As parents begin reading the profile narrative for Iowa Assessments and Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT), the following information may prove helpful:

- Appearing in the smaller box (CogAT) on the profile narrative is a column labeled as APR (Age Percentile Rank). APR scores are used for Gifted Identification. If the Composite APR score is at least 96, the student will be identified as gifted in South Carolina with no further testing necessary.

- Appearing in the larger box (Iowa Assessments) on the profile narrative is a test score column labeled as NPR (National Percentile Rank). If the Reading or Mathematics score in the NPR column is 94 or higher and at least one of the CogAT APR scores (Verbal, Quantitative, Nonverbal, Composite) is at least 93, the student will be identified as gifted in South Carolina with no further testing necessary.

- If the Iowa Assessments Reading or Mathematics NPR is 94 or higher or at least one of the CogAT Percentile scores (Verbal, Quantitative, Nonverbal, Composite) is at least 93, the student is then eligible to take the STAR Performance Task Assessment in February.

- Please note that parents cannot request that their child take the STAR Performance Task Assessment. The student must meet the above qualifications in order to take the Performance Task Assessment.

If your child has met the requirements for Gifted/Talented identification, you will receive a letter from the district office by the end of January notifying you of this.