

NNAT2

Parent Information



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The purpose of this presentation is to help parents understand the NNAT2 assessment given to their children in Kindergarten and 2nd grade as part Denver Public Schools universal screening for gifted and talented identification/programming.

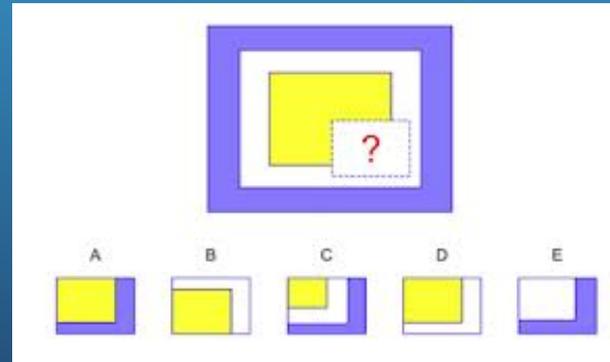


What is the NNAT2?



Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test 2

- ❖ Measures *general* ability which indicates how well children can think regardless of the language they speak, or their academic skills
- ❖ 30 minutes in length
- ❖ Multiple choice format
- ❖ Administered online



What is ability?

- ❖ Ability is the foundation that allows us to learn regardless of what is being taught. General ability allows us to remember facts, work with information, and understand verbal and mathematical concepts. It is the foundation for the activities in our daily lives.
- ❖ It is *exceptional* ability or potential that we are looking for when we use the NNAT2 for gifted screening.



Ability vs. Achievement

Ability

- ❖ Indicates likely future performance
- ❖ Studying does not improve score
- ❖ General reasoning (verbal, nonverbal, quantitative)

Achievement

- ❖ Measures what you know/ what you've studied
- ❖ Studying can improve score
- ❖ Specific grade level content (Reading, Math, Science, etc.)

Why does my child need to take this test?

- ❖ The NNAT2 ensures that all students in DPS are given the opportunity to demonstrate their abilities and receive proper supports for those abilities.
- ❖ Gifted and talented programming in your child's school or in a magnet school provides learners with exceptional ability additional support both academically and socially.

What happens after my child takes the NNAT2?

Your child's results are sent home as soon as they are available.

★ Scores will be available prior to the end of first round of choice.

Scores above 95th percentile may be used as criteria for possible gifted identification. These scores will be provided to the GT teacher at your child's school.

Understanding Percentile scores

- The majority of children will fall within the average range which is from the 25th percentile to the 75th percentile.
- Some children fall above or below the average range.
- For children who fall below the average range, it is important to consider school performance and seek teacher feedback in order to get a full picture of the child.

The NNAT2 is only one tool used for GT identification. There multiple opportunities for children to demonstrate their need for gifted supports.