

## Your NUMATS Timeline

**Register online at <https://my.ctd.northwestern.edu>.**

- Please read all statements before agreeing and proceeding to the next step.
- In Step 4, identify a school if you want the school to have access to your child's scores.
- Look for the e-mail we send when you submit your registration.

**Before testing, visit MyCTD Toolbox, your password-protected online account.**

- View registration details.
- Access test prep materials (NUMATS Info Tab, section 2).
- Download required student identification form (SAT/ACT Only – NUMATS Info Tab, section 3).

**After testing, visit MyCTD Toolbox.**

- Access test scores and NUMATS percentiles.
- Review course sequence suggestions.
- Read articles on working with your school.

**Throughout upcoming year, visit CTD Backpack, our interactive online community for students and their families.**

- Access the latest research on gifted education.
- Participate in live podcasts and webinars with experts in the field.
- Communicate with other parents of advanced students.

## Important

**A week prior to test date:** Call the testing agency if you have not received a test center admission ticket.

PSAT 8/9: 866/433-7728      SAT: 866/756-7346      ACT: 319/337-1270

**On test day:** Ensure your child takes the test center admission ticket (all tests) and student identification form (SAT/ACT only) to the test center.

**Several weeks after test date:** You will receive an e-mail indicating scores are available in MyCTD Toolbox. The testing agency will send you a hard copy of the score report.

**August-October:** NUMATS and state award ceremonies are held.

**E-mail** numats@ctd.northwestern.edu  
**Phone** 847/491-3782 ext. 2  
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Central  
**Fax** 847/467-4283  
**Website** [www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats](http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats)  
**Register Now** <https://my.ctd.northwestern.edu>

For registration questions, please e-mail [ctd-admissions@northwestern.edu](mailto:ctd-admissions@northwestern.edu).

## NUMATS Family Guide 2018



Center for Talent Development

## Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search (NUMATS)

Advanced assessment that will identify  
your child's talents and provide the resources  
you need to develop them.

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## You know your child is curious and smart. But do you know . . .

- the full extent of your child's ability?
- your child's specific academic strengths?
- the level of instruction your child needs to be challenged and ensure academic growth?
- the range of programs and services available to your family?

## Through NUMATS, students and families . . .

- receive valuable information to help you plan your child's academic journey through high school graduation
- gain insight into academic strengths and benchmarks for measuring growth
- get practice on the high-stakes test(s) used for high school placement, scholarships, and college admissions
- learn about gifted programs for which your child might qualify
- get connected to an active, online community of gifted learners and their families (CTD Backpack)

Your child may be doing well in school and participating in enrichment programs on weekends or in the summer. Still, you may not know the full extent of your child's abilities and academic needs. NUMATS can help!

Understanding your child's level of achievement is an important first step. Grade-level state exams do not measure knowledge and skills beyond the

current grade. And, computer-adaptive tests do not have the highest-level questions needed to identify what advanced students are ready to learn. NUMATS solves the problem by using assessments designed for older students that measure college and career readiness. Students in grades 3-6 take the PSAT™8/9, typically administered in grades 8-9. Students in grades 6-9 take the SAT® and/or ACT®. These challenging tests provide a more accurate measure of your advanced learner's knowledge and skills and can provide insight into what level of instruction is appropriate.



Assessment dates are available throughout the year. See the chart below for registration deadlines, test dates, and fees. Fees cover the cost of assessment and online access to valuable resources and interpretive materials. A program timeline can be found on the back page of this brochure. Additional information, including a short video about the NUMATS experience, is available on our website.

**Test Centers:** Find local test centers by date at [www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats-test-centers](http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats-test-centers).

## Registration Deadlines, Test Dates, and Fees

TEST	REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION PERIOD (ADDITIONAL \$29.50 FEE APPLIES)	TEST DATES	REGULAR FEES			
				NUMATS	TEST	TOTAL	
<b>PSAT 8/9</b> (Gr 3-6*)	December 11, 2017	Not Available	January 20, 2018	\$42	\$38	\$80	
	January 8, 2018		February 10, 2018				
			February 11, 2018				
<b>SAT</b> (Gr 6*-9)	July 25, 2017	Not Available	August 26, 2017	\$42	Without Essay \$46	With Essay \$60	\$88 (without essay) or \$102 (with essay)
	September 6, 2017		October 7, 2017				
	October 2, 2017		November 4, 2017				
	October 30, 2017		December 2, 2017				
	February 6, 2018		March 10, 2018				
	April 3, 2018		May 5, 2018				
	April 30, 2018		June 2, 2018				
<b>ACT</b> (Gr 6*-9)	August 2, 2017	August 3-15, 2017	September 9, 2017	\$42	\$46	\$88	
	September 20, 2017	September 21-October 3, 2017	October 28, 2017				
	November 1, 2017	November 2-14, 2017	December 9, 2017				
	January 10, 2018	January 11-16, 2018	February 10, 2018				
	March 7, 2018	March 8-20, 2018	April 14, 2018				
	May 2, 2018	May 3-15, 2018	June 9, 2018				
	June 13, 2018	June 14-19, 2018	July 14, 2018				

\*Test recommendations for first-time and repeat participants in grade 6 are available on our website.