

## **Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent (NUMATS)**

NUMATS is for high ability and high achieving students in grades third through ninth. Qualifying students are invited to take the SAT or ACT at Grades 7 and 8, the EXPLORE test, SAT, or ACT at Grade 6, and the EXPLORE test at Grades 3-5. Participation is strictly voluntary. **HHSC is merely informing you of this opportunity.**

Students and their parents who are interested should visit the Midwest Academic Talent Search (MATS) website at <http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats/>.

**If you would like to register to take the EXPLORE, SAT or ACT, please do so online.**

Recent changes at the Talent Search will make it easier for families and schools to use the program for identifying and serving gifted students. 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 MATS. 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.