

# Maine Regional School Unit #22

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

RSU #22 will be administering the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) this spring. The CogAT measures reasoning abilities. Scores can be used to adapt instruction in ways that enhance the student's success in learning. Data gathered from this assessment will be included as **ONE** of the measures used to determine student participation in programming for gifted and talented services in RSU #22.

This spring the CogAT testing will be done in an electronic format, similar to the NWEA format. The CogAT test has three components, each with a time limit of approximately 30 minutes. Testing is generally open to 2nd, 5th, and 8th graders, but others can also be accommodated. Generally the top 5% of students in the district will qualify for programming.

**Parents can refer their child to be tested.** If you are interested in having your child participate in this screening, please complete the permission form below and return to your child's homeroom teacher prior to March 31, 2023.

Sincerely,



Dorothy Dawson  
Director of Gifted & Talented Services

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**Please return this portion to your child's homeroom teacher**

- Yes, I would like my child to be included in CogAT screening.
- I understand that this is screening only.

The results will be mailed to me and this information, along with extant data, will be used by the GT Advisory Committee to make GT identification recommendations.

**Parent Name and Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Current School:** \_\_\_\_\_