

7th Grade Talent Search Calendar

2014

AUGUST 1

Enrollment begins for eligible students.

OCTOBER 1

Paper application postmark deadline for students selecting a December ACT or SAT.

OCTOBER 21

Online enrollment deadline for students selecting a December ACT or SAT.

NOVEMBER 4

Paper application postmark deadline for students selecting a January SAT or February ACT.

DECEMBER 9

Online enrollment deadline for students selecting a January SAT or February ACT.

DECEMBER 6

December SAT test date.

DECEMBER 13

December ACT test date.

2015

JANUARY 24

January SAT test date.

FEBRUARY 7

February ACT test date.

MARCH

Eligible students are invited to apply to the Duke TIP Summer Studies Program.

APRIL

Eligible students are invited to attend a recognition ceremony. Eligible students are invited to apply to a Duke TIP eStudies program. Schools are notified of participants.

MAY

Student testers are mailed a certificate of participation and a results summary that interprets their scores and allows them to evaluate their performance against that of fellow talent search participants. Students receive their first issue of eInsights.

www.tip.duke.edu/7calendar

Frequently Asked Questions

Q Who can participate?

A You must be a seventh grader (or a current eighth grader who skipped seventh grade) who has scored at or above the 95th percentile on an accepted subtest or total battery/composite of a grade-level standardized achievement test, aptitude test, mental-ability test, or approved state criterion-referenced test. For details, visit www.tip.duke.edu/7enroll.

Q Why should I participate?

A The knowledge and experience you will gain from taking an above-level test like the ACT or SAT is invaluable. Participation in the Duke TIP 7th Grade Talent Search will help you better understand your academic abilities and more effectively plan for high school and beyond. Duke TIP will support you for the next six years with challenging educational programs and resources that contribute to your scholastic development.

Q Is the test a modified seventh grade version of the ACT (no Writing) or SAT?

A No, the ACT and SAT are the exact same exams that high school students take when applying to college. In fact, at most test center locations, there will be high school students testing alongside you. Seventh grade students are required to complete the entire exam. After enrollment in our program, you will receive information on how to add the optional Writing section of the ACT if you wish. This is arranged directly with ACT, and there is an additional charge of \$16.50 payable to ACT.

Q Which test should I select?

A You must take either the ACT or SAT. Duke TIP does not recommend one test over the other. Both tests are acceptable tools for the above-level testing experience. For more details, go to www.tip.duke.edu/7tests.

Q Should I select a second test center choice?

A A second test center location is optional but highly recommended. If your first test center choice is full or unavailable and you have not provided a second choice, you will be assigned to the nearest available test center.

Q What should I receive after I enroll?

A If enrolling online, you will immediately receive access to test day information, a practice test, and a form of ID to use on the test day. If enrolling by paper, you will receive this information by mail within five weeks of enrolling.

Check your email inbox each month for the Duke TIP Insider, which includes important test day reminders, TIP program notifications, and information about your other Duke TIP 7th Grade Talent Search benefits.

Q Will my school receive my ACT or SAT test scores?

A Yes; Duke TIP will report your scores to your school in April, but we will not report them to any other institutions.

Q What should I do if I am unable to test on the day for which I registered?

A Students are encouraged to follow through with testing, even at a later date, so that they may begin receiving Duke TIP 7th Grade Talent Search benefits. Fees are non-refundable. Contact ACT or SAT to reschedule your test; the testing agency may charge a fee to reschedule.

More answers at
www.tip.duke.edu/7faq

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Congratulations!

You are invited!

35th annual
7th Grade
Talent Search

Duke University
Talent Identification
Program

Eligibility Is an Honor

As a seventh grade student with strong intellectual abilities, you are eligible to participate because you achieved a qualifying score at or above the 95th percentile on a recent grade-level test. You have been identified as part of a select group who would benefit from participation in our program for academically talented students.

Participation Is Rewarding

Academically talented students need new challenges, special motivation, and support. We will help you grow scholastically by providing the opportunity for above-level testing, feedback on your abilities, educational resources, and encouragement to continue advancing educationally.

We Applaud Your Achievements

Since 1980, more than 2.5 million high ability students have participated in Duke TIP's talent searches. You are on your way to realizing your full potential as a student, and you should be extremely proud of your accomplishments.

7th Grade Talent Search Benefits

As a participant in the talent search, you will have the opportunity to:

Take the ACT or SAT

As part of your enrollment, Duke TIP will register you for either the ACT (no Writing) or SAT, tests designed for college-bound high school students. This above-level testing experience in seventh grade will help you gain greater insight into your academic abilities that may provide you guidance in course selection and enrichment opportunities through secondary school. In addition, this is a chance to preview the exam well in advance of the college admissions process.

Understand Your Scores

Several weeks after you test, you will receive a score report from the testing agency that compares seventh grade scores to recent high school graduates in the United States. In the spring, Duke TIP will send a results summary, which allows families to understand how students performed relative to other seventh graders. It also provides suggestions for educational development based on performance.

Utilize Talent Search Resources

As a part of the Duke TIP family, you will receive eInsights, an online newsletter, twice a year through your tenth grade year and *My College Guide* in tenth and eleventh grades. These resources let you explore your academic possibilities, receive tips on planning for high school and college, and tap into resources to assist you in achieving your educational and career goals.

Access the Educational Opportunity Guide

This comprehensive, searchable online directory is maintained exclusively for Duke TIP participants. It contains listings for schools, summer programs, and academic competitions both across the United States and abroad. It is a great way to pinpoint the right academic challenge for you, no matter how much your abilities and interests may change over the years!

Learn more:

www.tip.duke.edu/7benefits

Participate in our webinars:

www.tip.duke.edu/webinars

Gain Recognition

In addition to receiving a certificate for recognizing participation, students who test by March and earn outstanding scores on the ACT or SAT will be honored at special recognition ceremonies held in each of the states with the largest talent search enrollments.

Receive Discounts on Learning Products

As a Duke TIP participant, you will receive discounts on our rigorous and engaging Independent Learning courses. You can also enjoy reduced pricing on Rosetta Stone® language learning products (starting now) and on special ACT and SAT prep courses through Princeton Review (starting in tenth grade). These discounts more than make up for your talent search enrollment fee.

Attend TIP Educational Programs

Duke TIP offers a wide range of educational opportunities including Scholar Weekends and Field Studies that put you face-to-face with master teachers and other bright students. In addition, exceptional performance on the ACT or SAT may qualify you for our renowned Summer Studies programs—intensive three-week sessions on college campuses—or our eStudies programs that offer challenging coursework without ever leaving home.

Contact Our Gifted Education Consultants

Duke TIP has been active in the field of gifted education for over 35 years. Our experienced staff is available as a valuable resource for participating students and parents seeking guidance on the best possible educational experience and environment for them.

Enjoy the Digest of Gifted Research

This online resource provides parents of academically talented youth with conceptual, theoretical, and practical information about their children that is understandable, useful, and actionable.

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Get Started

Enroll in the 7th Grade Talent Search

ONLINE (Preferred)

For fast and easy electronic enrollment, visit www.tip.duke.edu/enroll and follow the instructions.

OR

BY MAIL

Complete the enclosed application and mail with the appropriate fee (check or money order) payable to Duke University.

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Enrollment Deadlines

Test	Test Dates	Paper Application Postmark Deadlines	Online Enrollment Deadlines
SAT	12/6/14	10/1/14	10/21/14
ACT	12/13/14	10/1/14	10/21/14
SAT	1/24/15	11/4/14	12/9/14
ACT	2/7/15	11/4/14	12/9/14

Students with documented disabilities requesting accommodations to take the ACT or SAT will have earlier deadlines. See www.tip.duke.edu/7ssd for details.

For students who require a non-Saturday test date for a religious reason, visit www.tip.duke.edu/7ssd.

Enrollment Fees

The **non-refundable** enrollment fee for the 7th Grade Talent Search is \$75 (or \$30 for a student who qualifies for a fee grant*). This fee includes the cost of one ACT (no Writing) or one SAT test registration along with other select talent search benefits through high school.

Services for students with disabilities: please visit www.tip.duke.edu/7ssd for fee and enrollment information.

***Fee Grants**

If you qualify for free or reduced lunch and provide your free or reduced lunch approval paperwork or a fee grant form with your talent search enrollment, you may pay a reduced enrollment fee of \$30. You may obtain a fee grant form from your school's talent search coordinator. More details are found at www.tip.duke.edu/7fees.