



Spartanburg School District Three

All-In. Every Child, every day, whatever it takes!

October 9, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your student has been nominated to be testing for the ATLAS program at their school. The identification of gifted and talented students is a multi-step process that consists of screening and referral, assessment of eligibility and placement. Students identified this school year can begin services Fall 2020, if they meet the South Carolina criteria for gifted qualification. Students who qualify receive advanced and enriched instruction during the school week.

Qualification is based on test performance for high achievement in reading and/or mathematics (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) and for aptitude/reasoning (CogAT). Your child will participate in aptitude and reasoning assessments during the test window of **October 19 – November 17**. There will be up three days of one to two hour sessions scheduled. If absent due to illness, your child will be rescheduled for make-up testing.

There is nothing your child needs to study or practice before testing. Things you can do to help your child include:

- ✓ Encourage your child to do his/her best.
- ✓ Make sure your child is on time for school.
- ✓ Make sure your child is well rested during the testing period.
- ✓ Your child should either have eaten breakfast at home or at school.

Additional assessments might be needed in the spring. You will be notified by February of your child's nomination status. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Windy Hodge".

Windy Hodge
Coordinator of Accountability and Federal Programs