

## CogAT

The CogAT assesses the level and pattern of cognitive development of students. It measures reasoning ability in three domains: Verbal, Quantitative, and Non-Verbal (Spatial). Test scores reflect the cognitive processes which enable an individual to learn new tasks and to solve problems independently. It is *not* an academic achievement test used to determine progress in the approved curriculum but an indication of innate ability in verbal, quantitative, and spatial reasoning. Thus, there is no preparation required or recommended for the test.

The district has used the CogAT effectively for a few years to identify elementary students who may need the additional challenge of gifted and talented programs. Scores from the CogAT will continue to be used for this purpose.

Should you have any questions, please contact your child's school.