

CogAT 7 Universal Assessment

Cognitive Abilities Test

- Cognitive: intellectual activity skills such as thinking and reasoning
- Measures both general & specific cognitive abilities
- Appraises general and abstract reasoning abilities
- Appraises capacity to apply abilities to Verbal, Quantitative, & Nonverbal tasks
- **NOT** an IQ test!
- Measures *reasoning abilities*
- Focuses on: *specific areas of reasoning* linked to school success

CogAT Measures Reasoning Skills

How Does the Student?

- Comprehend problem situations
- Detect similarities & differences
- Make Inferences
- Make Deductions
- Classify & categorize objects, events, & other stimuli
- Create & adapt problem-solving strategies
- Use familiar concepts & skills in new concepts

CogAT: 3 Primary Uses

To guide efforts to **adapt instruction** to the needs and abilities of students

To provide an alternative measure of cognitive development for **program placement**

To identify students whose predicted levels of achievement are markedly discrepant from their **observed and actual levels of achievement**