

CogAT Assessment Plan for Online Students
2nd Nine Weeks
2020-2021

What is the CogAT Assessment?

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) is a multiple-choice K-12 assessment that measures reasoning skills with different types of verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal questions. The CogAT is a group-administered aptitude test commonly given as an entrance exam into school's gifted programs. FTCSC uses the CogAT as ONE data point of the assessment criteria in the multifaceted identification process. The results include a non-verbal score, verbal score, quantitative score, and composite scores.

Who takes the assessment?

*Students in 1st grade, 3rd grade, 5th grade. Also, **ANY NOMINATED** 2nd grade and 4th grade student who has submitted a nomination form. NOTE: Students who are currently placed in REACH or a 4th and 5th grade PathwayTeam do NOT have to take the assessment to retain high ability status.*

Why can't students take the assessment virtually?

Although the CogAT test is administered on a computer or Chromebook, the publisher's test security protocols do not allow it to be used in a remote format outside of school.

What is the Online CogAT Google Form?

This form will be used to survey the number of online students taking part in the CogAT assessment and to give parents the opportunity to opt out of the assessment. The assessment will be administered at each student's home school through a scheduled, socially-distanced group format following the district COVID safety plan. If parents opt out, they will check a box to confirm that they understand that the student will not be considered for HA identification for next school year. Follow this link to see the FTCSC Safety Plan. <https://ftcsc.org/return-to-school-plan/>

Online student CogAT Assessment Timeline

The assessment window is 10/26-11/20.

- 9/22 Parent Online survey emailed through the Parent Portal.
- 9/27 The Parent Online survey is due at midnight.
- 10/1 CogAT Google Form sent to online families.
- 10/16 CogAT Google Form due at midnight.
- 10/19-10/23 Online CogAT schedules created
- **10/23 ALL PARENT AND TEACHER NOMINATIONS DUE!**
- 10/26-11/20 CogAT assessment window

Assessment Considerations

- 1st grade will be done in two scheduled sessions. Groups will be divided into Groups A and Group B. 3rd grade and 5th grade will be scheduled in one session.
- 3rd & 5th grade students in REACH and/or Pathways will not have to take the assessment *to retain high ability status*.
- Students in grades 2 & 4 will not be assessed unless a nomination form has been received by the counselor by 10/23.

