ElevateU Marks School Psychology Week With Gifted Evaluation Focus

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ElevateU Educational Psychology is marking School Psychology Awareness Week, which the National Association of School Psychologists observes each November, by highlighting its evaluations for gifted and twice-exceptional students and its support for families navigating school Advanced Learning Plan, or ALP, processes.

Gifted and twice-exceptional evaluations at the practice draw on cognitive testing with the WISC-V and WPPSI-IV and on achievement testing with the WIAT and Woodcock-Johnson batteries, according to its website. The WISC-V is used for students ages 6 to 16 and the WPPSI-IV for younger children, according to the practice. Twice-exceptional, often shortened to 2e, describes students who are identified as gifted in one or more areas and who also have a disability defined by federal or state eligibility criteria. Each evaluation begins with an intake conversation, typically involves one to two assessment sessions with the student and ends with a feedback meeting that explains the findings and the recommendations a school team can consider.

"School Psychology Awareness Week is a chance to explain what a school psychologist does. For gifted and

twice-exceptional students, the work centers on documenting strengths and needs in a report a school team can review," said Ashley Goodwin, Ed.D., NCSP, owner of ElevateU Educational Psychology.

In Colorado, the Exceptional Children's Educational Act requires that an ALP be developed for every student identified as gifted, according to guidance from the state Department of Education. Under the act's rules, each plan includes a student profile described in a body of evidence, annual achievement and affective goals aligned to the student's strength areas, progress reporting and a system for family engagement and input. The department's guidance states that an initial plan is developed 30 to 45 school days after identification and that gifted identification is not fixed, since new strength areas may emerge over time. The guidance also describes the ALP as a working document, suggests the report card cycle as a routine for updates and calls for an annual review at the end or beginning of the school year.

Identification decisions and ALPs are made by school teams, not by private evaluators. A private evaluation describes an individual student's learning profile, and a family may share a private report with a school team for review alongside the school's own data. Goodwin also coordinates with teachers, counselors and other school staff and supports families in ALP and Individualized Education Program, or IEP, meetings, according to the practice. Under the state's twice-exceptional resource handbook, a gifted student who also qualifies for special education may have both an ALP and an IEP, and the handbook states that the two plans are reviewed simultaneously.

ElevateU has provided evaluations for children and teens since 2015 and works with students from preschool through college age. Every evaluation is conducted by Goodwin, a Nationally Certified School Psychologist who holds a Doctor of Education degree with a doctoral specialization in gifted and twice-exceptional students, along with master's and Educational Specialist degrees in school psychology. The practice is solo by design, so the clinician who administers the testing also interprets the results, writes the report and leads the feedback meeting.

The NCSP credential is issued by the National Association of School Psychologists to school psychologists who meet its standards for graduate training, a supervised internship and a national examination. School Psychology Awareness Week is the association's yearly observance recognizing the work school psychologists do with students, families and educators. The practice's evaluation services also include psychoeducational evaluations, ADHD testing and social-emotional screening, along with IEP consulting, educational consulting and parenting strategies consultations.

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About ElevateU Educational Psychology

ElevateU Educational Psychology is an educational psychology practice that has provided evaluations for children and teens since 2015. Ashley Goodwin, Ed.D., NCSP, a Nationally Certified School Psychologist, conducts psychoeducational evaluations, ADHD evaluations, gifted and twice-exceptional assessments and IEP and ALP consulting. The office is located at 90 Madison St Ste 304, Denver, CO 80206, and can be reached at (303) 691-2020 or http://www.elevateudenver.com/.

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