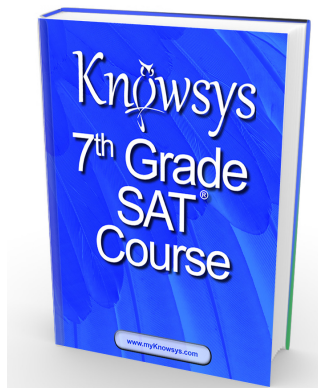
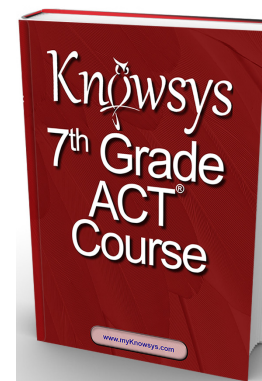


# 7th Grade Talent Identification SAT and ACT Courses



In the 7th grade TIP (Talent Identification Program), identified top students are given the opportunity to take a high-level, challenging, timed test (either the SAT or the ACT). The experience of preparing for and taking the SAT or the ACT as a 7th grader will shape their academic thinking and help them to be better students throughout middle and high school. These students represent the district's National Merit pipeline, and we believe it is imperative to give them this academic boost early to help them maximize their achievement throughout middle and high school.



## 7th Grade TIP SAT and ACT Course Pedagogy, Strategies, and Methods:

- Students learn methods and review content for Math, Critical Reading (including Vocabulary), and Grammar.
- The Knowsys 7th Grade Course gives students an overview of the test, an introduction to strategic test taking, and knowledge and skills to apply 7th-grade level content knowledge to test-level questions.
- The goal of the course is to enable students to achieve TIP qualifying scores on the SAT or ACT exam by focusing on applying and extending the knowledge the 7th graders bring with them to the course. Scoring at or above qualifying levels opens the doors to additional advanced academic opportunities from Duke and other universities.
- **Student success on the SAT or ACT in the 7th grade can substitute for the related STAAR EOC and TSI exams.**

## Course Details:

- **Target students:** Students who qualify to participate in the TIP (95th percentile students)
- **Course Elements:**
  - Information Sessions for campus administrators, counselors, and GT teachers
  - Information Session and separate Results Sessions for Students and Parents
  - Practice SAT Exam and Celebration Ceremony
  - Format 1: SAT or ACT Course with 15 or more hours of instruction
  - Format 2: SAT or ACT Workshops (4 hours) are also available
- **Instructional Materials:**
  - Knowsys 7th Grade TIP SAT or ACT Workbook
  - *The SAT (or ACT) Official Guide*
  - The Knowsys SAT Flashcards
  - The Knowsys Homophones Flashcards
  - Knowsys Diagnostic Exam(s)
  - Personalized Score Report
  - Knowsys pencils
  - Knowsys backpack
- **Recommended Professional Development:** 1 full-day of training for math & 1 for verbal instructors

Identify students for TIP Program  
Top 95th percentile on standardized exam  
Typically in late August

Who will send the invitations  
(district or schools)?

School Leadership Info Sessions  
Before Invitations are sent

Send invitations for TIP Program  
Typically in September

Host Parent/Student TIP Meeting  
Typically in October

Start TIP Program

Options:

Which program: Course? Workshops?

Start TIP Course

SAT or ACT Practice Test  
Parent/Student Results Session

Class 1

Class 2

Class 3

Class 4

Class 5

Official SAT or ACT Exam

Start TIP Workshop

SAT or ACT Practice Test  
4-hour or 6-hour Workshop

Celebrate

After the results have been returned

**Plan**

**Inform**

**Invite**

**Launch**

**End**

☐ Identify students for TIP Program

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Who: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Information Sessions

Who: \_\_\_\_\_

When: \_\_\_\_\_

Where: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Send invitations for TIP Program

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Host Parent/Student TIP Meeting

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Start TIP Program

Options:

Which program? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Start TIP Course

Practice Test: \_\_\_\_\_

Results Session: \_\_\_\_\_

Class 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Class 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Class 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Class 4 : \_\_\_\_\_

Class 5 : \_\_\_\_\_

Official Exam : \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Start TIP Workshop

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ District-Wide Celebration

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Invite media