Congratulations on qualifying for the Duke TIP Talent Search! Read this guide for important information about your participation in the talent search and taking the SAT®.

Admission Ticket and ID
To be admitted to take the SAT, you need two things: an admission ticket and an acceptable form of identification. If you don’t present both your printed admission ticket and an acceptable form of ID at the test center, the staff won’t admit you.

- Your printed admission ticket is required. It will arrive separately in the mail from College Board (not Duke TIP). If your ticket hasn’t arrived two weeks before the test, contact SAT Customer Service at 866-756-7346. Students who are thirteen years old can also visit the SAT website to print their own ticket if one has not arrived.
- The Talent Search SAT ID Form is an acceptable ID. You can print this ID form here: www.tip.duke.edu/satid. Use this or an official photo ID. Remember: You must bring either the Talent Search SAT ID Form or an acceptable photo ID on test day.

Preparing for the Test
Check your email inbox each month for your Duke TIP benefits statement, which includes important test-day reminders, TIP program notifications, and information about your talent search benefits.

The SAT Student Guide and the separate Official SAT Practice Test are available at www.tip.duke.edu/readysat. The Guide provides test information for students taking the SAT, including the purpose and structure of the test, the SAT Terms and Conditions, and ideas about how to prepare. You should review these materials, but remember that this experience is intended to assess your current abilities. We don’t recommend excessively studying for the test. Extensive preparation can be counterproductive. It’s enough to be familiar with the test directions, question formats, and test-taking strategies. If you feel it’ll help you be ready on test day, you can complete a practice test at sat.org/practice. Visit sat.org/scoring to get help with scoring the practice test by hand. Scroll down to SAT Practice Test #1 and expand to see the options.

On Test Day
Check your center’s website and sat.org for additional health safeguards and last-minute testing updates. Most test centers open at 7:45 a.m. and doors close at 8 a.m., unless otherwise noted on your admission ticket. You won’t be admitted after 8 a.m. If you take the SAT with Essay, you’ll likely be done testing around 1:15 p.m. If you’re not taking the Essay, you’ll likely be done around noon.

You aren’t required to take the optional SAT Essay for talent search. If you want to take the Essay, call SAT Customer Service at 866-756-7346 well before test day so they can mail your updated ticket. You can also request to change to SAT with Essay on test day, if the center has enough materials, space, and staff. If you do change, you’ll be billed $16 (no change fee applies) for taking the Essay.

Be sure to bring the following with you:
- Your printed SAT admission ticket; sent directly from College Board, not Duke TIP (REQUIRED)
- Talent Search/SAT ID Form or acceptable photo ID; print this ID form here: www.tip.duke.edu/satid (REQUIRED)
- Two No. 2 pencils with soft erasers (Pens and mechanical pencils are prohibited.)
- Acceptable calculator (See “Calculator Policy” in The SAT Student Guide and find a list at sat.org/calculator.)

Leave these prohibited items at home — they aren’t allowed in the testing room:
- Electronic equipment including phones of any kind, personal computing devices (laptops, notebooks, or tablets), cameras, timers, audio players/recorders, smartwatches, or any other devices that can be used to transmit or receive information.
- Any highlighters, rulers, earplugs, dictionaries or other books, pens or colored pencils, or pamphlets and papers of any kind, including scratch paper.

Important: The test center staff will collect prohibited electronic devices before testing begins. College Board and your test center are not responsible for loss of or damage to personal items, including electronic devices, while you’re in the test center.
Taking the Test

Regardless of the academic area in which you qualify, you’ll take the entire SAT, not a special or condensed version. The SAT includes an Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section and a Math section. The Math section has two parts: Math Test – No Calculator and Math Test – Calculator. You’ll receive two section scores, plus one test score each for Reading, Writing and Language, and Math. If you leave the test center before being dismissed, your scores will be canceled. You’ll probably be testing alongside high school students (most test centers don’t have separate testing rooms for younger students).

When you take the test, a watch might be helpful, but you cannot bring a watch with an audible alarm or any communication/recording features. You may bring a snack to eat or drink only during designated breaks. Snacks must be stored under desks or chairs in the testing room.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

Only registered students and staff will be admitted to the testing center during the test administration. Parents may assist their student with checking in, but may not remain in the test center during testing. Waiting areas cannot be provided. Please plan to meet your student AFTER the test in the exterior hallway or outside of the building. Don’t allow your student to take a mobile phone into the center — a phone that makes any noise during testing is grounds for score cancellation.

Test-Day Problems

- **Request to Cancel Test Scores:** If you become ill during the test or don’t finish the test for any reason, complete a Request to Cancel Scores form before you leave the test center, if possible. To cancel your scores after you leave the test center, download a form from sat.org/cancel-scores and send your signed cancellation request to arrive **no later than** 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the fourth weekday (usually Thursday) after the test to:
  - Overnight Delivery: SAT Score Cancellation, 1425 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08618
  - FAX: 610-290-8978

- **Test Day Complaints:** If you have a complaint about the test center or testing conditions, contact Test Administration Services no later than the fourth weekday after the test by email at testcenter@info.collegeboard.org.

Test Center Closings

SAT coordinators are instructed to notify local media outlets when their centers are unable to open due to inclement weather, natural disaster, power failure, or other problems. During poor weather, check sat.org/test-center-closings, and listen to local stations for information about SAT test center closings.

Test Center Changes/Test Date Changes

On test day, changes cannot be made to test date or test center. If you realize you can’t test on the date listed on your admission ticket, or you need a different center assignment, contact SAT Customer Service at 866-756-7346 as soon as possible. You’ll be charged a $30 change fee.

Your Score Report

College Board mails most SAT score reports between six and eight weeks after the test date. If you haven’t received your score report by nine weeks after the test, call 866-756-7346.

Duke TIP will post a Score Results Summary on their website so you can compare your scores to the other students in the talent search. Duke TIP maintains a permanent record of SAT scores received for talent search participants, but your scores won’t remain part of your permanent College Board record unless you request otherwise. If you want your scores to be part of your permanent record, you must let College Board know before the end of August of the year you tested. For contact information, go to sat.org/younger-students.