



MEMO

TO: Superintendent Gina Butters, Board President Paul Widdison, WSD Board Members

FROM: Alicia Mitchell

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SUBJECT: Naglieri Assessment Program Purchase – Gifted and Accelerated Learning Identification

Weber School District is requesting approval to purchase the **Naglieri assessment program** for the 2026–2027 school year. The Naglieri assessment provides a nonverbal measure of student reasoning and problem-solving ability and is used as one data point in identifying students who may qualify for advanced learning opportunities.

Program Overview

Weber School District currently utilizes the Naglieri assessment with 6th-grade students as part of the identification and placement process for students entering the Accelerated Math pathway. Assessment results provide additional information about student reasoning and academic potential and are considered alongside other measures when determining student placement in accordance with Utah State Board of Education (USBE) gifted and talented identification criteria.

The Naglieri assessment is not intended to serve as a single determining factor for placement. Rather, it provides an additional data point that, when considered with other student performance measures, helps the district develop a more complete picture of a student's readiness and potential for accelerated learning.

Expanded Assessment in 2nd Grade

Research and best practices in gifted education support identifying student strengths and potential earlier in a student's educational experience. Beginning in the spring of the 2026–2027 school year, Weber School District plans to expand the administration of the Naglieri assessment to include 2nd-grade students.

Gathering this information earlier will provide schools and educators with an additional data point to better understand student strengths, recognize students who may benefit from advanced learning opportunities, and inform instructional decisions as students progress through elementary school.

Benefits to Students and Educators

The Naglieri assessment provides educators with another source of information to support a multiple-measures approach to student identification. Expanding assessment to an earlier grade will help the district identify student potential sooner, strengthen opportunities for appropriate academic challenge, and provide educators with meaningful information to support instructional planning.

Funding

The estimated cost of the Naglieri assessment program for the 2026–2027 fiscal year is just over \$60,000. This investment will support assessment administration for both 6th-grade students and the planned expansion to 2nd-grade students. This expense will come from the Gifted and Talented state funding.

At this time, we request Board approval for the purchase of the Naglieri assessment program for the 2026–2027 school year, supporting Weber School District's continued efforts to identify student strengths, provide appropriate academic opportunities, and ensure students have access to pathways that meet their learning needs.