

When should my child test?

Your student should test at a time that is convenient for your family, but testing as early as possible allows you to maximize the benefits you receive from TIP. Students who do exceptionally well on the ACT or SAT may qualify for our spring recognition ceremonies and summer educational programs. Testing after February 2019 could mean that your student cannot participate in a summer program during their first year at TIP because we may not receive their test scores in time. Plus, students who test after March and qualify for recognition will not be eligible to attend a ceremony (they will be mailed their award in the summer). Test dates and deadlines are found at tip.duke.edu/7enroll.



Did you know that Duke TIP also has a talent search for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders?

Go to tip.duke.edu/456gts to learn more. Enrollment for the 4th–6th Grade Talent Search opens October 1.



Why is recognition so important?



As students settle into their middle school years, they tend to want to be like everyone else. That can often mean that academically talented students feel the need to hide or neglect their abilities in order to fit in. We want gifted students to take pride in their academic talent—and our research indicates that recognition helps make that happen. By honoring students for their academic ability, we can help keep them engaged and aware of the need to keep developing their talent.

What educational programs does TIP offer?

We offer face-to-face weekend courses during the academic year, summer accelerated online programs with small classes, and residential programs held on college campuses during June and July. These programs connect your child to other academically talented students—helping them to develop important intellectual and social skills within a supportive community of peers who share their love of learning. Some programs have minimum ACT or SAT score requirements and all have additional fees associated with them. We offer need-based financial aid to help defray those costs for qualifying families. Learn more at tip.duke.edu/programs.

For More Information

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What happens after my child enrolls?

AFTER ENROLLMENT, YOUR CHILD:

1

Is registered by Duke TIP for either the ACT or SAT as selected in their enrollment

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Gains access to TIP resources, including college prep and an online monthly student magazine, *Insights*

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Takes the ACT or SAT

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Is sent ACT or SAT scores, which determine eligibility for recognition ceremonies and some educational programs

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Receives a score interpretive guide and educational guidance

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Grades 7–11:
Scholar Weekends

Grades 9–12:
Field Studies

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Minimum ACT/SAT score required
Grades 7–10:
Summer Studies
Grades 7–11: eStudies

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Joins the TIP Alumni Network after high school



Duke TIP

7th Grade Talent Search

2018–2019

WE'VE BEEN SERVING ACADEMICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS SINCE 1980:
HERE'S HOW WE CAN HELP SUPPORT YOURS.

What is Duke TIP?

Duke TIP is a nonprofit organization that has served academically talented students since 1980. We offer above-grade-level testing, academic enrichment benefits, and accelerated learning programs that supplement the education students receive in their regular schools. We also provide parents and educators with research-based resources to help them understand and support the academic, social, and emotional needs of their gifted students. Many of today's leaders in a wide variety of fields took part in Duke TIP when they were younger and we are proud of the impact their contributions have made on the world.

How does my child qualify to enroll in Duke TIP?

Duke TIP partners with schools and educators across the country to identify students who are academically talented and might benefit from advanced learning opportunities. Typically, educators use test scores to identify qualified students who have scored at or above the 95th percentile on a recent grade-level standardized test. You may even have received an invitation from your child's school to enroll in our 7th Grade Talent Search that indicated your child's qualifying test score. For more information on how to qualify, visit tip.duke.edu/7qualify.



What are the benefits of joining Duke TIP?

TIP provides academically talented students with the resources, enrichment opportunities, and intellectual experiences they need to reach their full potential. These benefits begin as soon as your student enrolls in the 7th Grade Talent Search and last through their senior year of high school without the need to enroll again:

- **ACT or SAT above-grade-level testing** to determine the extent of your child's academic abilities (the same ACT or SAT high school students take)
- **recognition** for exceptional academic achievement
- **specialized publications** and other engaging enrichment activities
- **college planning resources** designed for gifted students
- **research-based advice** from gifted education experts for parents and educators
- **accelerated online and face-to-face educational programs** (additional fees apply, but financial aid is available)

See tip.duke.edu/7benefits to learn more.

How much does joining TIP cost?

Enrolling in the 7th Grade Talent Search costs \$80. This one-time, nonrefundable fee includes one ACT (no writing) or SAT (no essay) test registration. **Financial aid is available**—students eligible for free or reduced lunch pay a reduced fee of \$30. Visit tip.duke.edu/7fees to learn more.

Enroll Now

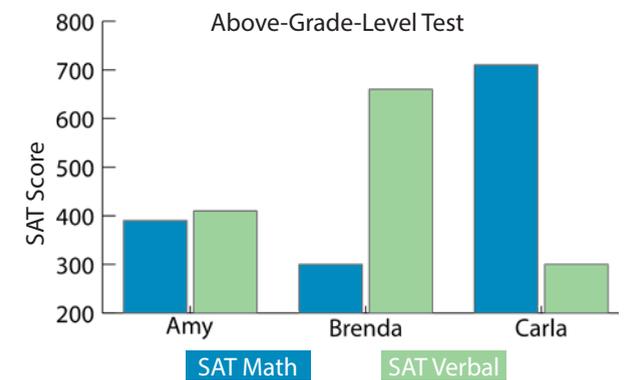
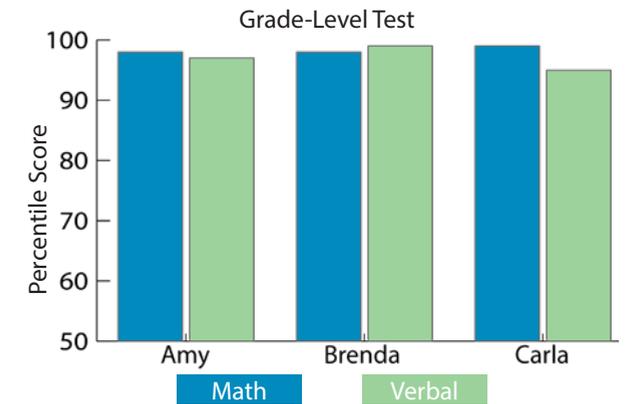
Visit tip.duke.edu/7gts for more information, or go straight to tip.duke.edu/enroll to enroll online and join the 7th Grade Talent Search. Enroll between August 1, 2018, and April 30, 2019.

Why does my child need an above-grade-level test?

You already know your student is bright—but that's according to grade-level tests. How far above grade level is your child actually capable of performing? That's the question an above-grade-level test can answer. You can also use your student's scores to advocate for an appropriately challenging education for your child. The above-grade-level test is also an opportunity to preview your child's test-taking skills in a low-stakes environment (their scores are not reported outside of TIP and their current school), and can help your student become familiar with these tests before taking them for college admissions purposes. Finally, TIP families have reported that scoring well on an above-grade-level test boosts their child's self-esteem and convinces them that they do indeed have strong academic abilities: it's not just mom or dad's opinion.

Which test should my child take?

We don't recommend one test over the other at this age. The tests are meant for diagnostic purposes and both the ACT and the SAT serve that goal equally well. Many families make this decision based on which test site is closest to them or which test is being offered on a convenient date for their family. Visit tip.duke.edu/7tests for more information on the differences between the two tests.



Should my child prepare for this test?

We do not recommend that your child spend a lot of time preparing for the test. Many test preparation programs only lead to unnecessary anxiety. We suggest the best way to prepare is to be familiar with the structure of the test and the timing of each section (all TIP students take the full ACT or SAT, regardless of how they qualified to be in the talent search), and to review the practice questions we provide.

See tip.duke.edu/7testprep to learn more.