TAG Eligibility Update

December 2022

TAG Committee

- Consists of General Education, Special Education, School Psychologist, Interventionists and WEA representatives

- Began work last spring identifying different measures to evaluate and identify students as Gifted

- Policy Change: July 2019

TAG Eligibility

- Previous Eligibility Requirements-
  - CoGAT
  - STAR Scores
  - Renzulli Rating Scales (Teachers)

- Districts are moving away from the use of the CoGAT, either entirely or as the only measure.

Requirements

PREVIOUS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. CoGAT
2. STAR scores
3. Renzulli Scales

All completed simultaneously

CURRENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Naglieri (NNAT)
2. *SAGES
3. *Renzulli Scales

*Multi-step process, starting with #1

Assessments Used

- NNAT- Naglieri Non-Verbal Ability Test
  - Approximately 30 minutes to administer in group format
  - Screens for how a student thinks over what a student knows
  - Unbiased scoring - regardless of primary language, socioeconomic status, educational history
  - 4 types of questions: Pattern completion, reasoning by analogy, serial reasoning, spatial visualization
- SAGES (Screening Assessment for Gifted Elementary and Middle School Students)
  - 3 Subtests that measure Academic and Intellectual Ability
    - Math/Science
    - Language Arts/Social Studies
    - Reasoning
  - Scores of 121 and higher can be used to determine giftedness
- Renzulli- Scales for Rating the Behavioral Characteristics of Superior Students
  - Rates students on observable behaviors within the classroom

New TAG eligibility

3 Measures used: (Naglieri Non-Verbal Ability Test, SAGES, Renzulli)

- Step 1: All of 3rd Grade takes the Naglieri Non-Verbal Ability Test (NNAT)
  - Scores of 95% and higher will be asked to complete Step 2.
- Step 2: Screening Assessment for Gifted Elementary and Middle School Students (SAGES)
  - Scores of 121 and higher will be used to considered Gifted Identification
- Step 3: Renzulli Rating Scales
  - Completed by teachers around classroom performance and behavior

Surrounding Districts

- Bethany- OLSAT(Otis-Lennon School Ability Test) (grade 3), Renzulli Rating Scales (teacher)
- Fairfield- CoGAT, Naglieri, Teacher ratings

Programs: (more assessments)

- Orange- CoGAT (grade 3 and 5), SAGES, SIGS (Scales for Identifying Gifted Students)
- Westport- OLSAT, Teacher observations, performance based assessment, parent questionnaire
- Trumbull- OLSAT, i-Ready, Teacher ratings

Gifted and Talented

This process is used to identify GIFTED students in cognitive and academic areas.

TALENTED identification and process will be addressed in the future, as it will begin with teacher or parent recommendation in an area of the arts.