

Gifted & Talented Identification and Program Update

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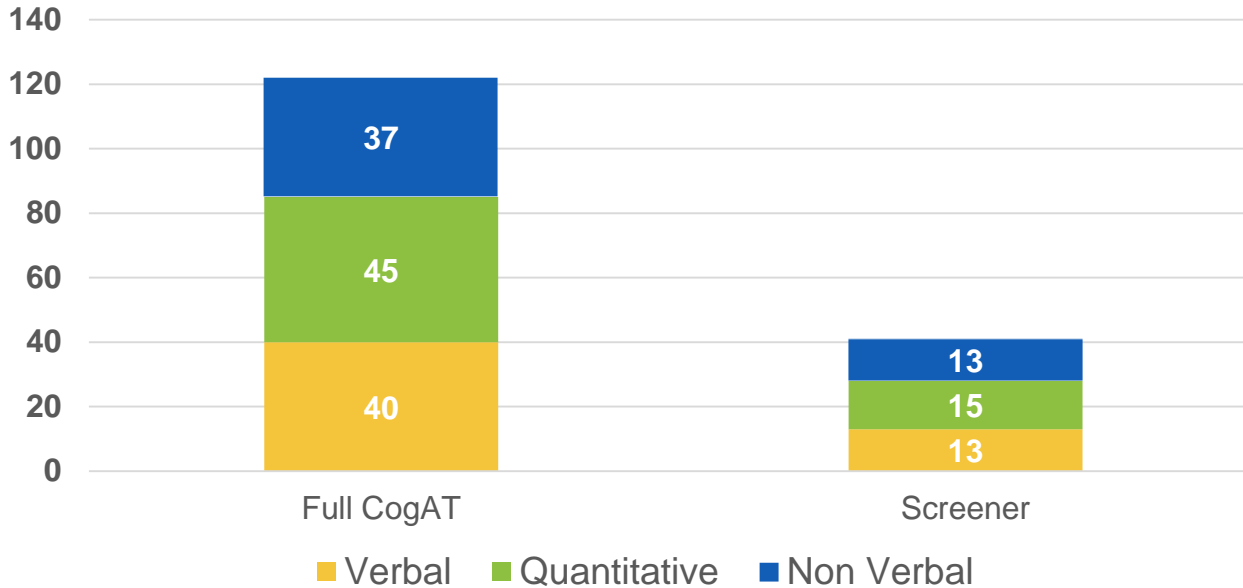
Gifted & Talented (GT) Identification

- GT universal screener –
Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)
- STAR
- Teacher's Observation of Potential
in Students (TOPS)
- Evidence of demonstrated performance
- Parent input



CogAT: Reduction in Test Time

Test Time in Minutes

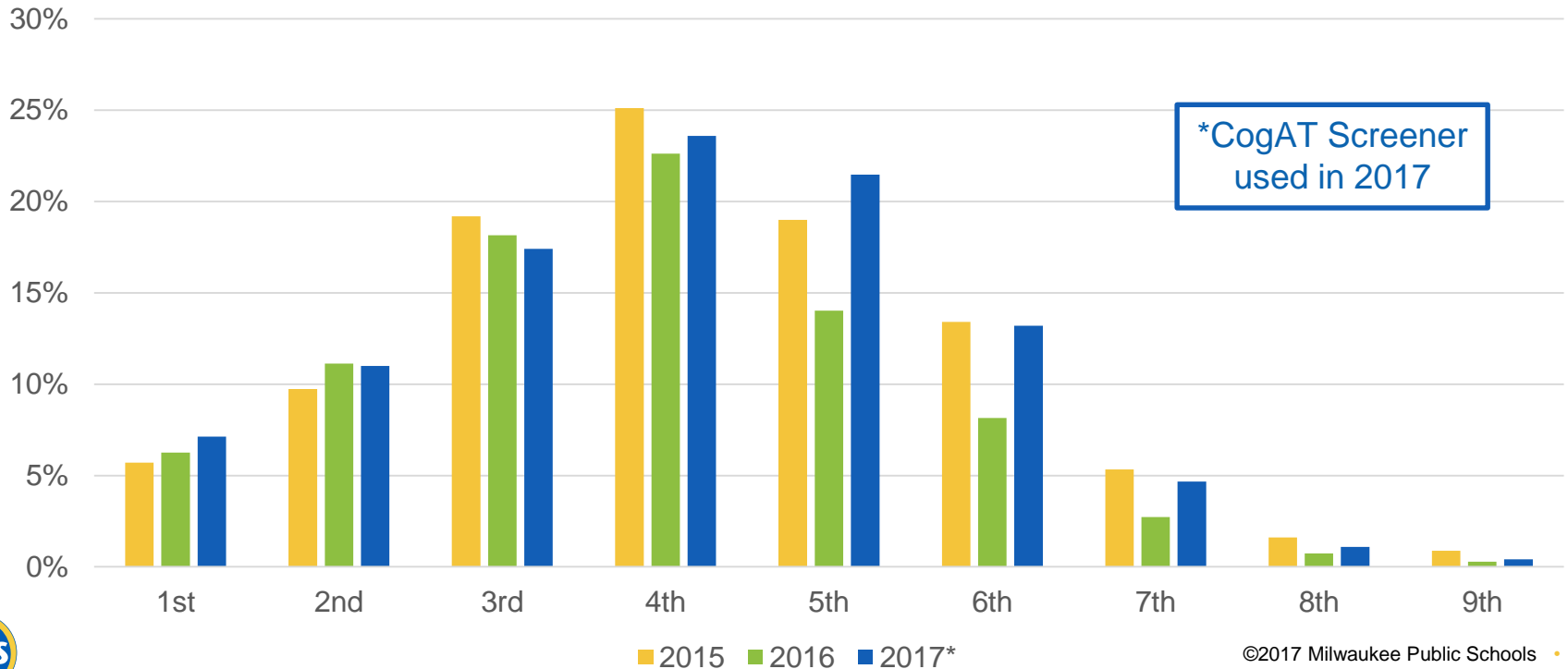


Instructional
Time Returned to
MPS Classroom:

1.5 Hours

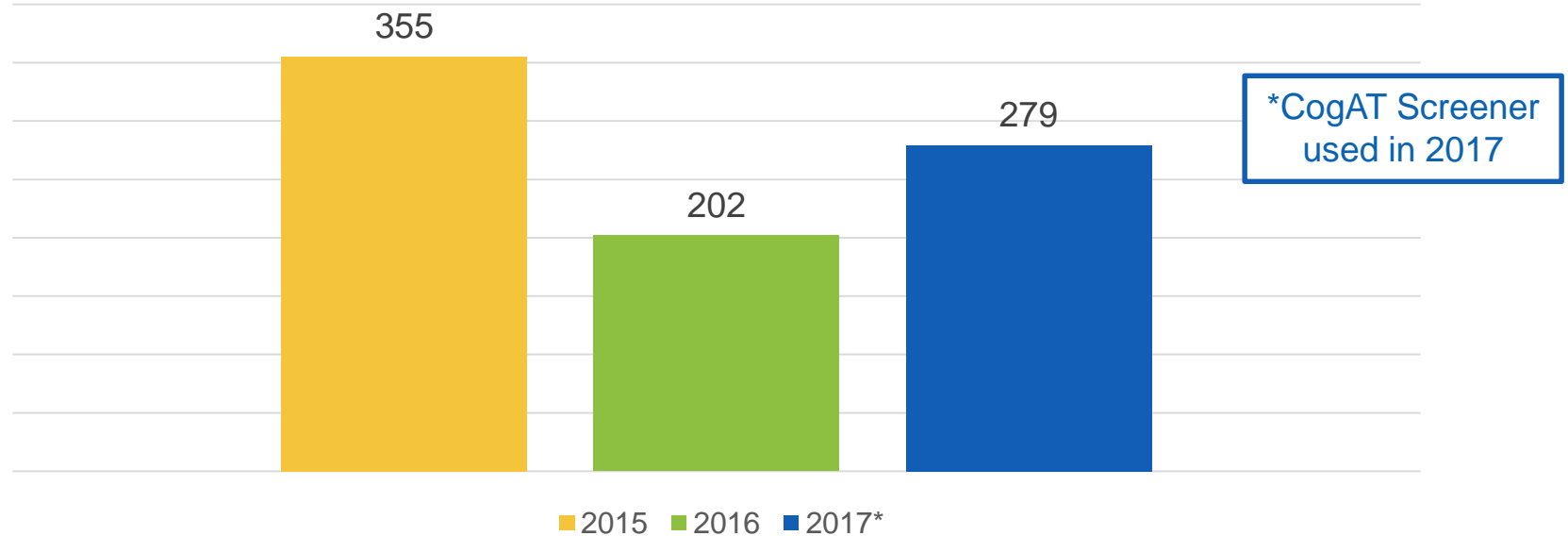
Age Stanine Distribution – Composite Score

Percent of MPS Students in Each Stanine



Identified Students from CogAT Screener

Number of MPS Students at the 7th, 8th, or 9th Stanine



STAR Data as a GT Screener

Number of MPS Students at or above the
75th Percentile

	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
Early Literacy	1580	1366
Reading	2998	3058
Math	6852	6645



GT Services for MPS Students

- Parent GT 101 workshops
- SENG parent groups
- Ability grouping
- Flexible grouping
- Tiered lessons
- Competitions and clubs
- Camps (Saturdays and summer)
- Curriculum compacting
- Problem-based learning
- Specialized program
- Replacement curriculum (ALEKS, WCATY)
- Single-subject acceleration
- Whole-grade acceleration



Javits Grants = Talent Development

- **Javits is funded by the US Department of Education**
- **Expanding Excellence** – 2015 grant; 10 MPS elementary schools focused on the identification of the potential of English language learners and economically disadvantaged students. Piloted the TOPS tool.
- **SEE US!** – 2017 grant adding 10–14 MPS elementary schools

All students have worthwhile potentials and interests. Appropriate and challenging instruction can lead to significant achievement and satisfaction in at least one (or often more) talent areas for many students. Talents exist and may be expressed and developed in many important and worthwhile domains.



TOPS

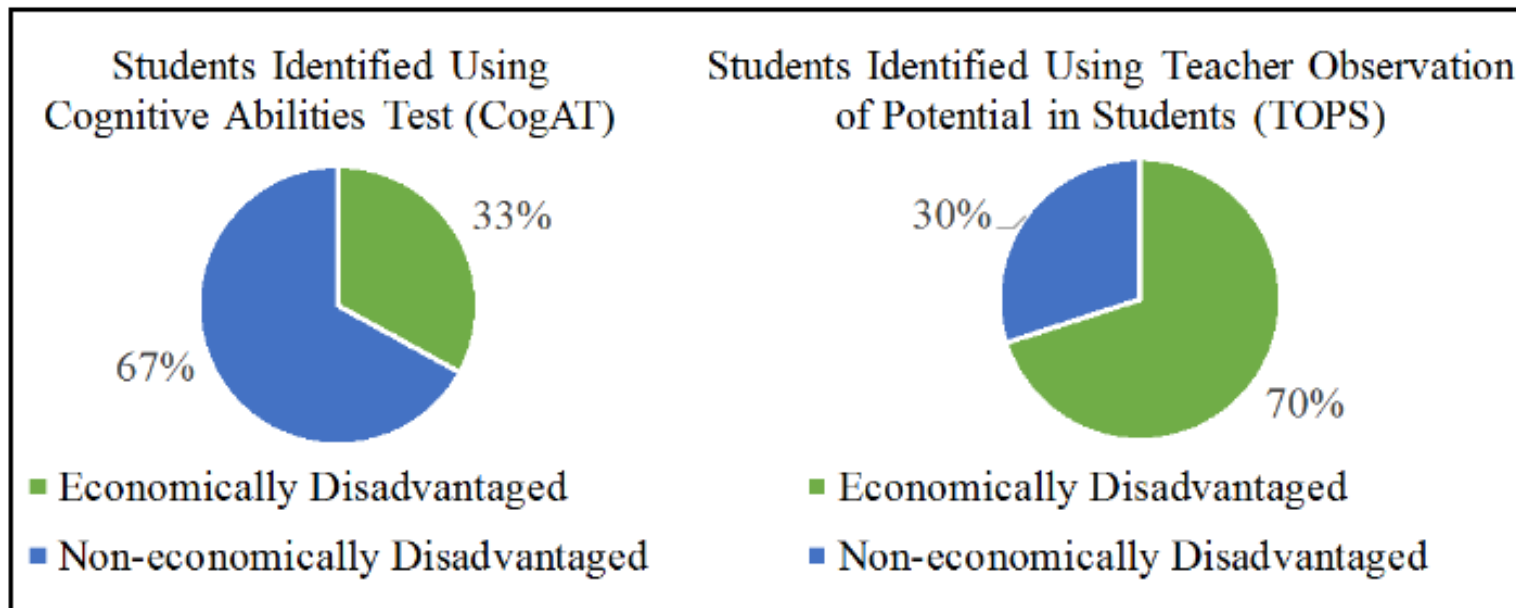
The *Teacher's Observation of Potential in Students (TOPS)* is a tool to help recognize children with outstanding potential who may be gifted.

- Learns easily
- Shows advanced skills
- Displays curiosity and creativity
- Has strong interests
- Shows advanced reasoning and problem solving
- Displays spatial abilities
- Shows motivation
- Shows social perceptiveness
- Displays leadership



TOPS in MPS

Chart 1: Students Identified for Gifted and Talented Services by Economic Status (2016-17)



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