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Description of Changes Made to ALE Programs SY 2015-16

Testing and/or Identification Instruments

Description of any new testing and/or identification instruments with descriptions of where and how they were used, are indicated below:

New Testing and/or Identification Instruments	Description of where and how the New Testing and Instruments were used	Training Materials on ALE identification, testing, placement and retention
CogAT 7	Adopted for GATE in 2014-15 for all grades K-8. Series 7 K-2 assessment now includes a quantitative subtest. In 2015-16 whole grade testing will be completed for first and fifth grades.	Assessment proctors were trained on how to provide the assessment and for whole grade testing. Additional consumables were necessary for first grade whole grade testing.
Raven	GATE testing includes the Raven non verbal test for all grades K-8. In 2015-16 whole grade testing will be completed for first and fifth grades.	Assessment proctors were trained on how to provide the assessment for whole grade testing.
Discover Pilot	The GATE department took into consideration giving an additional DISCOVER pilot in 2015-16, however due to the limitations on identification, whole group testing and other implementation issues with DISCOVER another assessment, the NNAT, will be recommended for piloting in 2015-16.	
NNAT Pilot Recommendation	Once approved, this Pilot will be given in February & March of 2016 with a sample population of K-1 Students.	Assessment proctors will be trained in February on how to provide the assessment

Policies

There were no new or amended policies regarding ALE Programs for the 2015-16 school year.