

Cranford Public School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Cranford Public School District strives to maximize student achievement through the development of a standards-aligned and rigorous curricula. Additionally, teachers are trained to provide a differentiated instructional program to meet the needs of individual students. The district also acknowledges the need to provide specialized services for students that are exceptionally able. The Pathways to Excellence (P2E) Program provides a continuum of services across the district to address the learning needs of gifted and talented students. Please reference the P2E services provided for K-12 students on the [Cranford Public Schools website](#).

The formal identification of students for the P2E program begins in second grade. The P2E identification process is as follows for entry in the 2020-2021 school year:

- The iReady Assessment in ELA and Mathematics will be administered to all students in grade 2 as part of our district assessment program in late January. iReady is adaptive and allows students to demonstrate mastery of higher grade standards in both subject areas.
- The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) will be administered to all current second grade students in February. The CogAT is an online assessment that evaluates the level and pattern of cognitive development and problem solving abilities using verbal, quantitative, and spatial (nonverbal) reasoning.
- The Scales for Rating the Behavioral Characteristics of Superior Students (SRBCSS), often known as the Renzulli Scales, will be completed by staff members in March. The staff will complete the motivation, creativity, and learning scales.

Student results will be made available to parents at the completion of the P2E identification process in June. Although assessment scores are used in the identification process for P2E services, the data will also provide teachers with valuable information to differentiate instruction in ways that enhance learning for all students.

If a student is not identified in grade 2 via this process, they may be reevaluated in grades 3 through 7 after a teacher or parent nomination. Regardless of a student's participation in P2E, staff are dedicated to providing the appropriate level of challenge and enrichment for all students.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at heineman@cranfordschools.org should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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