

## TESTING AND IDENTIFICATION TIMELINE

**Part-Time Advanced Academic Services Levels II and III** All decisions regarding advanced academic part-time, school-based services are made at the local school. Parents or guardians who would like their child considered for these services should submit a *Part-Time School-Based Services Levels II and III Referral Form* to the Advanced Academic Resource Teacher (AART) at the local school. Students must be attending Fairfax County Public Schools in order to be considered for advanced academic part-time, school-based services. Parents may appeal the local school decision by contacting the principal with new information.

**Full-Time Advanced Academic Placement Level IV** All decisions regarding full-time placement in Advanced Academic Programs are made by a central selection committee. A screening pool is created based on scores from FCPS-administered ability tests given to students in Grades 1-2. Parents or guardians may refer students in Grade 2 who are not in the screening pool and students in Grades 3-7 by submitting the *Level IV Referral Form*.

NOTE: Information and forms are available in schools and on the FCPS website at <https://www.fcps.edu/registration/advanced-academics-identification-and-placement/elementary-school/current-fcps>.

### Testing Schedule

Schools administer tests to all FCPS students in Grades 1 and 2, and also to students in Grades 3-7 who are missing ability test scores, according to the timeline below. Parents or guardians may request **one** retest in Grade 2-7 during the fall testing cycle. Students must be enrolled in and attending FCPS in order to be tested. An ability test score is required for the screening process.

#### **October 1-12**

FCPS CogAT-Custom Form Grade 2 Test administered to all second grade students and to third through seventh grade students missing ability test scores or exercising their one-time retest option.

#### **November 12-16**

Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test administered to all students in Grade 1 and for certain students in Grades 2-7 who do not have an ability test score on file. Students whose parents and/or guardians have requested to use their one-time retest option may also test during this window.

#### **February 11-15, 2019**

Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test administered to certain students in Grades 2-7 who need an ability test score for Level IV screening.

## Identification Schedule

### FALL 2018

For FCPS students newly enrolled in FCPS and attending after January 2018, and students not enrolled in FCPS.

#### October 11, 2018

*Level IV Referral Form* for new FCPS students due to AART at attending elementary school or Director of Student Services at the middle school

#### November 2018

Central Selection Committee meets

#### December 2018

Eligibility decisions mailed

#### December 17, 2018

Appeals due to office

#### January 28, 2019

Eligible students in Grades 3-8 may attend full-time sites beginning second semester

### SPRING 2019

#### January 10, 2019

*Level IV Referral Form* (for students not in Grade 2 pool) and optional materials for students in Grades 2-7 due to AART at attending elementary school or Director of Student Services at the middle school

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the tight timeframe, do not wait for test information to submit a referral if you would like your student screened. **No exceptions to the referral deadline are made.**

#### March 2019

Central Selection Committee meets

#### April 4-5, 2019

Eligibility decisions mailed

#### April 10-30, 2019

Full-time orientations held at Level IV sites (elementary school only). Orientations will not be held during spring break.

#### May 10, 2019

Appeals due to AAP office

### Fall 2019

Eligible students in Grades 3-8 may attend full-time sites beginning first semester

## **Documents Needed**

- Advanced Academic Programs Level IV Screening Summary Sheet - **Provided by school**
- Ability Test Scores - **Provided by school, GMU, or state-licensed psychologist**
- Advanced Academic Programs Level IV Referral Form - **Completed by parents, guardian, teacher, or student**
- Gifted Behaviors Rating Scale with Commentary - **Provided by school**
- Progress Reports - **Provided by school**
- Achievement Test Scores (optional) - **Provided by school**
- Parent/Guardian Questionnaire (optional) - **Provided by parents or guardian**
- Student Work Samples - limit 6 - **Up to 4 optional samples submitted by parents or guardian. School includes at least 2 work samples, at least one of a response to a critical/creative-thinking lesson**
- Student Awards or Commendations - limit 5 (optional) - **Submitted by parents or guardian**

For additional information about the screening process or advanced academic opportunities at your child's school, contact the principal or AART at your child's school. For information on countywide services for advanced learners, visit the Advanced Academic Programs website or call the Advanced Academic Programs office at 571-423-4740.