

## Porter Township Schools High Ability Identification Process

Porter Township Schools defines a high ability student as one who “performs at, or shows the potential for performing at, an outstanding level of accomplishment in at least one domain when compared to other students of the same age, experience, or environment; and is characterized by exceptional gift, talents, motivation, or interests” (Indiana Code 20-36-1-3)

Students may qualify for high ability services in the area of English/language arts, math, or both.

<b>Identification for Performance (Achievement)</b>			<b>Identification for Potential</b>		
<p>-All K-5 students take NWEA tests of reading and math at the beginning, middle and end of the school year, or BOY, MOY, and EOY.</p> <p>-National norms and percentile ranks (PR) are used to identify high ability students.</p>			<p>-All students in grades K, 2, and 5 who have not already qualified as high ability in both ELA and math are evaluated for cognitive potential that was not indicated by achievement testing.</p> <p>-CogAT tests are administered online in Winter and Spring</p> <p>-K and 2 students take the CogAT screener, a short version of the Cognitive Abilities Test. Those with a PR of 80 or higher take the remaining portions of the CogAT.</p> <p>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students with a national PR of 80 or higher on the most recent NWEA test administration take the full CogAT.</p> <p>-Students with a PR of 95 or higher on the full CogAT are identified as high ability on their potential.</p>		
<b>Grade</b>	<b>NWEA Test</b>	<b>PR</b>			
K	BOY and MOY MPG	99			
1	Either the BOY and MOY MAP Reading MPG math	99 98			
2-5	Two of most recent three MAP	95			

### **Middle School Math**

<p>-All students in grade 6 take NWEA and the state ILEARN test.</p> <p>-NWEA math PR and classroom performance will be reviewed for additional data along with the student’s ILEARN score of PASS+ in math to determine appropriate 7<sup>th</sup> grade math placement.</p> <p>-Students not already identified as high ability in math will be identified if they receive a PASS+ on the math portion of the ILEARN and having a math PR of 90 or above on the NWEA.</p>
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### **Other Information**

<p>-NWEA scores for all students are reviewed each year to identify students who are achieving at an exceptional level in English language arts, math, or both. Cognitive potential is evaluated in grades K, 2, and 5 for all students who have not already qualified for high ability services. Therefore, all students are considered equally, and special requests for additional evaluation are unnecessary.</p>
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