



# Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search

An extraordinary program for extraordinary kids

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## About Us



### Why do we do what we do?

Not every school system has a plan in place to serve gifted/talented students. And for those that do, it may not be enough for the very brightest kids.

Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search (NUMATS) is a way to identify kids who need more. Not only does NUMATS provide access to above-grade-level testing, but it also gives parents a roadmap of which classes, extracurricular activities and enrichment programs will benefit their gifted child the most. The mission of NUMATS is to help these bright kids develop the self-confidence, exposure and skills they need to have a positive academic experience.



### How long have we been doing it?

Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search, modeled after the Johns Hopkins University talent search, began in 1981. During those first few years, about 1,000 students in grades 6 through 8 were tested each year, and from there the program started growing. For three decades we've seen that participating in a talent search helps parents and schools find the right academic path for their gifted learners, and gives kids a better way to explore their talents.



### How well do we do it?

We think we're really good at what we do. And other people think so, too. Over the years, NUMATS has become so accepted as an important tool for identifying the brightest kids that now more than 25,000 students register through NUMATS each year.

NUMATS empowers teachers and parents to provide gifted students with more than just the basics. As a result, these kids not only work up to their potential; they blossom.

"(NUMATS) test scores help us argue our case for acceleration or enrichment."

- educator