

CogAT Grade, Age, and Level Chart

A quick reference for families. Your school chooses the administered level.

IMPORTANT

Time of year and class performance can change the recommended level.

Typical grade	Typical age*	Quick-reference level	What families should know
Kindergarten	5-6	Level 5/6	Pictorial primary format; schools may use Level 7
Grade 1	6-7	Level 7	Level 5/6 or 8 may be selected in some settings
Grade 2	7-8	Level 8	Level 9 may be used for some high-performing spring groups
Grade 3	8-9	Level 9	Level 10 may be selected by season or performance
Grade 4	9-10	Level 10	Level 11 may be selected for some spring groups
Grade 5	10-11	Level 11	Typical recommendation across the school year
Grade 6	11-12	Level 12	Typical recommendation across the school year
Grades 7-8	12-14	Level 13/14	One combined level serves the middle-grade range
Grades 9-10	14-16	Level 15/16	One combined level serves this secondary range
Grades 11-12	16-18	Level 17/18	One combined level serves the upper-secondary range

PRIMARY LEVELS 5/6-8

Kindergarten through Grade 2 questions are largely pictorial.
The optional Sentence Completion subtest is an exception.

HOW TO USE THIS CHART

Use it to ask the right question - not to select a test level yourself.
Confirm the exact form, level, batteries, and testing window with the school.

*Ages are typical U.S. school-year ranges, not publisher placement rules.