

Gifted Education Universal Screening in Arizona for 2nd Grade Students



DID YOU KNOW?

You have access to funding for Universal screening that can be used to screen for gifted students in 2nd grade in your school/districts!

Universal screening helps identify gifted students from diverse backgrounds, ensuring fair access to programs.



Is your school under identifying your gifted and talented population?

WHAT IS UNIVERSAL SCREENING?

Universal Screening is the practice of testing all students in a grade level using assessments to identify **giftedness**, rather than only relying on a recommendation based system of testing that relies on parent and teacher nomination for testing.

WHY IS UNIVERSAL SCREENING IMPORTANT?

Universal screening is important to capture students who **might otherwise fall through the cracks**. As most identification of gifted students is a result of a recommendation from a parent or teacher, this levels the playing field for those who do not always exhibit obvious gifted traits.

This is especially true of students from underserved populations. Universal screening results in increased identification of minority, poor, female and ELL students who might not otherwise be recommended for placement in gifted programs. Students who have potential, but are not yet working above grade level peers, should have their potential nurtured and presented with challenges appropriate for their abilities.



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2ND GRADE SCREENING ACROSS ARIZONA

The Arizona legislature appropriated \$850,000 to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) in order to screen all second graders for giftedness.



LEA's need to request the testing through CogAT.

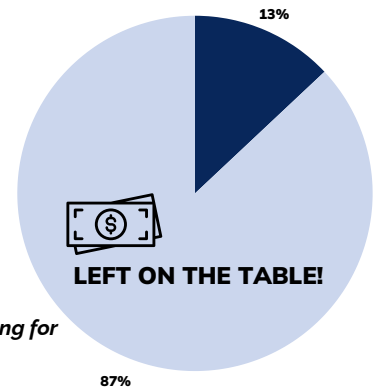
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IDENTIFIED ARIZONA STUDENTS

Currently there are 661 districts in state of Arizona that are comprised of 236 traditional districts and 425 charter districts.

Districts not using AZ Funding for Universal Screening

Districts using AZ Funding for Universal Screening



SCREENING IN ACTION

Data from one school district, Washington Elementary, who takes advantage of the free universal screening reported an increase in identification of 50 additional students the first year of screening with an increase of 70 additionally identified gifted children in their second year of universal screening.

Depending on individual needs, students participate in programs as varied as enrichment classes to develop talent for those with high potential, but not yet performing at a high level, to placement in full-time, self-contained gifted classrooms.

SCREENING TOOL

CogAT measures abilities across the symbol systems that are most highly correlated with fluid reasoning, problem solving, and success in school.

With its separate measures of Verbal, Quantitative, and Nonverbal reasoning, this research-based and proven test provides multiple perspectives on student ability across grades K-12.

SCREENING PROCESS & TIPS

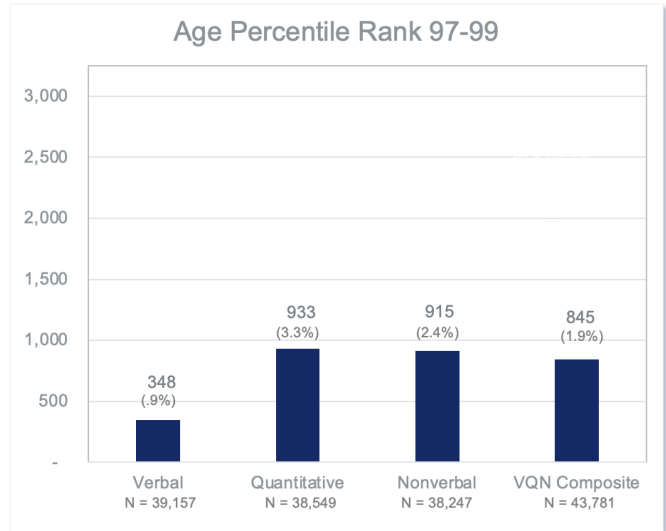
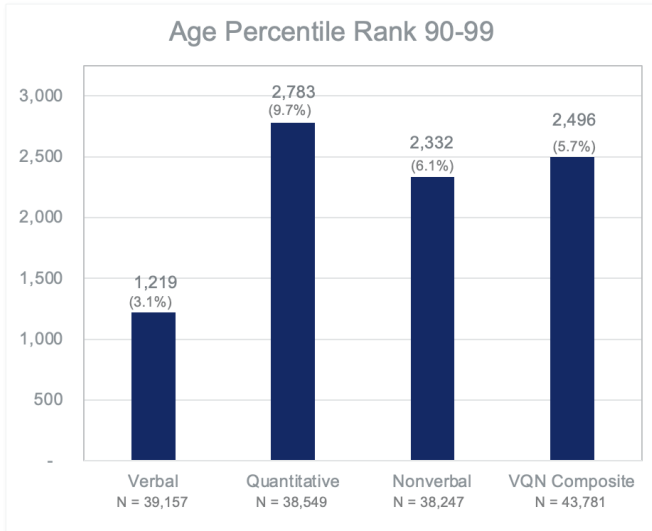
- District coordinator sets up student enrollment information within Riverside data manager.
- School test coordinator schedules testing date.
- Whole group testing takes place with students 1:1 on technology (app or web browser)
- Students take assessment online.
 - Screening Form: Students take the first sub-test from each of the 3 batteries (verbal, non-verbal, and quantitative reasoning).
- Testing can take approximately 30-60 minutes (based on pacing).

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ARIZONA IDENTIFIED GIFTED STUDENTS 23-24 SY



2023-2024 Qualifying Students by Cut Score



Watch this video to learn more about COGAT Universal Screening for 2nd graders in Arizona.

Website:
go.screenpal.com/watch/coiOrwVkYS2



Learning more gaining value and the Universal Screening process with COGAT

Article:
drive.google.com/file/d/1DbWk1g8ht-OsslLnDTCD6Y8WgT4Qd83/view



AAGT Classroom - Watch the Informs Series with videos specific to Universal Screening and CoGat

arizonagifted.org/classroom



Qualifying pupils generate 0.007 Group B add-on funding for their district.

Are you receiving these funds in your classroom?

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