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In the 2024–25 school year, DeKalb County School District broadened its gifted referral process by offering additional ‘at bats’ for underrepresented students to be considered for gifted screening with the goal of improving fair access to gifted eligibility testing in the mental ability domain by administering the **NNAT** (Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test) a standardized, culturally neutral cognitive assessment used by schools to evaluate students' reasoning and problem-solving skills without relying on language. The online assessment contains 48 multiple-choice questions grouped into four core categories:

- **Pattern Completion:** Identifying the missing piece that completes a larger design.
- **Reasoning by Analogy:** Recognizing the relationship between shapes and applying that logic to a new set of figures.
- **Serial Reasoning:** Finding a pattern or rule across a sequence of shapes.
- **Spatial Visualization:** Figuring out how shapes combine or how a 2D figure looks when folded into a 3D object.

### Data Usage

DeKalb County School District  
2022-2026 Gifted Students, by School Year

Source: State Reporting Student Record

| School Year | Total Number of Students Eligible for Gifted Program | Percent One-Year Change |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2025 - 2026 | 11,793                                               | 9.3%                    |
| 2024 - 2025 | 10,789                                               | 8.0%                    |
| 2023 - 2024 | 9,988                                                | 0.4%                    |
| 2022 - 2023 | 9,953                                                | -3.7%                   |
| 2021 - 2022 | 10,334                                               |                         |

| Black       |                                                      |                         | Hispanic    |                                                      |                         |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| School Year | Total Number of Students Eligible for Gifted Program | Percent One-Year Change | School Year | Total Number of Students Eligible for Gifted Program | Percent One-Year Change |
| 2025 - 2026 | 3,729                                                | 10.5%                   | 2025 - 2026 | 1,226                                                | 13.5%                   |
| 2024 - 2025 | 3,376                                                | 9.0%                    | 2024 - 2025 | 1,080                                                | 16.3%                   |
| 2023 - 2024 | 3,097                                                | -2.5%                   | 2023 - 2024 | 929                                                  | 7.0%                    |
| 2022 - 2023 | 3,177                                                | -7.3%                   | 2022 - 2023 | 868                                                  | 1.6%                    |
| 2021 - 2022 | 3,426                                                |                         | 2021 - 2022 | 854                                                  |                         |

| White       |                                                      |                         | Asian/Pacific Islander |                                                      |                         |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| School Year | Total Number of Students Eligible for Gifted Program | Percent One-Year Change | School Year            | Total Number of Students Eligible for Gifted Program | Percent One-Year Change |
| 2025 - 2026 | 4,638                                                | 6.0%                    | 2025 - 2026            | 1,286                                                | 6.0%                    |
| 2024 - 2025 | 4,377                                                | 4.1%                    | 2024 - 2025            | 1,213                                                | 6.4%                    |
| 2023 - 2024 | 4,203                                                | 0.1%                    | 2023 - 2024            | 1,140                                                | 0.2%                    |
| 2022 - 2023 | 4,200                                                | -1.4%                   | 2022 - 2023            | 1,138                                                | -9.0%                   |
| 2021 - 2022 | 4,261                                                |                         | 2021 - 2022            | 1,251                                                |                         |

| Multi-Racial |                                                      |                         | American Indian/Alaskan Native |                                                      |                         |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| School Year  | Total Number of Students Eligible for Gifted Program | Percent One-Year Change | School Year                    | Total Number of Students Eligible for Gifted Program | Percent One-Year Change |
| 2025 - 2026  | 835                                                  | 18.3%                   | 2025 - 2026                    | 52                                                   | 40.5%                   |
| 2024 - 2025  | 706                                                  | 19.3%                   | 2024 - 2025                    | 37                                                   | 37.0%                   |
| 2023 - 2024  | 592                                                  | 9.6%                    | 2023 - 2024                    | 27                                                   | -10.0%                  |
| 2022 - 2023  | 540                                                  | 4.9%                    | 2022 - 2023                    | 30                                                   | 11.1%                   |
| 2021 - 2022  | 515                                                  |                         | 2021 - 2022                    | 27                                                   |                         |

| English Learners |                                                      |                         | Students with Disability |                                                      |                         |
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| School Year      | Total Number of Students Eligible for Gifted Program | Percent One-Year Change | School Year              | Total Number of Students Eligible for Gifted Program | Percent One-Year Change |
| 2025 - 2026      | 424                                                  | 21.1%                   | 2025 - 2026              | 408                                                  | 19.0%                   |
| 2024 - 2025      | 350                                                  | 25.9%                   | 2024 - 2025              | 343                                                  | 14.3%                   |
| 2023 - 2024      | 278                                                  | 27.5%                   | 2023 - 2024              | 300                                                  | 7.9%                    |
| 2022 - 2023      | 218                                                  | -4.0%                   | 2022 - 2023              | 278                                                  | 4.9%                    |
| 2021 - 2022      | 227                                                  |                         | 2021 - 2022              | 265                                                  |                         |