

Arkansas State Recognition Ceremony for the Twenty-Seventh Annual Talent Search

Sponsored By:

Duke University Talent Identification Program
University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Arkansas Department of Education
Arkansans for Gifted and Talented Education
Arkansas School for Mathematics, Science, and the Arts

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Criteria for Ceremony Recognition:

Students invited to a State Recognition Ceremony meet at least one of the following criteria:

ACT	ACT English \geq 20 ACT Math \geq 20 ACT Reading \geq 21 ACT Science \geq 21
SAT	SAT Math \geq 510 SAT Verbal \geq 510 SAT Math = 500 and SAT Verbal = 500

In the 2005 Talent Search, a total of 22, 072 students from Duke TIP's 16-state region scored well enough to be invited to a State Recognition Ceremony. This represents 30% of the students who actually tested. In Arkansas, 514 students out of the 1,450 who tested qualified for the State Recognition Ceremony.

Talent Search History

The Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) is a non-profit educational organization founded through a grant from the Duke Endowment. Since 1980, more than one million students have benefited from Duke TIP's programs. The first Talent Search attracted just over 8,700 participants; this number increased to over 81,000 in 2005. Duke TIP's 4th and 5th Grade Talent Search was launched in 1994, modeled on the 7th Grade Talent Search, but with broader eligibility criteria to reach a younger and more diverse population. In 2005, this younger search had nearly 40,000 applicants.

In 1981, Duke TIP held its first Summer Studies Program (known then as the Duke University Summer Residential Program for Verbally and Mathematically Precocious Youth) on the Duke campus. Today, Duke TIP sponsors summer residential programs in a variety of states and international locations, as well as Scholar Weekends during the school year. Duke TIP's educational programs are open to all qualified students in

grades 7 through 11 regardless of where they live. Duke TIP has become a major leader in identifying and serving the educational needs of America's brightest youth.

The TIP Mission

Building on a rich history dating back to 1980, the Duke University Talent Identification Program is dedicated to being a national leader in identifying academically talented students and providing innovative programs to support the development of their optimal educational potential. Programs for students, families, and educators will be of such excellence that they will become models for the education of academically talented students worldwide.

TIP Goals

The Duke University Talent Identification Program's strategic goals are the following:

- To identify and serve gifted and academically talented young people in elementary grades through high school,
- To inform students about their abilities and academic options,
- To work with schools, families, and communities to address the unique educational needs of gifted and talented students,
- To sponsor innovative, challenging and highly motivating educational programs,
- To conduct research on the nature of academic talent, and
- To provide informational resources for students, parents, and educators.