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Five Springwood School seventh grade students qualified for Duke Tip

Five Springwood School seventh grade students have qualified to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program's Talent Search for 2014-15. Duke TIP is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving academically talented youth. Duke TIP works with students, families, and educators to identify, recognize, challenge, engage, and support gifted youth in reaching their highest potential.

The 7th Grade Talent Search invites academically advanced students in the seventh grade to take college entrance exams (the ACT or SAT) alongside students in high school. Taking an above-grade level test like the ACT or SAT helps these students identify their academic strengths and TIP provides insight into how best to interpret and use these results. Students who participate in the 7th Grade Talent Search also receive special publications that open doors for exploration into academic and collegiate possibilities, have access to advanced learning opportunities that engage and develop their talents, and are celebrated for their accomplishments through different forms of recognition.

Since 1980, Duke TIP has engaged over 2.5 million youth who scored at or above the 95th percentile on a grade-level standardized test. Last year, nearly 65,000 academically talented seventh graders accepted the invitation to participate in the 7th Grade Talent Search. Talent Search Manager, Judith Elsey, says of this year's talent search, "Qualifying is commendable and an honor. We are pleased to welcome the newest group of 7th Grade Talent Search participants. We look forward to assisting these students in reaching their full academic potential in middle school and beyond".



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