

NUMATS

Informational Meeting

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5:30 pm

Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School



Welcome



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What is NUMATS? - Family Fact Sheet

Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search

- A research-validated program that utilizes above-grade level testing to help understand the educational needs of the top 10 percent of students in grades 3-9.



Benefits - why should I do it?

- Receive detailed information about your child's true academic abilities
- Guide your child's academic planning
- Track your child's academic growth
- Provide a gateway to opportunities
- Practice with high-stakes testing
- Build your child's confidence



Is it important for my student to take?

- It is truly a parental decision based on child's grade.
- The older the student - practice for future tests for college
- Gives insight into other academic areas
 - English
 - Math
 - Reading
 - Science





What are the different tests?

- PSAT: 4th-6th Graders (Normed to 8th Grade Test)
- ACT: 6th-9th Graders (Normed to High School)
 - Typically for Midwestern Colleges and Universities
 - Math, English, Reading, Science (reasoning), Writing (optional)
 - Time Intensive
- SAT: 6th-9th Graders (Normed to High School)
 - Typically for East and West Coast Colleges and Universities
 - New SAT launched March 2016, now more similar to ACT
 - Math, English, Reading, Writing (optional)
 - Math includes with and without calculator problems and some fill-in-the-blank

What's recommended? There's lots of information out there to help you decide (including the NUMATS website) since each test tailors to slightly different strengths. Many colleges look at either. If you have some specific colleges and universities in mind, investigate their admission requirements.

Sun Prairie Host Site Dates

Only PSAT (grades 4-6): December 10, January 14, January 15

Time: in the morning, specific time is not yet set.

Timeline



Now - online registration is available and preferred

Once registered - MyCTD toolbox is available with Test Prep Materials

One week before - Make sure you have received Admission ticket

Test Date - Admission ticket tells you where, when to go

Several weeks after test - MyCTD toolbox will have scores and information

March - Eligible students receive information about summer & online programs

Give copy of scores to your Advanced Learner Specialist

General questions in regards to NUMATS

Questions - for general questions about NUMATS please.

If your question is about your student specifically, please see your ALP Specialist at the end of the meeting or email/call them.

Thank you!

