

# Enrollment deadlines

Talent search enrollment is open from October 1, 2017, through March 31, 2018, at [tip.duke.edu/enroll](http://tip.duke.edu/enroll). While enrollment is available through March, it's best to enroll as early as possible so your child can maximize their benefits. Students wishing to also take the PSAT 8/9 this academic year must enroll and select their preferred test dates and locations before the PSAT 8/9 registration deadline. To learn more and locate the closest test center, visit [tip.duke.edu/psat89](http://tip.duke.edu/psat89).

PSAT 8/9 test dates*	Paper Registration Postmark Deadline	Online Registration Deadline
Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018	Friday, Dec. 1, 2017	Monday, Dec. 11, 2017
Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018	Friday, Dec. 29, 2017	Monday, Jan. 8, 2018
Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018	Friday, Dec. 29, 2017	Monday, Jan. 8, 2018

\*Inclement weather make-up dates are scheduled for February 24 or 25, 2018.

## Enrollment and test registration fees

- The onetime nonrefundable enrollment fee for the 4th–6th Grade Talent Search is \$40. Students who have enrolled in a prior year should not re-enroll. Students enroll only once and receive benefits until the end of the sixth grade year.
- The optional PSAT 8/9 above-grade-level assessment requires an additional fee of \$42 each year a student registers to test.

## Financial aid

Any student who qualifies for free or reduced lunch is eligible for a fee waiver that eliminates the \$40 talent search enrollment fee. We also provide a fixed number of fee waivers for the \$42 PSAT 8/9 registration fee, offered on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified students. To request fee waivers, you must provide a copy of your free or reduced lunch approval paperwork or a fee waiver form. Students may enroll online or by paper application. Details at [tip.duke.edu/456fees](http://tip.duke.edu/456fees).

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# Talent Search Benefits

Duke TIP's 4th–6th Grade Talent Search helps academically talented students identify and better understand their academic strengths, explore their abilities and interests, and celebrate their achievements.

A student enrolls only once in the Duke TIP 4th–6th Grade Talent Search and receives these benefits through the end of sixth grade.



**Navigator** | Grades 4–6 | [tip.duke.edu/navigator](http://tip.duke.edu/navigator)  
 This online monthly publication for gifted students explores new subjects through feature articles, interviews with experts, at-home activities, and opportunities for TIPsters to contribute.



**Book Club** | Grades 4–6 | [tip.duke.edu/456benefits](http://tip.duke.edu/456benefits)  
 Participants can join the bimonthly online book club, which features activities, guided reading questions, and discussions that bring out different elements of each novel read.



**Writing and Illustration Contest** | Grades 4–6 | [tip.duke.edu/writingcontest](http://tip.duke.edu/writingcontest)  
 This annual contest invites students to submit short stories and artwork based on a unique prompt. Winners and their schools receive cash prizes.

**Above-Grade-Level Testing** | Grades 4–6 | [tip.duke.edu/psat89](http://tip.duke.edu/psat89)  
 With an additional test registration fee of \$42, participants can take the optional PSAT 8/9 assessment each year. Score results are sent only to parents, and Duke TIP posts a results summary online to help interpret the scores.



**Recognition** | Grades 4–6 | [tip.duke.edu/456recognition](http://tip.duke.edu/456recognition)  
 We celebrate students' accomplishments by awarding certificates of achievement and hosting recognition ceremonies for qualified students. We also provide educators with tools to recognize students with ceremonies at their schools.

**TIP's Research Digest, Talent Talk, and Opportunity Guide** | Grades 4–6 | [giftedtoday.org](http://giftedtoday.org)  
 TIP's blog, *Gifted Today*, features: TIP's *Research Digest*, covering research in gifted education; *Talent Talk*, offering research-backed advice; and the *Opportunity Guide*, connecting students to programs, contests, and scholarships.



**Discounts on Independent Learning Products** | Grades 4–6 | [tip.duke.edu/learn](http://tip.duke.edu/learn)  
 Talent search participants enjoy discounts on TIP's Independent Learning opportunities, as well as Rosetta Stone Foundations in over twenty languages.

**An Entry Point for Accelerated Learning Programs** | Grades 4–6 | [tip.duke.edu/programs](http://tip.duke.edu/programs)  
 Talent search participants are eligible to apply to TIP's renowned educational programs. Additional program fees apply; financial aid is available.



**Educational Guidance** | Grades 4–6 | [inquiries@tip.duke.edu](mailto:inquiries@tip.duke.edu)  
 Parents and teachers of talent search participants have access to TIP's experienced gifted education experts whenever they need advice.

# Duke TIP

## 4th–6th Grade

## Talent Search



2017–2018

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# Join the Duke TIP Family

## Support your academically talented child and plan for the future

Congratulations! Based on grade-level test scores, your student is qualified to join the Duke University Talent Identification Program's 4th–6th Grade Talent Search. Duke TIP is a nonprofit organization that supports bright students, nurtures their academic talents, and provides the resources they need to reach their highest potential. Students scoring in the top 5 percent on their grade-level tests are eligible to join.

Visit [tip.duke.edu/enroll](https://tip.duke.edu/enroll) today to enroll your child in the 4th–6th Grade Talent Search and gain access to these opportunities.



### 1. Cultivate their passion for learning

It's not always easy to keep a gifted child engaged, but Duke TIP's resources and expertise can help. We offer many programs and benefits to meet your child's learning needs, including specialized publications, online activities, annual contests, and access to our renowned educational programs. The optional above-grade-level testing available through Duke TIP can assist you in selecting the exact educational opportunities your child needs. These benefits do more than provide academic enrichment—they also support your child's social and emotional needs.

### 2. Celebrate their abilities and achievements

Duke TIP celebrates all students who participate in the talent search by awarding them certificates and providing schools with ribbons for further recognition. Those who achieve exceptional scores on the optional PSAT 8/9 test are also honored at special recognition ceremonies. These events bring students together and connect your child to peers who also value academic achievement.

### 3. Explore their academic potential

Top scores on grade-level tests show that students have mastered grade-level material—but they don't offer insight into the extent of your child's academic strengths. An above-grade-level test with a higher ceiling can reveal abilities that might otherwise remain undiscovered. That's why we offer the PSAT 8/9 (which is for eighth and ninth graders) as an optional component of the 4th–6th Grade Talent Search. We also provide guidance to ensure that the exam is a low-pressure experience. The test results can help you evaluate your child's academic potential and create a more effective educational plan. Plus, taking the PSAT 8/9 automatically qualifies your student to enroll in our 7th Grade Talent Search when they reach the seventh grade.



Did you know that Duke TIP also has a talent search for seventh graders?

Go to [tip.duke.edu/7gts](https://tip.duke.edu/7gts) to learn more. Enrollment for the 7th Grade Talent Search opens August 1.

## Why Duke TIP?

Since 1980, Duke TIP has helped nearly 3 million academically talented students succeed. We are a leader in the field of gifted education with challenging academic enrichment options and groundbreaking research into the needs of gifted children. We're also a true nonprofit. Our revenues go to funding our programs or providing financial aid to families in need. In fact, we granted more than \$4.1 million in financial aid last year to ensure that students of all economic backgrounds could participate in Duke TIP.

### How to enroll

- **Enroll online (preferred):** for fast and easy online enrollment, visit [tip.duke.edu/enroll](https://tip.duke.edu/enroll) and follow the instructions.
- **To enroll by mail:** complete the paper application and send to Duke TIP.
- **To register for the PSAT 8/9 by mail:** download the form at [tip.duke.edu/psat89signup](https://tip.duke.edu/psat89signup).
- If you have questions or need a paper application, please call (919) 668-9100.

