



**DR. SLADE MCSHEEHY, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
HOCKINSON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

January 17, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Hockinson School District, as part of the identification process for the Highly Capable Program, will be accepting applications to the Highly Capable Program between January 17th and January 31st. Applications will be screened and the district will be administering the full CogAT between February 5th and February 9th during regular school hours. The CogAT is designed to provide information on the level of development of cognitive skills in verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal areas. The CogAT measures a student's ability to reason with words, numbers and visual information. It is important to point out that although levels of cognitive development are important in academic success, your child's ultimate success as a student will be the result of many influences.

2nd grade students previously identified as having potential for Highly Capable services or currently receiving Highly Capable services will automatically be tested in the CogAT testing window. Families will be notified of the results of the CogAT and whether their student qualifies for identification for the Highly Capable Program. Full identification details can be found in the HSD Highly Capable Program Handbook online.

If you would like your child to participate in the CogAT, please complete the following forms available online.* These forms are fillable for your convenience. The forms will also be available in paper form in the office.

- Nomination Form
- Parent Rating Scale
- Teacher Rating Scale
- Permission to Test Form

Online: https://www.hocksd.org/parents/special_programs/HighCap/handbook_and_forms/

Forms are due to your student's school office in person or via email by January 31st.

If you have further questions, please contact Slade McSheehy at 360 448-6400.

Sincerely,

Dr. Slade McSheehy
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Hockinson School District
360 448-6400

*If your student has taken the full CogAT assessment twice in earlier grades in our district, HSD will test students for a third time. However, parents will be asked to pay for the third CogAT test.