

District Wide TAG (Talented and Gifted) Testing ~ Springfield Public Schools

On Saturday, October 13, 2018, Springfield Public Schools will hold their district wide Spring TAG Testing at Ridgeview Elementary School. The TAG test assesses whether or not your child is at the 97thile or above in the areas of Reading, Math, or Intellectual giftedness. The 97thile means that if your child was in a line of 100 students, they would know more than the first 97 students in line. These children are at the top of their class, and typically above most students at their entire grade level at school.

If you feel your child may fit into this category, please talk to your child's teacher and your school's TAG contact to begin the referral process for fall testing. After you refer them for testing, the teachers will gather data and fill out a referral form. They will share with you the data they have gathered and let you know whether your child meets the criteria to test for TAG. If they qualify for testing, you will receive a packet from your school with a parent questionnaire and more information about times of testing for your individual child. If they do not qualify, your child's teacher will meet with you to discuss options to best meet the needs of your child.

If your child is **already** qualified as TAG in reading, math, and cognitive ability, and you feel that your child may need to be accelerated a grade level, you would also speak to your child's teacher and the TAG contact to refer your child for acceleration. If your child is not yet qualified in all three areas, please refer your child for testing. The testing for acceleration will take place Saturday, October 13, 2018, for the above grade level test in Reading, Math, Writing, Science, Reference & Research and/or Social Studies. After testing, we will meet as a team with your school to discuss the next steps and fill out the Iowa Acceleration Scale. At this point in time, a meeting will be called with the family to discuss the results and next steps.

Questions? Contact: School Rep: Amy Paschall at 541-744-6418