

# INVITATION FORM <Place school letterhead over the paragraph below.>

DIRECTIONS: Use this invitation to notify students of their eligibility for the 4th–6th Grade Talent Search. Download easy-to-print, editable versions from our website in either English or Spanish ([tip.duke.edu/456toolkit](http://tip.duke.edu/456toolkit)) or reproduce the letter by pasting your school's letterhead over this paragraph. Before sending to families, fill in the student name, Duke TIP School ID, and the student's qualifying test score information.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Congratulations! Due to your excellent performance on a recent grade-level standardized test, you have qualified to participate in the highly selective **Duke University Talent Identification Program 4th–6th Grade Talent Search**. Participation in the 4th–6th Grade Talent Search is an honor, as very few students qualify.

Since 1980, Duke TIP, a nonprofit organization, has helped gifted students discover and explore their academic talents. A student enrolls only once in the Duke TIP 4th–6th Grade Talent Search and receives benefits through the end of sixth grade, including access to optional above-grade-level testing, enrichment activities, specialized publications, and eligibility to apply to TIP's educational programs. See the attached brochure or visit [tip.duke.edu/456gts](http://tip.duke.edu/456gts) for details.

## Next Steps

**To join the 4th–6th Grade Talent Search**, you must enroll online at [tip.duke.edu/enroll](http://tip.duke.edu/enroll) or submit a paper application to Duke TIP. Talent search enrollment is open from October 1, 2018, through March 31, 2019. To maximize your benefits, enroll early.

Talent search enrollees may choose to take the PSAT 8/9 as an optional above-grade-level test. Earlier deadlines apply for testing (see chart). Students may register for the PSAT 8/9 once each academic year. To learn more about the benefits of PSAT 8/9 testing, testing locations, or to locate the paper application, visit [tip.duke.edu/psat89](http://tip.duke.edu/psat89).

| PSAT 8/9 Test Dates     | Paper Registration Postmark Deadline (Wednesday) | Online Registration Deadline (Monday) |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019 | Nov. 28, 2018                                    | Dec. 10, 2018                         |
| Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019  | Dec. 26, 2018                                    | Jan. 7, 2019                          |
| Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019   | Dec. 26, 2018                                    | Jan. 7, 2019                          |

The cost for the 4th–6th Grade Talent Search is a onetime \$40 fee. The PSAT 8/9 test is available for an additional \$42 test registration fee. All fees are nonrefundable. Read our registration policies, including information on refunds and inclement weather test dates, at [tip.duke.edu/456policy](http://tip.duke.edu/456policy).

Any student who qualifies for free or reduced lunch is eligible for financial aid that waives the \$40 fee and allows the student to enroll for free. A limited amount of financial aid is also available to cover the \$42 PSAT 8/9 test fee, granted on a first-come, first-served basis. To request financial aid, submit a copy of your free or reduced lunch approval paperwork or a financial aid form provided by your school when you apply.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me, or contact Duke TIP directly at (919) 668-9100 or [456talentsearch@tip.duke.edu](mailto:456talentsearch@tip.duke.edu).

Congratulations again on this honor!

Best regards,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Educator Signature

*The following information will help you complete your enrollment:*

**Duke TIP School ID:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Qualifying Test Information:**  
Test Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Subtest Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Score: \_\_\_\_\_