

2011/2012»

DECEMBER/JANUARY

Schools receive and distribute the 4th/5th Grade Talent Search materials. Web registration opens December 1. Enrollment begins.

MARCH 1

Application deadline.

MAY

Enrollees receive merit packet, including a certificate of achievement, *Navigator*, *Digest of Gifted Research*, and *Staying on Course*.

JULY

Academic 411 is mailed.

AUGUST

EXPLORE® test information is emailed and mailed. EXPLORE test registration begins.

SEPTEMBER

Fall issue of *Navigator* and *Digest of Gifted Research* is mailed. Writing Contest begins.

NOVEMBER

EXPLORE testing (dates and sites set by ACT): to be eligible for testing, a student must be a current participant in the 4th/5th Grade Talent Search and be in the fifth or sixth grade.

2013»

JANUARY 3

Submission deadline for the Writing Contest.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

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MARCH

Writing Contest winners announced online.

MAY/JUNE

Recognition ceremonies for students scoring in the 99th percentile and above on the composite section of the EXPLORE test.

Q WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

A Students must be in the fourth or fifth grade and have scored at the 95th percentile or higher on a grade-level test. Current fifth graders who enrolled in the 4th/5th Grade Talent Search last year do not need to reapply.

Q ONCE MY APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED, HOW DO I KNOW IT HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND PROCESSED?

A If you submit a paper application, you will receive confirmation from Duke TIP by mail. If you register online you will receive a receipt at the time of registration and a confirmation email within 24 hours. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact us at (919) 668-9100.

Q DOES PARTICIPATION IN THE 4th/5th GRADE TALENT SEARCH AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY ME FOR THE 7th GRADE TALENT SEARCH?

A No. Although many students choose to continue their association with Duke TIP when they enter seventh grade, separate qualification and enrollment is required.

Q WHAT IS EXPLORE, AND WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF TAKING THIS ABOVE-LEVEL TEST?

A You can learn more about your academic talents by taking the EXPLORE test, a measure developed by ACT for eighth graders to evaluate their academic development. For an additional fee, Duke TIP offers EXPLORE to fifth and sixth grade enrollees in the 4th/5th Grade Talent Search as an optional above-level test to assess the student's academic level and potential. Students who take the EXPLORE test and achieve a composite score in the 99th percentile or above will be honored for their outstanding achievement with an invitation to attend a recognition ceremony, a medallion, and recognition on the Duke TIP Web site.

Q DOES DUKE TIP RELEASE INFORMATION TO OUTSIDE PARTIES?

A From time to time, we will release name and address information to select organizations that provide valuable and relevant educational opportunities to academically talented students. To opt out of this benefit, simply mark the appropriate bubble or field on the talent search application.

2012

4th/5th Grade

Talent Search



You are in the top 5% of students in your grade level.

The Duke University Talent Identification Program is proud to invite you to participate in the 2012 4th/5th Grade Talent Search.

We applaud your achievements

At Duke TIP, we understand that gifted students need special motivation and support. As we work together with your family and school to provide additional resources and encouragement, we hope you will continue to challenge yourself during this important stage in your educational growth. Enrolling in the 4th/5th Grade Talent Search gives you the opportunity to realize your full potential as a student.

Eligibility is an honor

You should be extremely proud of your accomplishments! As a fourth or fifth grade student with strong intellectual abilities, you are eligible to participate because you achieved a qualifying score in the 95th percentile or higher on a recent grade-level test. Your teacher or counselor identified you as part of a select group who would benefit from the resources Duke TIP has to offer.

Participation is rewarding

Students who participate are formally recognized, praised for their performance, and sent a clear message that continuing to develop their intelligence can be fun and fulfilling.

For you...

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

- **Gain recognition**
You will receive a special certificate to commemorate your successes, and your school will be notified of your participation.
- **Access online enrichment opportunities**
Once you enroll in Duke TIP, you can access the included online benefits immediately. Three online lessons, focusing on writing, math, and science, are currently available. A fourth lesson in social studies will be released in 2012. Additionally, the Duke TIP Book Club will enrich your reading experience through journal keeping, fun activities, and blogging with peers.
- **Receive exclusive publications**
Enjoy articles written just for you in newsletters and publications such as the *Navigator* newsletter, published in spring and fall, and *Academic 411*. You'll even be invited to submit drawings, articles, poems, short stories, and more for possible publication!
- **Share a story in the writing contest**
Submit a story in the annual Duke TIP 4th/5th Grade Talent Search Writing Contest for the chance to win monetary prizes, recognition, and publication opportunities for you and your school.
- **Take the EXPLORE® test**
Challenge yourself with an optional above-level test to evaluate your academic development. Taking the EXPLORE test will let you see how you do on a test designed for eighth graders and will provide you with additional insights into your academic abilities as well as the opportunity to receive special recognition. EXPLORE testing requires an additional fee at the time of test registration.

For your family...

There are valuable opportunities for your family to:

- **Utilize talent search resources**
As a Duke TIP participant, your family will receive the *Staying on Course* handbook that advises parents on topics such as effectively working with schools, programming options for gifted students, and helping children develop skills for later in life.
- **Enjoy the *Digest of Gifted Research* and the Gifted Forum**
This online newsletter and forum provide parents of gifted children with conceptual, theoretical, and practical information that is understandable, useful, and actionable.
- **Receive discounts on Independent Learning products**
As a Duke TIP participant, you can take advantage of discounts on our rigorous and engaging Independent Learning courses and receive a special TIP-only price on Rosetta Stone™ language learning products.
- **Access the Educational Opportunity Guide online**
This online directory contains listings for over 400 schools, summer programs, and academic competitions across the United States and abroad. Find the extra challenge that's right for your child!
- **Receive expert support from our gifted education consultants**
With 32 years of experience in the field of gifted education, the Duke TIP team strives to be a resource and offer assistance to address the unique needs of families with gifted children.

Learn more at www.tip.duke.edu/45benefits

Get Started

Enroll in the Duke TIP 4th/5th Grade Talent Search:

ONLINE *(Preferred)*

For fast and easy registration, visit www.tip.duke.edu/45gts and follow the instructions to enroll immediately.

OR

BY MAIL

Complete the paper application and mail to:

2012 4th/5th Grade Talent Search
Duke TIP
Box 90781
Durham, NC 27708-0781

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

MARCH 1, 2012

ENROLLMENT FEE

The non-refundable 2012 Duke TIP 4th/5th Grade Talent Search fee is \$35.

Fee grants are available to students who qualify for free or reduced lunch programs. A fee grant request on school letterhead must be submitted along with a paper application to receive a fee grant. For more information and to print a fee grant request form visit www.tip.duke.edu/45gts.

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