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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Auburn School District recently completed a review of testing data of all students as part of the process for identifying students who may be candidates for the Highly Capable program and its services.

Based on this data review, your child scored above the 90%ile (top 10%) in one or more nationally normed academic assessments. We would like to invite your student to have additional testing to see if they qualify for the Highly Capable Program. The additional testing includes the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT®) and a Characteristic/Creativity rating scale that is to be completed by a parent/guardian and teacher (see included rating form).

The Auburn School District will offer a continuum of K-12 Highly Capable program services which may include: acceleration, clustered education of above-grade-level curriculum, compacted curriculum, honors courses, and Advanced Placement programs (additional information can be found on the Auburn School District website).

The CogAT® assessment measures students' learned reasoning abilities in the three areas most linked to academic success in school: Verbal, Quantitative and Nonverbal. Reasoning abilities have substantial correlations with learning and problem solving, both in and out of school. CogAT's measurement of three different content domains ensures educators receive a balanced view of the child. Final selection is decided based on Verbal/Quantitative Standard Age Score, Achievement data, and characteristic ratings.

If you would like to have your child continue with the identification process, please complete the enclosed "Permission to Test/Characteristics Rating" form and return to your child's counselor, due February 18, 2022.

Once a student is identified as highly capable, he/she is entitled to Highly Capable program services from the date of eligibility through graduation; annual testing is not required. If program services become no longer appropriate for your child, a meeting with your child's counselor, administrator and parent will be called to determine what best serves the student's needs.

For more information, please contact your child's counselor.



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