

Duke TIP Talent Search

Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) collaborates with educators and parents to identify academically talented students and support their academic and social development by providing them with advanced learning opportunities, challenging resources and programs, and special recognition of their achievements. We are a nonprofit organization and have served over 2.8 million gifted students since TIP's founding in 1980.

Purpose of Talent Search

Duke TIP offers a talent search for students in grades four through six as well as a talent search for seventh graders. Both talent searches celebrate students for their achievements and foster their love of learning, but they adopt different approaches in order to match the needs of these different age groups. The 4th–6th Grade Talent Search focuses on helping students discover and explore their interests, cultivating their curiosity and building their confidence. The 7th Grade Talent Search focuses on helping students understand their strengths and helps them develop the abilities that they will need as they look ahead to college and a future career.



Benefits

Students receive **recognition of their accomplishments**, including a certificate of merit, a school notification of participation, participant ribbon, and an optional press release. They also have the opportunity to take an optional **above-level test**, the PSAT 8/9, once each school year. The highest scoring students are invited to a ceremony to receive a medal. In addition, participants and their parents receive:

- **Navigator, a monthly online magazine** that introduces students to new subjects and publishes their creative works
- **free online academic activities** designed to challenge advanced students in writing, math, science, and social studies
- **an online book club** where they read great books and connect with other gifted students nationwide to participate in hands-on, multidisciplinary activities related to each book’s theme
- **an annual writing and illustration contest** that offers monetary prizes to first, second, and third place winners, as well as to their schools
- **Academic 411**, an online publication that provides gifted students with hands-on tips for making the most of their school and social experiences
- **the Opportunity Guide**, an online directory of programs and academic competitions of interest to high-achieving students
- **the Research Digest**, an online publication on the challenges and opportunities of academically talented children, written by experts in the field
- **access to Talent Talk**, an online community for parents and educators who are dedicated to supporting their gifted students
- **discounts on Independent Learning products** for advanced students, including Rosetta Stone Foundations
- **the ability to apply to TIP’s educational programs** (see details on back page; financial aid is available)

Enrollment

Materials are mailed to many schools in September each year, but parents may directly enroll their children between October 1 and March 31 at www.tip.duke.edu/456enroll or via paper application. The onetime \$40 enrollment fee covers the student through the end of sixth grade. A separate fee of \$42 applies each time a child takes the optional PSAT 8/9. More information on test dates and registration deadlines is available at www.tip.duke.edu/psat89. Need-based financial aid is available. For general information, visit www.tip.duke.edu/456ts.

Who is Eligible to Participate?

To be eligible, students must have attained a qualifying test score at or above the 95th percentile on at least one accepted subtest area of a grade-level standardized achievement test, aptitude test, mental-ability test, or state criterion-referenced test, or have scored 125 or above on an IQ test that is no more than two years old.

Benefits

As part of the 7th Grade Talent Search enrollment process, TIP will register students to take either the **ACT or SAT**. This above-level testing experience reveals academic strengths that might otherwise remain undiscovered and can lead to a more appropriate educational plan for each student. Families receive a **score results summary** that compares their student’s test performance to all talent search participants and helps them analyze the results. In addition, students are **recognized for their accomplishments** with a certificate of merit, a school notification of participation, and an optional press release. State recognition ceremonies are held for the highest scoring participants and those with exceptional scores are invited to attend a grand recognition ceremony held at Duke University each spring. In addition, families and students receive:

- **The Talent Search Experience**, which provides families with guidance on above-level test taking strategies, working with schools, preparing for college, finding academic resources, and choosing educational options
- **Insights, a monthly online magazine** that introduces new subjects, publishes student writing, and highlights student achievements
- **My College Guide**, a magazine provided to students in the tenth and eleventh grades that features information about college admissions and profiles select colleges and universities
- **the Opportunity Guide**, an online directory of programs and academic competitions of interest to high-achieving students
- **the Research Digest**, an online publication on the challenges and opportunities of academically talented children, written by experts in the field
- **access to Talent Talk**, an online community for parents and educators who are dedicated to supporting their gifted students
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Enrollment

Materials are mailed to many schools in August each year, but parents may directly enroll their children between August 1 and December 9 at www.tip.duke.edu/7enroll or via paper application. Late enrollment is available; for details, contact 7talentsearch@tip.duke.edu. The onetime \$75 enrollment fee covers the cost of one ACT (no writing) or SAT (no essay) test registration and provides benefits through the end of high school. Need-based financial aid is available. For more information, visit www.tip.duke.edu/7gts.

Additional Duke TIP Educational Programs

Most programs require students to first be enrolled in a TIP talent search, and some may require additional score qualification levels. Financial aid is available for all educational programs.

Grade 4		Grade 5		Grade 6				
		CRISIS (grades 5–6) One-week, experiential learning summer residential programs. Learn more at www.tip.duke.edu/solvethecrisis .						
Academic Adventures (grades 4–6) Intensive one-day course. Learn more at www.tip.duke.edu/aap .								
eInvestigators (grades 4–6) Month-long, interactive online investigation to solve a mystery. Learn more at www.tip.duke.edu/crackthecase .								
Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12			
		Scholar Weekends (grades 8–11) Intensive two-day program. Learn more at www.tip.duke.edu/scholar .						
		Summer Studies Programs (grades 7–10) Three-week summer residential program. Learn more at www.tip.duke.edu/summer .						
		Field Studies (grades 9–12) Two-week summer residential program at field study locations around the world. Learn more at www.tip.duke.edu/fieldstudies .						
		eStudies (grades 7–11) Seven-week online summer program. Learn more at www.tip.duke.edu/estudies .						
Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Independent Learning (grades 4–12) Courses come in a variety of formats, allowing students to pursue subjects at their own pace. Learn more at www.tip.duke.edu/learn .								
Rosetta Stone Foundations through Duke TIP (grades 4–12) Special version of the language-immersion software designed for students. Courses are offered in 25 languages. Learn more at www.tip.duke.edu/rosetta .								