

Students excel in Duke talent search

About half of the 250 Fayette County Public Schools seventh-graders who participated in the latest Duke University talent search have qualified for state recognition or grand recognition, based on their scores on the SAT reasoning test or the ACT assessment college entrance exam.

[Duke's Talent Identification Program](#) (TIP) helps gifted students and their families find out how advanced the students' abilities truly are. The advanced testing provides a far better understanding of where a student stands in relation to gifted peers and what level of challenge is appropriate. Duke also provides the participants with information about their abilities and introduces them to a network of services and educational programs.

TIP students with the highest scores in Duke's 16-state region are invited to the grand recognition ceremony, set for May 18 at Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, N.C. The Kentucky statewide recognition ceremony will be May 29 at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green.

Duke TIP routinely evaluates ceremony score levels to make sure they are in line with the national percentile rankings (NPR) for juniors and seniors (traditional testers) taking the SAT and ACT. Duke TIP has set the state level criteria at approximately the 50 percent NPR and the grand level criteria at approximately the 90 percent NPR.

- [Duke TIP seventh-grade honorees](#)

In addition, nearly 100 students from seven Fayette County elementary schools applied for the grades 4-5 talent search based on their national standardized test scores. Award ribbons are sent to each school for local recognition. Students also can access online benefits such as lessons, a book club, a guide to academic resources, a newsletter and the Duke gifted letter in September.

- [Duke TIP elementary participants](#)

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