



COLCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In compliance with Connecticut state law, Colchester Public Schools identifies students as Gifted and Talented, We then report these students to the State of Connecticut at required intervals along with information as to whether they are receiving specialized educational services for Gifted and Talented.

All grade three students will be taking the Otis-Lennon Scholastic Ability Test, Eighth Edition (OLSAT-8) as part of the Gifted and Talented screening, The OLSAT-8 is one component of the Gifted and Talented identification process. Other information that may be used to determine a student's identification as Gifted and Talented may include overall performance in the classroom (SBAC, STAR, ect.), and input from parent(s)/guardian(s) and teachers. Once OLSAT-8 screening is complete, results will be shared with families, along with recommendations for possible next steps in the Gifted and Talented identification process.

For additional information regarding the Gifted and Talented identification process in Connecticut, you may access the State of Connecticut Department of Education webpage devoted to this topic at: <http://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Gifted-and-Talented/Identifying-gifted-and-talented-children-in-CT>

Sincerely,

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