

Enrichment /CAP/ Accelerated Eligibility Requirements

All students in the Niagara Falls City School District in Grades 1 and 6 will be administered the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). The results of the CogAT will be used as follows:

- If the student achieves a Composite Score of 8 or 9 on the CogAT, the student will receive an invitation into the program
- OR-
- If the student achieves a Composite Score of 7 OR a score of 8 or 9 in at least one of three components (exclusive of the Composite Score) PLUS analysis of the following multiple measures:

Elementary Measures (all but one must be achieved):

Grades 1, 2 & 3

- Teacher recommendation(s) – including demonstration of RIT growth on MAP Assessment
- MAP for Primary RIT scores – Above Average score achieved in 2 or 3 components
- AIMSweb measurements – Above Average score achieved
- Local Math assessments - Mastery (85% or better) score for Grades 1, 2 & 3
- Lexile level - at proficient or advanced level for current grade

Grades 4, 5 & 6

- Teacher recommendation(s) – including demonstration of RIT growth on MAP Assessment
- MAP RIT scores – Above Average score achieved in 2 or 3 components
- Lexile level - at proficient or advanced level for current grade
- NYS ELA/Math Score for Grades 4 and up – a score of a high 2 will be considered when combined with meeting two other measures

Prep Measures

CAP (all but one must be achieved):

- Teacher recommendation(s) – including demonstration of RIT growth on MAP Assessment
- MAP RIT scores – Above Average score achieved in 2 or 3 components
- Local Science assessment - Mastery (85% or above) score
Lexile level - at proficient or advanced level
- NYS ELA/Math for Grade 6 – a score of a high 2 will be considered when combined with meeting two other measures

Accelerated Math (3 out of 4 must be achieved)

- NYS EMA for Grade 6 - score must be a high 2 or better
- Local Math Assessments – 85% or above
MAP RIT Score for Math – Above Average score
- Teacher Recommendation

Accelerated Science (both required)

- Local Science Assessments – 85% or above
- Teacher Recommendation

High School Measures:

Currently, NFHS has an Open Enrollment Policy for Advanced Placement (AP) and Niagara University (NUSTEP) courses.

Spanish – automatic acceleration for students who achieved an 80% or better on the Spanish Proficiency Exam. Students who achieve a 75-79% on the Spanish Proficiency Exam will receive further review of multiple measures (such as essential skills checklist; work ethic; student portfolio; and teacher recommendation).