



FRANKLIN LAKES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ACES – The District Gifted and Talented Program in 4th-8th Grades Criteria for Entrance for 2015-2016 School Year

All students in Franklin Lakes Public Schools are tested for entry into ACES at the end of Grade 3 and Grade 5. Only students who first enter the District in other grades are offered consideration in Grades 4, 6, 7, or 8.

District qualifications for participation in the ACES program take cognitive skills and academic achievement into consideration.

Multiple measures used for consideration:

- A cognitive achievement test (the CogAT) is used as an indicator of cognitive skill levels, assessing students in three areas of reasoning: verbal, non-verbal, and quantitative).
- A student's report card grades (Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Science) for all marking periods from the most recent school year, given by a child's teacher and based on consistent expectations and grading practices as outlined in our District Report Card Rubrics for grades K-5 (please see link below to access report card rubrics), are used as indicators of academic achievement.

Students can qualify by earning:

1. A CogAT composite score of 130 or higher and report card grades for all marking periods from the most recent school year for all subject areas that indicate meeting or exceeding grade level expectations for all main grade indicators (3, B) for Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Science.

CogAT retesting is only offered in the following situation:

Students who score 122-129 and have report card grades from all marking periods of the most recent school year for all subject areas that indicate meeting or exceeding grade level expectations for all main grade indicators (see above) are offered the opportunity to take the CogAT a second time in the chance that they can reach a score of 130. CogAT retesting is offered to these students in September and students may be offered an invitation to join the program if they earn the qualifying score as the result of the retest. Please note this process can take several weeks.

Report Card Rubrics can be accessed at:

http://curriculum-and.districtweb.franklinlakes.k12.nj.us/modules/locker/files/group_files.phtml?parent=12986907&qid=2146613&sessionid=e698e20bb9e02045d26bc3a047420df2

