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#### A Message from the Offices of Assessment and Accountability and Accelerated Learners Programs Nonpublic Registration for Magnet Testing

February 25, 2021

Wicomico County Public Schools will soon begin gathering information about Grade 2 students to help match students to appropriate instructional placement in Grade 3 in consideration of the Magnet and Thinking and Doing (TAD) program identification. **Testing for all nonpublic students will be held on Wednesday, March 24** at North Salisbury School. Parents must provide transportation for their child. Students will be assessed using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CoGAT). The CoGAT assessment is a nationally standardized, norm-referenced test which will provide information regarding your child's ability to meet the demands of an accelerated learning program. This one-day assessment measures reasoning, and problem-solving skills in three different cognitive areas: verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal.

- The verbal section measures a child's ability to remember and transform sequences of English words to understand them and to make inferences and judgments about them.
- The quantitative section measures a child's understanding of basic quantitative concepts and relationships
- The non-verbal section measures reasoning using pictures and geometric shapes. This section reduces the impact of language on the student's score.
- The composite score is a total score for all three batteries

Each subtest takes approximately 30-45 minutes to complete and provides information that can be used to identify a student's strengths and instructional needs. We are requesting that you complete a Google form using the link below to register your child for the assessment being administered on Wednesday, March 24 in order to participate in this magnet testing opportunity. **The registration link will remain open until Friday, March 12.**

<https://forms.gle/Uyb3VsFBYCMKPnDE6>

**Where:** North Salisbury School 1213 Emerson Ave. Salisbury, MD  
**When:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021  
**Who:** Wicomico County Nonpublic 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Students  
**Time:** 8:00 – 11:00 am

**(Please ensure that your child arrives at the testing site no later than 8:00 and plan to arrive for pick-up no later than 10:45.)  
Parents, please bring proof of residence to the testing site with you.**

If you have any additional questions regarding this assessment administration, please contact me at 410-677-4519 or you may email me at [rubrown@wcboe.org](mailto:rubrown@wcboe.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruby L. Brown".

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