

Placement at the Center for Accelerated Studies (CAS)

Provo School District curriculum staff is seeking third grade students to enroll as next year's fourth grade class in the district magnet school for academically advanced students. Staff is also anticipating limited openings for fourth and fifth grade students for next year's fifth and sixth grade classes at CAS. Parents and guardians who believe that their children may qualify for placement in the CAS magnet program should read the following information.

Identification for next year's 4th Grade CAS Class All current 3rd graders in the district will be assessed for placement at the Center for Acceleration, using the Naglieri Non-verbal Abilities Test (NNAT) and results from other tests administered at neighborhood schools. Parent and teacher input have proven valuable in the CAS identification process, and will be sought in this year's process as well. A parent who wishes to provide input concerning his/her 3rd grader may pick up a copy of the *PSD Accelerated Learner Parent Input* form at their neighborhood school office, or download a copy from the district website (<http://www.provo.edu/gt/pdf/gt-alpnform.pdf>), and return it to their school office by Friday, **February 27.**

Identification for next year's 5th and 6th grade CAS class The current 4th and 5th grade CAS classes are full, which means that there may not be many openings for new students to join 5th and 6th grade classes for the 2009-2010 school year. However, openings may occur for a variety of reasons between now and August 2009. Parents and guardians of current 4th and 5th grade students who believe that their children would qualify and benefit from alternative placement at CAS are invited to have them participate in a Naglieri Non-verbal Abilities Test (NNAT) testing session at the Grandview Learning Center (**1591 Jordan Avenue**) on one of the following times:

Thursday, February 12th, at 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 12th, at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 21st at 10:00 a.m.

In order to reserve your child a place in one of those testing sessions, you will need to contact the Learning Curriculum and Assessment office at dianad@provo.edu or **374-4868**. Parents and guardians will be asked to fill out a parent input form in reference to their child during the hour their children are engaged in testing. A copy of that form may be previewed on the district website (<http://www.provo.edu/gt/pdf/gt-alpnform.pdf>).

Parents will be notified regarding their child's qualification to participate in classes at the Center for Accelerated Studies by **April 30, 2009. Children who were evaluated for placement at CAS last year are not required to be re-tested this year.**