

*The district neither endorses nor promotes the **Johns Hopkins program**. However, many parents have expressed an interest in it and, in past years a number of them have wanted their children to be involved. For that reason we are putting this on the website for your information.*

Dear Parent or Guardian,

For many years, the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District has voluntarily facilitated the nomination of students in grades 5-8 to participate in the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY) Talent Search.

In order to assist you in determining whether participating in the Talent Search would be appropriate for your child, we recommend that you consider the following questions taken from the CTY parent nomination form:

Has your child:

- 1) Demonstrated unusually advanced aptitude in verbal or mathematical reasoning?
- 2) Consistently performed in the top five percent relative to his/her age group?
- 3) Performed exceptionally well in academically demanding course work in his/her school?
- 4) Demonstrated an unusual and consistent desire for additional academic challenge?

Talent Search participation is a two-step process requiring two separate registrations and two fees. If you are interested in having your child compete, you will need to submit a Talent Search application and a parent nomination form (available on the CTY Website – see web address below), and pay a fee of \$37. Talent Search will then send out a test registration package and require that parents complete the second part of the nomination process by registering for your child’s test and paying the testing fee. The actual testing takes place at various locations across Long Island, though not usually in Northport.

Listed below are the relevant registration deadlines and testing dates.

	<b>Grades 5-6</b>	<b>Grades 7-8</b>	<b>Grades 7-8</b>	<b>Grades 7-8</b>
	<b>SCAT TEST</b>	<b>December SAT</b>	<b>January SAT</b>	<b>Dec ACT</b>
Submit Talent Search application by	Nov. 20 2009	10/01/2009	11/20/2009	10/01/2009
Receive test registration materials by	3 weeks after submitting application	3 weeks after submitting application	3 weeks after submitting application	3 weeks after submitting application
Register to test by	Jan. 1, 2010	10/30/2009	12/15/2009	11/07/2009
Take the test by	Feb. 15, 2010	12/05/2009	01/23/2010	12/13/2009

All of the information needed regarding the CTY Talent Search is available online at [www.cty.jhu.edu](http://www.cty.jhu.edu). You may also request a copy of the brochure in the main office of your child's school. As in the past, students scoring above a level established by Johns Hopkins will be recognized at a Northport-East Northport School Board meeting at the end of the school year, so please be sure to include your school code so that Johns Hopkins may notify the district regarding your child's results.

School Codes:	Bellerose Ave 1173181	Fifth Ave. 1173166
	Norwood Ave. 1176802	Pulaski Rd. 1173148
	Dickinson Ave. 1173172	Northport Middle School 1176883
	Ocean Ave. 1176851	East Northport Middle School 1173171

For SAT registration only: CEEB #334205

Your decision to involve your child in this program is completely up to you, and should be based on how well your child meets the criteria listed above, as well as your child's emotional maturity in managing above-grade level work. Although the Johns Hopkins Program is not directly affiliated with the Northport-East Northport School District, the district believes that making you aware of these kinds of enrichment opportunities may benefit your child.

Should you require further assistance in making the decision on whether your child is ready to handle this rigorous commitment, please do not hesitate to call me at 631-262-6706.

Yours truly,

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