

**TIPS FOR UNDERSTANDING THE  
ADVANCED ACADEMIC  
LEVEL IV REFERRAL PROCESS**



- For second graders **not** in the [pool](#) and all students currently in grades 3 - 6 the **Level IV Referral** form is required. This is the place to explain why you think your child should be considered for full time placement.
- The **Parent-Guardian Questionnaire** is optional. This is your opportunity to express your thoughts on your child's specific strengths and characteristics.
- You have the option to include up to **2 pages of single-sided, 2-dimensional, 8 ½" by 11", work samples**.
  - Choose samples that highlight your child's strengths.
  - Choose work that is open ended to show your child's thinking instead of quizzes or worksheets.
  - Include a sentence or two describing the work sample.

**Level IV referrals for Fall Screening (new to FCPS students currently in grades 3-6)** are due electronically ([Itsheehan@fcps.edu](mailto:Itsheehan@fcps.edu)) **no later than 11:59PM on October 15, 2022.**

- Optional questionnaires and work samples are also due by this date and will not be returned.



**Level IV referrals for Spring Screening (for students currently in grades 2-6)** are due electronically ([Itsheehan@fcps.edu](mailto:Itsheehan@fcps.edu)) **no later than 11:59PM on December 15, 2022**

- Optional questionnaires and work samples are also due by this date and will not be returned.

**Level IV Screening Files**

**Referral Forms:**

**October 15, 2022 (Fall) & December 15, 2022 (Spring)**

<p>1. <a href="#">AAP Level IV Referral Form</a></p>  <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p><b>Required</b></p> <p><i>Provided by parents, guardian, teacher, or student (if student is not in the 2nd grade pool)</i></p>
<p>2. <a href="#">Parent Questionnaire</a></p>  <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p><i>Optional</i></p> <p><i>Provided by parent</i></p>
<p>3. <b>2 pages of single-sided, 2-dimensional, 8 ½" by 11", work samples.</b></p>	<p><i>Optional</i></p> <p><i>Provided by parent</i></p>
<p>4. <b>Advanced Academic Programs Level IV Screening Summary Sheet</b></p>	<p><i>Provided by school</i></p>
<p>5. <b>Ability test scores</b></p>	<p><i>Provided by school, GMU, or state-licensed psychologist</i></p>
<p>6. <b>Gifted Behaviors Rating Scale with Commentary</b></p>	<p><i>Provided by school</i></p>
<p>7. <b>Progress Reports</b></p>	<p><i>Provided by school</i></p>
<p>8. <b>Achievement Test Scores (optional)</b></p>	<p><i>Provided by school</i></p>
<p>9. <b>Four work samples</b></p>	<p><i>Provided by school</i></p>

## AAP Family Information



### Continuum of Advanced Academic Services in FCPS

**Access to Rigor, Grades K-6 (Level I)** Level I services are provided to all students in Kindergarten through Grade 6 and consist of lessons designed to teach critical and creative thinking skills. Teachers also provide periodic opportunities to use AAP curriculum throughout the year.

**Subject Specific Advanced Differentiation, Grades K-6 (Level II)**

The AART collaborates with classroom teachers to provide additional challenges using materials from the AAP Curriculum Framework to extend and enrich in the subject area strength. Students are grouped by their strengths, interests, and readiness.

**Part-Time Services, Grades 3-6 (Level III)** Students receive differentiation in the classroom in multiple subject areas. Additionally, the AART uses materials from the AAP Curriculum Framework in the four core subject areas through a weekly pull-out class.

**Full-Time Services, Grades 3-8 (Level IV)** Eligible students are enrolled in a full time AAP classroom. The mathematics curriculum is accelerated by one grade level and students receive a highly challenging instructional program in the four core subject areas.

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# Testing

## Naglieri Nonverbal Abilities Test (NNAT)

- Administered each **fall** to all New FCPS students in grades 2-7.

**Testing Window:**  
**November 14-18, 2022**

- Administered each **spring** to 1<sup>st</sup> grade students and any new student who does not have an abilities test.

**Testing Window: March 3-6, 2023**

## Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)

- Administered each fall to all FCPS 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students.
- Students in grades 3-6 who do not have an ability test score may also be administered CogAT.

- **Testing Window:**  
**October 3-21, 2022**

Individual intelligence assessments administered by private psychologists will also be accepted if conducted by a state-licensed psychologist and the report is accompanied by a copy of the license. Additional testing is available at GMU by calling 703-993-4200 or by visiting their website at <http://cap.gmu.edu/>.

