



MIDWEST ACADEMIC TALENT SEARCH

For many years Zionsville Community Schools has participated in the Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search (NUMATS) for mathematically and verbally talented third through ninth grade students. Qualifying students are invited to take the SAT or ACT at Grades 7 and 8, the EXPLORE test or the SAT or ACT at Grade 6, and the EXPLORE test at Grades 3-5. **ZCS is merely informing you of this opportunity.** Participation is strictly voluntary. Students and their parents who are interested should visit the Northwestern University Midwest Academic Talent Search (NUMATS) website at www.ctd.northwestern.edu/mats.

Students from 3rd through 9th grades will continue to access above grade-level tests (EXPLORE, ACT and SAT) and will receive help in interpreting test results and planning their future education path through the materials provided through NUMATS. The EXPLORE, ACT and SAT all have long track records as good measures of academic talent. These tests are more appropriate for academically talented students than standardized tests designed for their age group. By taking these tests, Talent Search students get a more detailed picture of their abilities in comparison with other bright students.

Students may register to take the EXPLORE (Grades 3-6), SAT (Grades 7-8 and Grade 6) or ACT (Grades 7-8, Grade 6, and Grade 9) in one of several ways. Please see the NUMATS website to determine if participation is appropriate for your child.

If you would like to register to take the EXPLORE, SAT or ACT, please do so online at www.ctd.northwestern.edu/mats.