



South Washington County Schools

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child has been invited to participate in the **Northwestern University Midwest Academic Talent Search (NUMATS)** based on performance scores achieved on the Minnesota NWEA-MAP testing and/or based on prior identification as a gifted learner. Each year the Center for Talent Development (CTD) invites mathematically and verbally talented students in grades 3 through 9 to register for NUMATS.

Participation in NUMATS is voluntary and certainly not appropriate for all students who have been invited. Please consider the maturity of your child and the value of the information gained through participation when making your decision. **For more details about the program and why you might participate, read the extensive information found at www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats.**

Through NUMATS students are able to access above-grade-level tests (the PSAT 8/9, ACT, or SAT) and receive help in interpreting test results. These tests are all internationally recognized measures of academic ability. Although these **tests are not used to determine placement in courses** in South Washington County Schools, the results are shared with administrators.

If you do choose to register your child to participate in Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search, please follow these guidelines.

- Students in **grades 3 through 6** may take the **PSAT 8/9** test, which is typically given to students in grade 10.
- Students in **grades 6 through 9** may take the **ACT** and/or **SAT** tests, which are usually given to students in grades 11 and 12.
- Registration is online at www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats/register. Please be aware there are deadlines for registration. **See the reverse side for all the information you need to register.**

*The role of the office of Gifted Education is to disseminate information about this opportunity. For questions about the assessment or the Center for Talent Development, **please contact them directly** at www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats ; E-mail numats@ctd.northwestern.edu or Phone: 847/491-3782, ext. 3*

Regards,

Tina

Tina Van Erp
Coordinator of Gifted Education
South Washington County Schools

Registration Instructions:

Go to www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats/register and click on ***Register Now***. Follow the directions.

You will be asked to create an account and provide the following information:

- Your student qualified through a nationally normed achievement test score or has received prior identification as a gifted learner.
- Our school district NUMATS ID # is **8300032**. ***Please do not use the code for your student's individual school.***
- School Name (do not use the individual school) **South Washington County Schools**
- Address **7362 East Point Douglas Rd S.**
Cottage Grove, MN 55016
- NUMATS Coordinator: **Tina Van Erp**
- NUMATS Coordinator E-mail: **tvanerp@sowashco.org**

Here are the **costs** to take the following tests:

- \$80.00 for the PSAT 8/9 test (\$38 for the test fee and \$42 for the NUMATS fee)
- \$88.00 for the ACT test (\$46.00 for the test fee and \$42 for the NUMATS fee)
- \$88 without essay/\$102.00 with essay, for the SAT test (\$46.00 without essay, \$60.00 with essay, for the test fee and \$42 for the NUMATS fee)

What happens after you have registered?

Once you are registered, please visit the “What to Expect from Start to Finish” tab on the NUMATS website, for specific information on your next steps.

If you have not received the admission ticket (see NUMATS website for further information about the admission ticket) one week prior to the test date or have any questions regarding testing, please call the testing agency directly at:

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

Receiving your child's scores

A few weeks after testing, you will receive an email from NUMATS on how to access your child's test scores on their website.

If you have further questions about the NUMATS program, please contact them directly at:

- ***Phone 847/491-3782, extension 3***
- ***E-mail numats@ctd.northwestern.edu***
- ***website: www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats***