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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Nominations are now being accepted for students currently in Grades K-7 who wish to be screened for Bellmawr's Gifted and Talented Program (L.E.A.P.) for the 2026-2027 school year. To nominate a student for screening, parents/guardians must complete the linked [LEAP Parent Nomination Form K-3](#) or [LEAP Parent Nomination Form 4-7](#) by **Friday, May 15, 2026**. **Late submissions will not be accepted. Submission of a parent nomination implies parent/guardian consent for screening.**

The Bellmawr Public School's Gifted and Talented program aims to provide meaningful programming, services, and a differentiated curriculum beyond what the traditional classroom provides. More information about the program can be found on the [District Gifted and Talented Website](#).

Students who are currently in **grades 1-2** will be evaluated using a combination of their results on the *Screening Assessment for Gifted Elementary School Students, 3rd Edition* (SAGES-3 Assessment), the i-Ready Assessment, and the *Kingore Parent/Teacher Observation Tool*.

Nominated students in **grades 3-7** will be evaluated using a combination of their results on the *Screening Assessment for Gifted Elementary School Students, 3rd Edition* (SAGES-3 Assessment), the i-Ready Assessment, NJSLA ELA results (if available), NJSLA Math results (if available), the *Kingore Parent/Teacher Observation Tool*.

All nominated students currently in **grades K** will take the SAGES-3 Reasoning Subtest. Using the criteria set by SAGES-3, all students who perform at or above the 95th percentile will be placed on a K-2 Watch List. Placement on the Watch List does not guarantee future acceptance into the Gifted and Talented program. However, test results will be shared with the building principal and future teachers for the purpose of instructional differentiation.

The SAGES-3 Assessment will be administered during May, June, and September if needed. Parents/guardians will be notified of the results and the status of the student's admittance to the Gifted and Talented Program before the 2026-2027 school year starts. If you have any questions about the identification process, please contact your building L.E.A.P. teacher.

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Sincerely,

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