contact your child's school directly or call Family Constituency Services at (720) 423-3054.