

## **Natchitoches Magnet Testing Information**

Students applying for the program at Natchitoches Magnet School must take an entrance exam to qualify for admission. All tests are administered by certified teachers who are trained in testing protocol and work within the grade bands that they are testing.

Each test is scored by two separate persons and the score is verified by a 3<sup>rd</sup> person to ensure accuracy in scoring. Student scores are ranked according highest to lowest before selecting student positions.

All tests are based upon the standards for the grade level that the child has just completed. For example, if a child is going to 7<sup>th</sup> grade next year, their test will have 6<sup>th</sup> grade standards for ELA and Math.

### **PreK – K:**

Students testing for grades Prek and K will have one – on – one testing with a Prek or K certified teacher. The test will take 10-15 minutes. Each child will be given a 30 - minute testing window. This includes time for them to get to know their tester and for the tester to complete scoring.

Parents will be notified via email of their students' admissions status by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

The tests are based on developmentally appropriate skills such as

- Colors
- Shapes
- Letter recognition
- Number recognition
- Counting
- Simple Patterns
- Story recall

### **1st Grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:**

Incoming first and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be taking 2 parts for their assessment. They will have a one-one-one assessment and a short, written assessment. Items on the 1<sup>st</sup> grade assessment are based upon kindergarten standards for reading and math. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade test is based upon 1<sup>st</sup> grade standards. The assessment takes approximately 45-60 minutes.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Students will take a written assessment in Reading and Mathematics. Each test is 45 minutes with a 15 minute break in between. Students will check in 15

minutes prior to their testing session. The test time is approximately 2 hours. Parents who submit applications will be emailed with testing dates and times.

Parents who are wanting to work on skills prior to testing can access the standards for their student's current grade on the Louisiana Department of Education website at <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/academic-standards>.

#### **Notification of Results:**

Parents will be notified of student results via email. When parents bring students for testing, their email addresses will be verified to ensure clear communication about results.

If you have any questions about testing or the admissions process please call the school at 318-357-1252 or contact us at [MagnetAdmissions@npsb.la](mailto:MagnetAdmissions@npsb.la).