



Westerville City Schools

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Office of Gifted Education
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Vision

Our vision is
to be the benchmark
of educational
excellence.

Mission

Our mission is
to prepare students
to contribute
to the competitive
and changing world
in which we live.

Values

Respect
Inclusiveness
Community
Communication
Collaboration
Innovation
Nurturing
Trust
Accountability

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search (NUMATS), formerly known as The Midwest Academic Talent Search (MATS), invites all qualified students to consider taking the college entrance examination at an early age. Students may choose to take the:

- 1) SAT – grades 6-9 (\$82 without essay, \$93.50 with essay*)
- 2) ACT – grades 6-9 (\$78.50*) and/or
- 3) EXPLORE test - grades 3-6 only (\$74*)

**Financial aid for part of the fees is available on a first come basis for students enrolled this year in the Free or Reduced Lunch Program at school. You should contact your school office for this information. More information about the financial aid can be found by visiting www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats.*

Individual registration for this testing is done through NUMATS, located at the Center for Talent Development at Northwestern University. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please register online at www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats. If you do not have internet access, please contact the Office of Gifted Education for a Paper Registration form.

Information you will need to fill out the application is on the following page. On-line registration deadlines can be found at the Center for Talent Development website (www.ctd.@northwestern.edu).

There are many things to consider when determining whether or not to have your child take out-of-grade-level tests such as these. Students who earn high composite scores on SAT or ACT tests may be eligible to take advantage of scholarships and other opportunities such as the College Credit Plus (formerly PSEO). Students also acquire experience and practice in taking above-grade-level tests. You can receive important additional information that in-grade-level tests do not provide. Studies show that there are large ability differences between students who score in the top 10% on grade-level tests so above-grade-level tests can help to identify these differences. In addition, by participating you will receive information about other educational programs for gifted students until they finish high school. Participating students are provided with planning and resources options based on the scores achieved on the above-grade-level tests.

For further questions regarding the Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search, I recommend contacting NUMATS directly at 847-491-3782 (press option 3) or ctd@northwestern.edu.

Sincerely,

Vicki L. Jarrell

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Northwestern University Midwest Academic Talent Search (NUMATS)

The NUMATS program offers above-grade-level tests (EXPLORE[®], the ACT[®], and the SAT[®]) to qualified students in grades 3 through 9 at test centers in our area. These tests are internationally recognized measures of academic ability. Students who qualify for this opportunity have achieved one or more of the following:

- Gifted identification
- Past participation in NUMATS or another academic talent search
- Scored Advanced on Ohio Achievement Tests
- Teacher or Parent Nominations (based on advanced aptitude in verbal or mathematical reasoning, consistent performance in top 10% of their grade level, high performance in academically demanding coursework, and consistent demand for more challenging academic experiences)

Students who take the tests:

- Acquire experience and practice in taking above-grade-level tests.
- Receive important additional information that in-grade level tests do not provide. Studies show that there are large ability differences between students who score in the top 10% on grade-level tests. Above-grade-level tests help pinpoint these differences.
- Receive information about other educational programs for gifted students until they finish high school.
- Are provided with planning and resources options based on the scores achieved on the above-grade-level tests.

For additional information, go to www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats.

NUMATS Registration

Registration on line at www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats

Information needed to enter on the registration:

Section 1: Qualifying information

Although participation in NUMATS is voluntary, students who have accomplished any of the following truly benefit:

- Qualification for a school gifted program
- Nomination by a parent or teacher
- Previous talent search participation
- Achievement test scores (To view the names of the score categories that would qualify students, visit www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats/program/eligibility/)
- State test scores (scoring Advanced on the Math and/or Reading Ohio Achievement Assessments)

Section 3: NUMATS ID Number

Go to www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats (press option 3) to get your school ID number. For your convenience, here are our WCS ID numbers:

Elementary *	Middle
Alcott Elem = 8504670	Blendon MS = 8500198
Annehurst Elem = 8500197	Genoa MS = 850222
Central College Elem = 8500199	Heritage MS = 8500223
Cherrington Elem = 8500200	Walnut Springs MS = 8500224
Emerson Elem = 8500201	
Fouse Elem = 8500221	High School
Hanby Elem = 8500202	Central HS = 8504516
Huber Ridge Elem = 8500204	North HS = 8504669
Longfellow Elem = 8500205	South HS = 8504508
Mark Twain Elem = 8500206	
McVay Elem = 8500207	
Pointview Elem = 8500209	
Robert Frost Elem = 8500210	
Whittier Elem = 8500215	

*If your school is not listed, please contact 1-847-491-3782 ext 3.

Section 8 and 9: Test Center Choices – Site Codes

EXPLORE – we suggest Hilliard's Hilliard Station 6th Grade Building (166140)

SAT – we suggest North High School (36632)

ACT – we suggest North High School (186180) or Central High School (213770)

It is recommended that MS students take the standard ACT instead of the Plus Writing ACT.

SAT: The drop off time would be 7:30 and the finish time will be approximately 12:45.

ACT: The drop off time would be 7:45 with pick up at approximately 12:00.

SAT/ACT rules state that parents are not allowed in the testing area after the testing begins. There is a 10 minute break. MS students could bring a small bag with their name on the bag and ask the teacher to hold onto it until the break.

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