

## 4th–6th Grade Talent Search Calendar

### October 2015

- Enrollment opens October 1 for the 2015–2016 Talent Search
- Our *Talent Search 101* webinar is posted and available to view
- Access TIP's online lessons and book club as soon as you enroll
- Receive a welcome packet within two weeks of enrollment in the mail
- Registration ends on October 8 for the November EXPLORE test

### November 2015

- TIP's 2016 CRISIS summer program dates are announced
- Our *Benefits of EXPLORE Testing* webinar is posted
- An EXPLORE test for registered participants takes place on November 7

### December 2015

- TIP's 2016 CRISIS research teams and details are announced
- Register for January and February EXPLORE testing by December 17

### January 2016

- January 21 is the last day you can register for an EXPLORE test date
- An EXPLORE test for registered participants takes place on January 23

### February 2016

- Registration for TIP's CRISIS summer program opens (Courses fill quickly—apply at [www.tip.duke.edu/solvethecrisis](http://www.tip.duke.edu/solvethecrisis))
- Duke TIP's writing contest opens ([www.tip.duke.edu/writingcontest](http://www.tip.duke.edu/writingcontest))
- An EXPLORE test for registered participants takes place on February 20

### March 2016

- The 4th–6th Grade Talent Search enrollment closes on March 31
- The deadline for writing contest submissions is March 31

### April 2016

- Our EXPLORE Test Results Summary Webinar is posted at [www.tip.duke.edu/webinars](http://www.tip.duke.edu/webinars)

### May 2016

- Schools typically begin recognizing their participating TIP students
- Recognition ceremonies are held for top EXPLORE testers

### June 2016

- Writing contest winners are announced
- Recognition ceremonies are held for top EXPLORE testers

Check our website for webinar dates and times: [www.tip.duke.edu/webinars](http://www.tip.duke.edu/webinars)



## Welcome to the Duke TIP Family

### Opportunity. For Life.

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Duke TIP is a non-profit organization that has been helping academically talented children realize their full potential since 1980. Duke TIP believes that students have a right to learn and that different students have different learning needs at different times. By matching learning needs with learning opportunities, Duke TIP helps students cultivate their passion for learning and develop academically and socially with their gifted peers.

Participants in the 4th–6th Grade Talent Search discover and explore their academic talents and interests, gain a deeper understanding of their academic skill and potential, develop their critical and creative thinking skills, and become a part of peer communities that celebrate learning. They get access to opportunities for appropriate challenge and academic growth, and gain insight into how they learn and develop both academically and socially. In addition, they are celebrated for their efforts and accomplishments.

The more a student participates in Duke TIP, the greater the opportunities to explore and understand their academic talents and cultivate their passion for learning. We are dedicated to complementing the efforts of schools and parents and to expanding the resources available to them when it comes to meeting the unique needs of their gifted students.

Through participation in Duke TIP, your child will receive:

- Recognition for their academic achievements, such as certificates of achievement and acknowledgement at special ceremonies.

- Online activities centered around topics like advanced writing, math, science, and social studies lessons.
- An opportunity to join TIP's book club, which gives students a chance to connect with peers who share their love for reading.
- Special publications, including an online magazine just for 4th–6th Grade Talent Search participants.
- The opportunity to enter our writing contest, which awards monetary prizes and publishes winning entries.
- An opportunity to take an above-level test, which provides an invaluable testing experience and can help you better assess your child's academic strengths.
- Advice for you on how to nurture your child's academic talent, including access to *The Digest of Gifted Research* (DGR) and an online *Educational Opportunity Guide*.
- Access to educational resources, including face-to-face programs for intense and fun academic exploration.
- Discounts on Rosetta Stone® Foundations and other independent learning products designed especially for gifted students.

A one-time \$40 enrollment fee covers your student's participation in the 4th–6th Grade Talent Search through the end of their sixth grade year. Additional fees apply for optional programs such as the EXPLORE test, CRISIS, and Academic Adventures.

Learn more at [www.tip.duke.edu/456ts](http://www.tip.duke.edu/456ts).

Enroll today!

# Duke TIP

2015–2016



## 4th–6th Grade Talent Search

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# Congratulations!

## You have qualified to join Duke University Talent Identification Program's 23rd annual 4th–6th Grade Talent Search!

Because you recently achieved a score at or above the 95th percentile on a grade-level test, you are eligible to participate in the 4th–6th Grade Talent Search offered by the Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP). Only fourth, fifth, or sixth grade students with outstanding intellectual abilities are invited to join Duke TIP each year—and you are among them!

Over the last 35 years, over 2.5 million students with exceptional academic potential have participated in our talent searches. Many of them have gone on to become leaders in the fields of science, medicine, mathematics, technology, engineering, writing, and more. As a participant in the 4th–6th Grade Talent Search, you would be following in the footsteps of some of the most talented and accomplished thinkers in the world today.

We hope that you will join us at Duke TIP! Enrolling is easy and, for a one-time enrollment fee, you'll be in the program until the end of your sixth grade year. All of our talent search benefits are specially designed for gifted students like you. This brochure gives you more information about what Duke TIP offers you and how you can use our educational resources, take advantage of above-level testing, and enjoy other benefits that enhance your academic growth.

## Discover ... Understand ... Explore ... Celebrate!

Your one-time 4th–6th Grade Talent Search enrollment fee of \$40 provides you with the following benefits through the end of your sixth grade year. For complete benefit information, see [www.tip.duke.edu/456benefits](http://www.tip.duke.edu/456benefits).

### DISCOVER Your Academic Abilities

- Duke TIP has an agreement with ACT to make the above-level EXPLORE test available for 4th–6th Grade Talent Search participants. (EXPLORE testing is optional and available for an additional fee of \$37.)
- By taking the test, you, your parents, and school personnel can get a clearer understanding of your academic abilities and how you compare to other Duke TIP students as well as eighth grade students nationwide.
- Test dates for the coming year include November 7, 2015; January 23, 2016; or February 20, 2016. Visit [www.tip.duke.edu/explore](http://www.tip.duke.edu/explore) for additional testing information.

**If you choose to take the EXPLORE test, you automatically qualify to join Duke TIP's 7th Grade Talent Search in the fall of your seventh grade year.**

### UNDERSTAND How Far Your Abilities Go

- You will receive a welcome packet that provides advice on how to make the most of our educational opportunities.
- You will also receive a personalized certificate recognizing your accomplishment.
- Each year, you can enter a writing contest that awards cash prizes to winners as well as their enrolling schools. Winning essays from grades four, five and six are announced to the media and published on our website for everyone to enjoy.
- You can also submit drawings, articles, poems, and more for possible publication in our student publications—meaning your work is shared with 75,000 other bright students and their families nationwide.
- You are eligible for discounts on TIP's Independent Learning courses, allowing you to study topics like cryptography, advanced mathematics, medicine, storytelling, architecture, and more—all at your own pace.
- You can even learn another language, thanks to a partnership between Duke TIP and Rosetta Stone® Foundations that gives you access to a significantly discounted one-year license for one of 25 online language-learning programs designed for students in grades K–12. This special version of Rosetta Stone is available only through Duke TIP and a handful of other educational outlets.

### EXPLORE Interesting New Topics

- Once your enrollment is confirmed, you get immediate access to online lessons that focus on advanced writing, math, science, social studies, and lots of other fun topics.
- You can join our online book club and connect with other gifted students nationwide who share your love of reading, thinking, and creating. The club includes lots of interdisciplinary activities in areas like math, science, and engineering. This means you'll enjoy a lot more than just reading a great book!
- You will also receive a subscription to *Navigator*, our online publication for gifted students. Each issue introduces you to fascinating new topics, provides you with academic and social advice, suggests fun activities to try, and includes opportunities to submit drawings, articles, poems, projects, and more.
- If you are a fifth or sixth grader, you are eligible to apply to Duke TIP's CRISIS, a week-long summer program that lets you join a research team and collaborate with other team members to solve a community crisis like an earthquake, hurricane, pandemic, drilling disaster, or other challenge. For details on cost, dates, sites, and more, visit [www.tip.duke.edu/solvethecrisis](http://www.tip.duke.edu/solvethecrisis).
- If you are a fifth or sixth grader, you can also apply to TIP's Academic Adventures. These are challenging but fun day-long classes that explore advanced academic topics. They are held in the spring and fall on the Duke University campus, Queens University in Charlotte, NC, and throughout the TIP region at partner locations. Information on cost, sites, courses, and dates is available at [www.tip.duke.edu/aap](http://www.tip.duke.edu/aap).

### CELEBRATE Your Academic Achievements

- Your school will be notified of your participation in TIP and we will assist them in recognizing your achievements.
- A press release template is available so you or your school can notify local media of your participation in TIP.
- If you take the EXPLORE test and score in the 99th percentile on the composite section, you will also be invited to attend a state recognition ceremony along with 7th Grade Talent Search honorees.

## Enrollment Is Easy

Talent Search Enrollment opens October 1, 2015 and closes March 31, 2016

### Step 1: Review

Start by reviewing this brochure and/or visiting our website at [www.tip.duke.edu/456ts](http://www.tip.duke.edu/456ts) to become familiar with enrollment procedures and the benefits of participation.

### Step 2: Choose

Determine if you are eligible to participate. Then, decide whether you want to register for the 4th–6th Grade Talent Search only (for a \$40 one-time enrollment fee) or if you also want to take the above-level EXPLORE test (for an additional \$37 fee). Fee waivers are available for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.

### Step 3: Enroll

To participate, you may enroll online or via mail. Fee waiver registrations must be submitted using the paper application option and cannot be submitted through the online application process.

Enroll online at [www.tip.duke.edu/enroll](http://www.tip.duke.edu/enroll) for both the 4th–6th Grade Talent Search and the EXPLORE test. You will need a MasterCard or VISA credit card (no debit cards accepted). Your application is processed more quickly when you enroll online.

In order to enroll by mail, please contact Duke TIP at [456talentsearch@tip.duke.edu](mailto:456talentsearch@tip.duke.edu) or call (919) 668-9100 to request a paper application. Complete the machine-readable bubble form you will receive, include a check or money order in the amount due (or an authorized fee waiver letter), and mail it to: 2016 4th–6th GTS, Duke TIP, Box 90781, Durham, NC 27708-0781.

Register for the optional EXPLORE test online at [www.tip.duke.edu/enroll](http://www.tip.duke.edu/enroll) or contact us at [explore@tip.duke.edu](mailto:explore@tip.duke.edu) to request a paper EXPLORE application. To register for an EXPLORE test, you must enroll by January 20, 2016.

### Fee Waiver (Financial Aid)

Duke TIP waives its 4th–6th Grade Talent Search enrollment fee for students who receive free or reduced lunch. *All fee waiver applicants must complete a paper application and submit it by mail.* Students requesting a fee waiver should include an authorized fee waiver letter on school letterhead with their application. No other payment should be included if requesting a fee waiver. No refunds will be given to fee waiver eligible applicants who submit an online application.

Extensive information regarding our benefits is available at [www.tip.duke.edu/456benefits](http://www.tip.duke.edu/456benefits).