

# GOLD HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## 7th Grade Students and Parents,

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The 7th Grade Duke TIP Talent Search is open to **current** seventh grade students who qualify through one of the following three methods:

- scoring at or above the 95th percentile on an accepted grade-level national standardized achievement or abilities test
- scoring 125 or above (full scale or composite) on an accepted IQ test that is no more than two years old
- scoring at or above the 95th percentile on a state assessment

### Eligible SC READY and SC PASS scores are listed below:

(SC READY) 2017 5th Grade ELA $\geq 699$	(SC READY) 2017 5th Grade Math $\geq 716$
(SC PASS) 2017 5th Grade Science $\geq 1586$	(SC PASS) 2017 5th Grade Social Studies $\geq 709$
(SC READY) 2018 6th Grade ELA $\geq 718$	(SC READY) 2018 6th Grade Math $\geq 743$
(SC PASS) 2018 6th Grade Science $\geq 1686$	(SC PASS) 2018 6th Social Studies $\geq 732$

For each of these methods, keep these two things in mind:

1. Students only need to qualify on one subtest or on the composite to be eligible for the program. (Please note that regardless of what subtest qualifies the student for the talent search, s/he will take the full ACT or SAT as part of the talent search.)
2. A qualifying score may come from either of the two most recent test administrations. Typically, that means scores from tests taken in either the fifth or sixth grade.

To join the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Talent Search, students must enroll online at [www.tip.duke.edu/enroll](http://www.tip.duke.edu/enroll). S/he will have the opportunity to take either the ACT or SAT as an above-level test. As part of the talent search enrollment, students will select one test date and a testing location, and Duke TIP will register the student for that test.

Parents, you can use Duke TIP's look-up tool to find accepted tests, subtests, and scores to see if your student qualifies.

Other qualifying tests/subtests may be found at [www.tip.duke.edu](http://www.tip.duke.edu)

*As part of the Duke Tip enrollment, students register for either the ACT or SAT. Several enrollment deadlines for the ACT or SAT:*

- **September 19** - Online enrollment deadline for students selecting the October ACT.
- **September 26** - Online enrollment deadline for students selecting the November SAT.
- **October 24** - Online enrollment deadline for students selecting a December SAT or December ACT.
- **January 8** - Online enrollment deadline for students selecting February ACT.

The non-refundable enrollment fee is \$75 (or \$30 for a student who qualifies for a fee grant). The fee covers the cost of the ACT or SAT and all 7th grade talent benefits through the student's high school career. The Duke TIP talent search program is **voluntary**. Please visit [www.tip.duke.edu](http://www.tip.duke.edu) for a wealth of information on the Duke TIP talent search program.

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