



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Approval of the Updated Gifted and Talented Program Screening Matrix

SUBMITTED BY: Emma Leza, Executive Director for Instructional Accountability

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: August 15, 2012

Recommendation:

Approve the revised Gifted and Talented Program Screening Matrix to ensure compliance with Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented (GT) Students as follows:

- 1.5.1C – Data collected from multiple sources for each area of giftedness served by the district are included in the assessment process for GT services
- 1.5.4C – In grades 1-12, qualitative and quantitative data are collected through three (3) or more measures and used to determine whether or not a student needs GT services.

Rationale:

The revised matrix allows for students to be screened for identification based on the following:

1. Aptitude Test – Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (same as before),
2. Cognitive Abilities Test – CogAT 7 (new assessment and replaces the need for student portfolios),
3. Student Grades (same as before), and
4. Parent/Teacher Checklist (same as before)

Budgetary Information:

The budgetary amount for scoring portfolios will now be used to provide the new assessment to students nominated for GT testing.

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

**UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM SCREENING MATRIX**

Student: _____ I.D.: _____ Birth Date: _____

Grade: _____ Campus: _____ Date: _____

Graduation Year: _____ Recommended by: _____

		PR: _____ (Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test 2 Percentile Rank)			Composite Grade Score PR: _____ (CogAT 7 Percentile Rank)		
I.	Aptitude Test	1-19	20-39	40-59	60-79	80-99	Score
	1. Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test 2 (NNAT2 Percentile Rank)	1	2	3	4	5	
II.	Cognitive Abilities Test	1-19	20-39	40-59	60-79	80-99	
	1. CogAT 7 (Composite Grade Score-Percentile Rank)	1	2	3	4	5	
III.	Grades	70-77	78-83	84 - 90	91-95	96-100	
	1. Kinder-N/A 2. Composite Avg.-Elementary 3. Composite Avg.-Secondary	1	2	3	4	5	
IV.	Parent/Teacher Checklist	1-4	5-9	10 - 14	15-19	20-24	
	1. Jot Down (To be completed by individual who submitted nomination of student)	1	2	3	4	5	

COMMENTS:

TOTAL MATRIX SCORE: _____

G.T. COMMITTEE

Minimum Scores Meeting Criteria:

Kinder = 11

1st - 12th = 14
