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Dear Parents of Pre-K, K, 1st and 2nd Grade Students:

The **NYC Gifted and Talented Test Information Handbooks for 2011-2012** are now available. The handbook contains all information regarding the admissions process. If you are interested in having your child tested for a possible placement into a Gifted and Talented program, please request a copy of the appropriate handbook from the main office or visit www.nyc.gov/schools/gt. Please keep in mind that PS261 does not have a Gifted and Talented program. It is recommended that you go over the sample test in the booklets to see if such a program is appropriate and meets your child's needs.

Families in Pre-K through Grade 2 who are requesting to have their child tested must first complete the Request For Testing (RFT) form, either online or by completing the form included in the handbook and submitting it to the PS261 Main Office. If you choose to complete the form online, it only takes a few minutes and you will receive an email notification that your request has been received. For current public school parents, please include your child's OSIS number on the application (our Pupil Accountant Janet Pappas or Parent Coordinator Jerry Piper can provide this number to you). Only completed applications will be processed. If an application is not complete, it will be given back. To apply online, visit:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/Academics/GiftedandTalented/default.htm>

Please be aware that there is a separate handbook for each birth year for children eligible to be tested, which may not necessarily correspond to your child's current grade. Please make sure that you have the appropriate handbook by referring to the chart below.

*Please note: Pre-K students only will now be tested at a central location on the weekend.

Birth Year	OLSAT	G&T Program Test Info
2007	Level A	Pre-Kindergarten
2006	Level A	Kindergarten
2005	Level B	1 st or 2 nd Grade
2004	Level C	2 nd Grade

The deadline to submit the Request for Testing (either online, to PS261, or at the Borough Enrollment office) is October 28, 2011. The testing will take place between January 3 and February 10, 2012.

Sincerely,

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 Testing Coordinator