



November 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Re: TDSB Universal Screening Process for Students in Virtual School

As a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic and staggered entry to school, we have had to delay the annual TDSB Universal Screening Process for Grade 3 students. The Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test 7 (CCAT 7), which is typically administered in October, will now be administered following the process outlined below.

All grade 3 students will have the opportunity to complete the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test, a standardized group test of ability. This test provides information to classroom teachers about the strengths and learning needs of each student in order to better support teachers with programming. Central staff may also use test results to establish a basis for the evaluation of existing programs and assist in planning appropriate curriculum and instructional programs at the system level. Individual test results will be treated confidentially and any data used for purposes of reporting to the public will be done generically without disclosure of identifying information. Your child's results are scored by an outside third party and are confidential and do not affect his or her report card. A copy of this report will be filed in your child's Ontario Student Record (OSR).

For students in the Virtual Schools, we are organizing an in-person assessment day on **January 15th, 2021** which is a PD Day for elementary schools. All Toronto Public Health protocols will be followed. A deep clean of the school/board site will happen before students enter the building. Students should be dropped off at a school/board site, where they will be asked to wear a mask, physical distance and follow all health and safety protocols. The assessment is an hour and a half and will be completed within half a day. Students are invited to bring a snack for breaks. Parents/Guardians will drop off and pick their child at the testing location site.

To assist staff in determining testing locations, please complete the [Parent Option Form](#) to indicate your decision determining if you wish your child to participate in the CCAT 7 test by **Monday December 7, 2020**.

Please note, that based on the number of students for whom parents agree to have Virtual School students write the test, a location will be determined. If there are more than 20 students from the OSR school who will be writing the test, they will be able to write the test there. If there are less than 20 students, they may write the test at a central location to ensure appropriate supervision is provided.

Supervision of students may be through Occasional Teachers and/or the respective OSR school teachers. They will also follow all TPH health and safety measures. An administrator will also be present at the site.

More information around the Universal Screening Process can be found here - <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership-Learning-And-Special-Education/Special-Education/Universal-Screening>.

If you have any other questions, please contact your OSR School Principal. Thank you for your support and cooperation.