



# Riverview Program for the Academically Talented

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## 2010-2011 PAT APPLICATION PACKET

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Dear Parent and Guardians,

The Riverview School District recognizes the abilities of academically talented students and provides educational experiences to meet their unique needs. The Riverview Program for the Academically Talented (PAT) provides classes for qualified students in grades 2-5. Three different models are available to best meet the individual learning needs of each child. A **PAT Full Day Model** is available for qualifying students in the district at Carnation Elementary School. Students are grouped in multiage classrooms (2nd/3rd & 4th/5th) and are provided a challenging accelerated curriculum in all subjects throughout the school day. In addition, students/parents who wish to have their child remain at their neighborhood/home school may elect to have their qualified PAT student placed in a **PAT Cluster Model** or attend a **Regular Class Model** with supplemental instruction given by a regular education teacher. Students must either reside in the Riverview School District or attend a Riverview School on a waiver.

The application packet must be completed and returned to the PAT Program Office at Carnation Elementary School by **Monday December 14, 2009** to be considered for testing. Completion of the Parent Application Form is considered permission to test your child. After we receive the complete application, we will send you a flyer to remind you of your child's initial testing date and time. Please reserve the morning of **Saturday, January 9th, 2010** from **9:00am-12:00pm** for the first round of achievement (CAT) testing at Carnation Elementary School. Parents will then be sent a letter notifying them of their child's results and if they qualify for Round 2 of testing, the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) on **Saturday, February 6th, 2010**. *Only those students who score above the 90th%ile on the CAT will move on to the second round of testing.*

The Riverview School District uses several indicators to select students for the PAT Program. Students may be referred by a parent, child, or teacher/staff member. The process begins with a completed PAT Referral Packet with parent and teacher input. Selection begins with an achievement test in early January. Students take the Reading and Mathematics subtests of the California Achievement Test (CAT). In order to qualify for further testing, applicants must score at the 90th %ile or higher on at least one subtest. If your child scores at the percentile indicated above, he/she will qualify for Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) testing in early February.

*Students must attend both testing sessions to qualify. No outside or private testing will be accepted.*

Please keep the enclosed timeline and checklist as a reference. The "**25 Question Guide**" and the "**Characteristics of a Gifted Child**" are tools to help your family as you consider this program and what's best for your child. Please plan to attend the **Parent PAT Information Night, Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009 at 5:30 pm** in the **Carnation Elementary Library**.

Sincerely,

Doug Poage,  
Director of PAT Program