

## CogAT Screener

### Frequently Asked Parent Questions:

- “I’m concerned because this shows my child’s scores are very low.”
  - If your child is overall doing well in school, disregard low scores. This is only a short screener and is in no way a comprehensive measure of a child’s abilities.
  - If your child is struggling in school, continue to work with your child’s teacher around individual learning goals. This is only a short screener and is in no way a comprehensive measure of a child’s abilities.
- “My child’s scores are very high. What will the school district do for him/her now?”
  - If your child is already advanced in a subject area, this will not necessarily change his or her instruction, especially if it is confirming high achievement scores or other pieces of information.
  - If the CogAT Screener scores suggest your child might be capable of more than is currently seen in their school achievement, then this becomes a new piece of information for your child’s teacher and Advanced Learning (AL) staff to consider. It may signal a need to gather additional information.
- “My child receives AL services and performs well in school, but the CogAT Screener shows a lower score than I expect. Will he/she still receive the services?”
  - Yes. The purpose of the CogAT Screener is to find students we might have missed, not to disqualify anyone from any opportunities.

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