

DATE: 04/14/2025

TITLE: Information Services

TYPE: Information

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BACKGROUND:

The mission of the Information Services department is to support the district mission and strategic priorities by building capacity through research, evaluation and the application of data to inform school improvement for student success. We provide support and expertise to schools and staff through:

- Providing expertise in the area of measurement and delivering accurate and timely information to building and district staff
- Providing support to district and schools through a systematic evaluation process of district programs
- Reviewing and summarizing data related to student learning and instruction
- Providing professional development on assessment practices, data analysis and interpretation

Support and resources to ensure a safe and welcoming learning environment

- On April 08, 2025, Corey Haugen represented Austin Public Schools at the **Renaissance Learning Inc. Educator Insight Day** by presenting a learning workshop titled *Implementing the Renaissance Learning Instructional Ecosystem at Austin Public Schools*. This was a wonderful opportunity to highlight Austin Public Schools efforts in relation to strategic planning, prioritizing resources and working to meet the desired daily experiences of our students, families and staff. Austin Public Schools continues to be a leader in the state of MN in regards to supporting staff with data to drive decisions and to inform instruction.
- As of April 09, 2025, we already have 191 new kindergartners enrolled for 25-26 and Information Services is working to provide the 4 elementary schools lists of potential kindergarten students. Elementary administrative assistants will call potential KG families and complete the following checklist:
 - Confirm address and planned enrollment for KG in 25-26.
 - Provide information on how to register online (<https://www.austin.k12.mn.us/district-offices/enrollment-office>) and if they need assistance to share the enrollment phone line at 507-460-1937
 - Immunization reminders
 - PreSchool Screening check – if they haven't done that to contact the CLC for a screening date.
 - Answer any questions about their school and kindergarten and make the family feel welcomed to their new school.

Packer Profile for all learners

- Information Services is working with our 5-12 school sites to review Grading Procedures to make sure sites are following defined grading practices and providing real-time reporting back to schools on their current level of performance at Grading Periods.
- Information Services teams is working with the district Grading and Reporting committee to gather input and updates for the Life Skills reporting in 25-26. There are new recommendations coming forward and Information Services will work to build out the finalized changes this summer so Life Skills reporting is in alignment across the district for FY26.

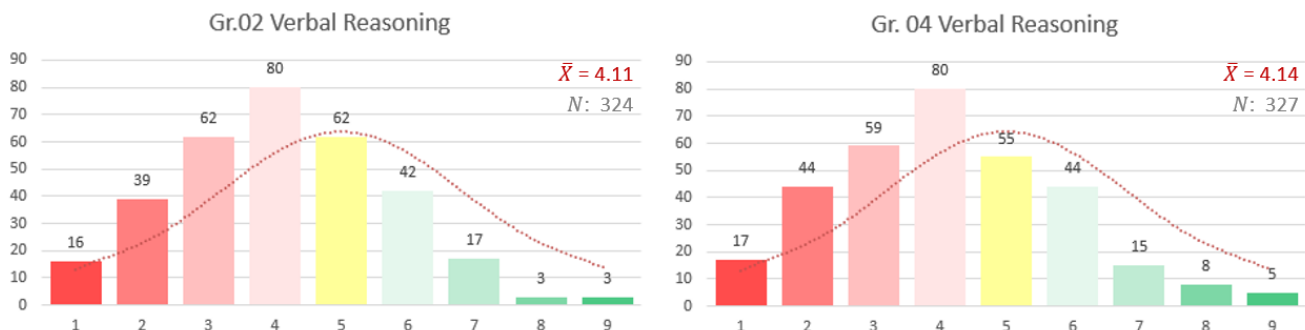
District-wide multi-tiered systems of support for all learners

- As of March 2025, we concluded the **24-25 CogAT Benchmarking Window**. The Cognitive Abilities Test™ (CogAT®) reflects the most current industry research in the measurement of cognitive abilities and learning styles. When students' abilities are revealed, it opens a whole new realm of possibilities—teachers can tailor instruction to match how students learn, students are considered for enrichment programs that pique their interest and challenge their thinking, and gaps between student achievement and ability are uncovered. CogAT®, the most widely used and trusted abilities test, makes it all happen. With its measurement of Verbal, Quantitative, and Nonverbal reasoning—cognitive domains that are highly correlated with school success—this singular test provides a continuous view of student ability across grade levels.

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Verbal Battery: Picture (Verbal) Analogies, Picture (Verbal) Classification, and Sentence Completion.



Excellence in Resource Management

- Information Services is working interdepartmentally to bring Campus Workflow to APS for 25-26. The [Campus Workflow Suite](#) comprises tools designed to reduce manual tasks and enhance efficiency for schools. Enhanced attendance procedures, including online Absence Reporting for Parent/Families via Campus Parent Portal and integrated attendance kiosks at the front offices of our Gr.05-12 building locations. Additionally, digital hall pass procedures will enhance safety and security with a new tool called Hall Pass. These tools seamlessly integrate with our Infinite Campus SIS, saving valuable time and resources for Austin Public Schools.