

January 6, 2025

Dear Parents / Guardians,

On January 27-29 our second and fifth grade students will complete the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) and on January 30 & 31st, our students will complete the MAPS Reading and Math Tests. These tests are used to meet the gifted identification requirement that is mandated by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE).

There are many ways in which the home and school may assist our students in maintaining their focus when completing these assessments. The school will encourage our students to put forth their best effort when completing each test. We will also remind the students of the importance of carefully listening to, and reading all directions that pertain to each test.

At home parents may assist their children by encouraging them to put forth their best effort on all parts of the test. Parents should set a reasonable bedtime for their children so they will be fresh and alert in the morning. Attendance and being on time for testing days is also important.

In order to aid in the administration of each test, one hundred percent attendance for all students is a goal which will increase the efficiency for each student. Because each test will be administered in the morning, we are asking that parents schedule any appointments after 12pm.

Individual student home reports from the test will be mailed to parents shortly after they arrive at the elementary school.

For your convenience I have attached the CogAT and MAPS test schedule that students will follow. Please note that teachers can adapt this schedule for the benefits of their students, at their discretion.

Testing is scheduled to begin at 9:15 each day.

CogAT

January 27th CogAT Session 1

January 28th CogAT Session 2

January 29th CogAT Session 3

MAPS

January 30th MAPS Reading

January 31st MAPS Math

Thank you for your support! Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at 330-679-2301 ext 4062 or by email at jacquelyn.collins@slindians.org

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