



Gifted Evaluation Parent Consent Form

A 'Gifted' label is a diagnostic one that provides useful information about how an individual child learns (acquires, processes, and applies information), to inform curricular and instructional decisions. Identification is a critical component of effective gifted education programming. Referrals for gifted testing can be made by a parent, educator, or high scores on standardized testing.

Red Rock School District uses the CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) to identify gifted children. This assessment consists of three main test batteries, each with three subtests. The three subtest scores are combined to make an overall score in the following areas:

- Verbal (Assesses vocabulary, efficiency, and verbal memory)
- Quantitative (Evaluates abstract reasoning)
- Nonverbal (Assesses spatial and figural content)

Gifted students are identified by scoring in the 97th percentile or above in any or all of the following batteries. This means that a student scored in the top 3% of their same-age peers.

In order for a child to be evaluated for giftedness using the Cognitive Abilities Test, administered through Red Rock Elementary school district, **this form must be signed and returned prior to testing.** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tiffany Massie at tmassie@redrockschools.com or (520) 682-3331.

Please note that it is not necessary for students to study for gifted testing. However, it is important that students get adequate sleep the night prior to testing, have a healthy breakfast on the mornings of testing, and maintain a relaxed attitude toward the testing process.

Please initial one of the following, sign, and date.

____ I do wish to have my child tested.

____ I do **NOT** wish to have my child tested.

Parent/guardian's Signature

Today's Date

Student's Full Name (Print)

Student's Grade and Homeroom Teacher