



Minutes

Attendance: Vicki Kieffer, Anne Swanson, Deb Pellettiere, Judy Young, Lori Casey, Nancy Wagonner, Joe Vaal, Erik Youngman, Lisa Westerberg, Steve Thomas, Kent Ashton, Mary Aicher

1. CogAT Feedback

Overall, intermediate was in favor of the CogAT for services and additional information about students. Team questioned the cost of the test. Anne will find out more information about costs. The elementary teachers gave positive feedback regarding using information for services, IT meetings, etc. Anne would prefer having teachers become very familiar and comfortable with the MAP scores to use it for instructional changes and use the cognitive tests for placement. The team questioned tests for first grade- there is no information.

Joe Vaal discussed the Naglieri ability test. It is an individually administered test and may be used in lieu of or in addition to the CogAT. However, there are two different tests; one may be group administered. The Naglieri is a more bias free test that will help to identify LEP and at-risk students. Team agreed to discuss this more and get copies of the examination kits by the next meeting on Dec. 9th. Sales rep will be contacted to present.

Mr. Thomas thinks the individual tests may be more useful for a student who may have concerns and need additional services. He will get feedback from the staff.

2. CogAT Timeline

Anne feels 2nd grade is a perfect grade to start a cognitive test. Team discussed the timing during the year to give cognitive test. Some options are December, end of January or beginning of year. Team agrees January is a good time during the year to give the test.

3rd Grade- no cognitive test: use 2nd grade cognitive and MAP scores

4th Grade- give cognitive test and use MAP scores

5th Grade- use 4th grade cognitive and MAP scores

6th Grade- give cognitive test and use MAP scores

Use cognitive tests for:

Bridges

Gifted placement

IT meetings

Special education services

3. MAP testing for students new to the district

Jodi and Anne will take care of adding new students to the files. Testing will happen at each school. Survey test is quicker instead of the whole test- only 20 minutes. Survey tests are not part of the district reports, but are included at a later date. Elementary would prefer to wait until the end of the month and not do it right away. Lori would like to give students a chance to feel comfortable in their new setting. Intermediate would like to do it right away for placement. New students who already have taken the MAP test need to keep their ID number to track growth.

**Each school needs to determine their plan for testing new students: who is going to give the MAP test, what is the schedule, times, etc. Please report back to Anne Swanson.

MAP Spring Dates- Weeks of April 11th and 18th

Next meeting is Dec. 9th!