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## **Gifted and Talented Elementary Discovery Program 2012-2013**

### **The DCSD Discovery Program Magnet for Gifted Learners**

The Discovery Program is designed to meet the needs of gifted learners whose abilities are so intensive they require special provisions to meet their educational needs. There are four magnet schools located regionally throughout Douglas County School District. Parent information sessions and application deadlines will soon be available on the website. Gifted services are also in place at the neighborhood and charter schools for those students who required differentiated programming to address areas of identified strength.

For more information about gifted programming in the Douglas County School District, go to [www.dcsdk12.org](http://www.dcsdk12.org) and click on “Learning Support Services” under the **Departments** section. Click on Gifted and Talented, Discovery Program, and Elementary Program. Click on Neighborhood Schools Programming for additional information.

### **CogAT Testing Process for the Discovery Program**

**\*New this year\***

**Referral request Deadline: August 17th**

The results of the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) will be used as one component of the body of evidence to determine areas of strength and possible identification for gifted programming. The scores will guide efforts to adapt teaching methods to the needs and abilities of the students, **and will also inform placement in the district’s Discovery Program for gifted learners should parents choose to apply for the program.** In order to provide the best possible testing environment, school- based testing replaces the Discovery Program Saturday test sessions scheduled in previous years.

The week of August 22nd, “referral” students in grades one, two, four, five, and six (if applicable) will take the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT 6) to determine areas of strength. The referrals for CogAT testing may come from the parent and/or the classroom teacher. **The deadline to notify your child’s teacher of a referral request is August 17th.** (You must notify your teacher via email). All students participating in the referral testing process must have a signed “consent to test” form which will remain in the student’s cumulative file. This form is available from your child’s teacher or from Mrs. Mitchell, the C2E office, the CogAT Contact. You may also contact Donna Mitchell if you have questions regarding the referral testing at [dmitchell@c2e.org](mailto:dmitchell@c2e.org) or 303 841-9816.

**Note** – Testing, for district residents only, is for students currently in **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>** or

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**6<sup>th</sup> grade who have not already taken the CogAT.**

- All current 3rd graders will take the CogAT this fall during the week of August 22nd.
- Many district students took the CogAT during a previous testing window.
- Please check with the C2E office if you are unsure whether your child has taken the CogAT.

We appreciate your ongoing support. If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact Donna Mitchell.

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