

## Center for Talent Development

Your child is invited to participate in

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

the most prestigious program identifying, rewarding, and meeting the needs of gifted children throughout the Midwest.



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

- the full extent of your child's ability?
- your child's academic strengths?
- the level of instruction your child needs to provide challenge and ensure academic growth?

### And do you want your child to . . .

- gain practice on the high-stakes test(s) used for high school placement, scholarships, and college admissions?

### And do you want to . . .

- gain more information to help you plan your child's academic future?
- learn about gifted programs for which your child might qualify?
- belong to an active, online community of gifted learners and their families?

Understanding your child's level of achievement is the first step. Yet grade-level state exams do not measure knowledge and skills beyond the current grade. Even popular computer-adaptive tests do not have the higher-level questions needed to tell us what gifted students are ready to learn. This means the tests have a "ceiling effect."

To combat this "ceiling effect," NUMATS uses 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 7-9 take the SAT® and/or ACT®, the same tests given to high school students for college admissions. The tests are administered locally on Saturday or Sunday mornings and generally take about 4-5 hours to complete.

**See back of sheet for information on how NUMATS works, test dates and locations, registration deadlines, and fees. Full information on eligibility criteria, tests and scores, financial aid, non-Saturday testing, special accommodations, Grade 9 registration, and more is available at [www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats](http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats).**

## Join the Midwest's Premier Gifted Community!

**E-mail** numats@ctd.northwestern.edu  
**Phone** 847/491-3782 ext. 3  
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>

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# NUMATS Family Fact Sheet 2017

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

- Throughout the process, carefully read all statements before agreeing and proceeding to the next step.
- In Step 4, identify a school if you want the NUMATS coordinator at the school to have access to your child's scores.
- Look for the e-mail we send when you submit your registration and be sure to follow instructions.

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

- View registration details (click on student's name, then View Registration Detail).
- Access test prep materials (NUMATS Info Tab, section 2).
- Download the required student identification form (SAT/ACT Only – NUMATS Info Tab, section 3).

**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 \$27.50 FEE APPLIES*)	TEST DATES	REGULAR FEES			
				NUMATS	TEST	TOTAL	
<b>PSAT 8/9</b> (Gr 3-6)	October 23, 2016	Not Available	December 10, 2016	\$40	\$35	\$75	
	December 4, 2016		January 14, 2017 January 15, 2017				
<b>SAT</b> (Gr 7-9)	August 29, 2016	Not Available	October 1, 2016	\$40	Without Essay \$45	With Essay \$57	\$85 (without essay) or \$97 (with essay)
	October 4, 2016		November 5, 2016				
	October 31, 2016		December 3, 2016				
	December 18, 2016		January 21, 2017				
	February 7, 2017		March 11, 2017				
	April 4, 2017 May 4, 2017		May 6, 2017 June 3, 2017				
<b>ACT</b> (Gr 7-9)	August 3, 2016	August 4-16, 2016*	September 10, 2016	\$40	\$42.50	\$82.50	
	September 14, 2016	September 15-27, 2016*	October 22, 2016				
	November 2, 2016	November 3-15, 2016*	December 10, 2016				
	January 11, 2017	January 12-17, 2017*	February 11, 2017				
	March 1, 2017 May 3, 2017	March 2-14, 2017* May 4-16, 2017*	April 8, 2017 June 10, 2017				

## After testing, visit MyCTD Toolbox (click on student's name, then View Score).

- 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 gifted 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 gifted students.
- Encourage your child to collaborate online with other gifted students.

**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. Both documents are required for admission to test.

**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.

**April-May:** NUMATS recognition certificates are mailed to the school identified in registration or to the home address if a school was not identified. Schools often hold awards assemblies in May.

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