

7th Grade Talent Search

What is the 7th Grade TIP?

- The TIP is a Talent Identification Program.
- The TIP started in 1972.
- The goal is to identify gifted youth and provide them with advanced academic opportunities.
- To qualify, students must excel on either the SAT or the ACT as 7th graders.

What are the benefits of participating in the TIP Program?

- Recognition as a TIP Scholar, a well-established and widely-recognized honor
- Invitations to participate in advanced academic programs
- Attention from recruiters at top universities
- A jump start on preparation for the SAT & ACT!

What is a qualifying score?

- ACT: a 21 or higher in at least one of the sections (Math, English, Reading, or Science)
- SAT: at or above the average score for seniors. After March 2016, the SAT will have only 2 scores: Math and Reading/Writing. The qualifying score for TIP will likely be 530 in Math and 510 in Reading/Writing (= Verbal).

Should I take the SAT or the ACT?

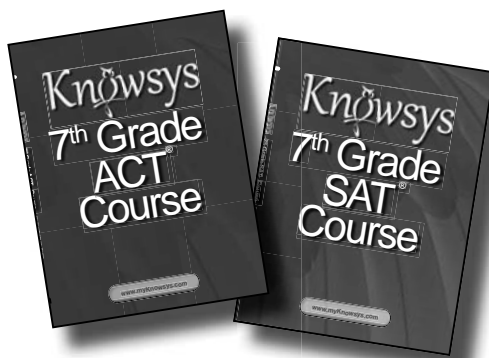
- Both tests are long and difficult, testing high-school level content.
- You can qualify in any section of either exam, so make the choice based on your strength(s) (or, even better, on the results from practice exams).
- The SAT has 2 scored sections: Math and Verbal. Math has 2 parts, one with and one without a calculator. Verbal has 2 parts, one of grammar and one of reading comprehension.
- The ACT has 4 scored sections: Math, English (= grammar), Reading (= reading comprehension), and Science (= complex science graphs).

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- If you are preparing, take the exam that comes right after your preparation course ends.
- If you are not preparing, then pick the most convenient date for your schedule.

Why Should I Prepare?

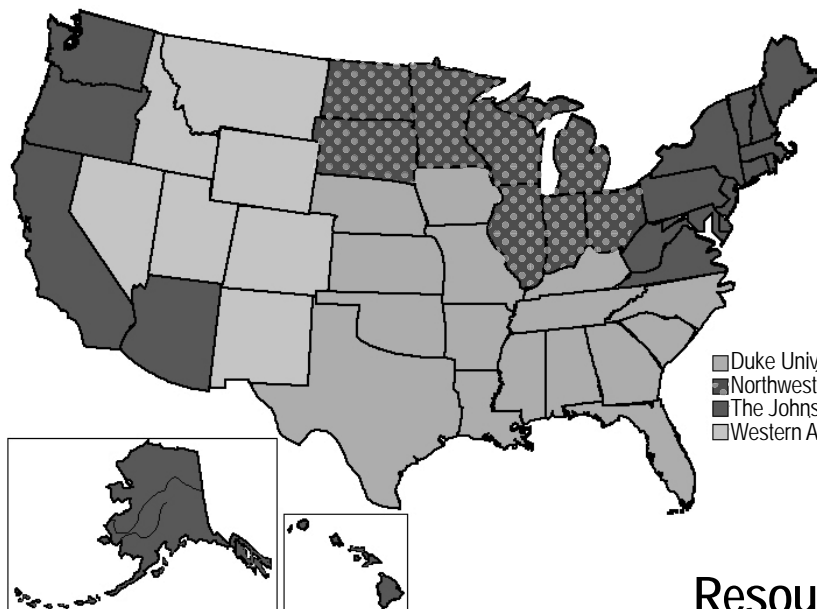
- Accelerate content knowledge in math, reading, and grammar.
- Learn strategies and methods for timed tests.
- Improve communication with SAT Vocabulary.
- Get a jump start on SAT/ACT preparation.



7th Grade Talent Search Information & Resources

What is the 7th Grade Talent Search?

- The Talent Search Programs started in 1972 at Johns Hopkins University.
- There are four Talent Search Organizations in the U.S. (see below for details).
- The goal is to identify gifted youth and offer them enrichment opportunities.



Map of the
Talent Identification
Programs in the
United States

- Duke University Talent Identification Program
- Northwestern University Center for Talent Development
- The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth
- Western Academic Talent Search

Resources for Gifted Students

- Hoagies' Gifted Education Page
www.hoagiesgifted.org/talent_search.htm
- Summer Institute for the Gifted
<http://giftedstudy.org>
- Gifted Students Institute
www.smu.edu/gsi
- Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP)
www.tip.duke.edu
- National Society for the Gifted and Talente
www.nsgt.org
- Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented
www.txgifted.org
- Knowsys Educational Services
SAT Vocabulary App: iTunes and Google Play
SAT Vocabulary Activities eBook: iTunes

Why do students take an SAT or ACT?

- To attain an accurate gauge of the student's ability by using an above-level exam.
- To find out how high achieving students score in relation to other top students across the country.