

Dear Denison Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that your child will soon be given an assessment to screen for gifted and talented, and determine the best educational programming for him/her. This tool is one of the many measures that can be used as a part of a larger body of evidence to identify students who may need advanced accommodations for their learning.

How your student can prepare for test taking—and what you can do to help:

You can help your student do his or her best by considering these tips:

- Make sure your student is in school and on time on test days. Reschedule dentist appointments and other out-of-school time on non-testing days.
- Make sure your student gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast before each day of testing.
- Remind your student that these tests are only one part of the school day. Emphasize that you have confidence in his or her ability to do the best job possible.
- Remind your student to listen carefully to the directions and to each question as it is read aloud during testing, and to ask the teacher for help if he or she does not understand the directions.

Testing window dates:

- **6th grade:** Sept. 8 - 28, 2022
- **2nd grade:** Sept 28 - Oct 28, 2022
- **Kindergarten:** Oct 24 to Nov 30, 2022

The school will receive test scores within a month of testing. These scores will indicate how your student performed on the test compared with students across the nation in the same grade and/or age group. You will be notified of your child's performance. If you have any questions concerning this assessment, please contact me.

Sincerely,
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