Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving academically gifted and talented youth. According to Duke TIP, the 4th–6th Grade talent search is the entry point for TIP benefits that can motivate gifted students to realize their full potential. As part of the talent search enrollment, Duke TIP registers eligible seventh graders to take either the ACT (no Writing) or SAT (no Essay) as an above-level test. This past year 9,891 students, and 48 districts in Florida participated in their two talent searches with many of them also qualifying for the state and grand recognition ceremonies.

In the 4th-6th grade talent search 3,338 Florida students applied, 1,046 of those students went on for testing and 42 students qualified for state recognition. In the 7th grade talent search 6,421 Florida students applied, 2,738 of those students took the ACT and 3,683 took the SAT. Based on their results of their test scores 2,579 students qualified for state recognition and 263 students qualified for grand recognition. Congratulations to all of our participants!

Enrollment for the 2017 Duke TIP talent search began October 1, 2016 and runs through March 31, 2017. If you need more information go to the Duke Tip Website: [https://tip.duke.edu/](https://tip.duke.edu/).

### Virtual College Night

**November 16, 2016**  
5:00pm-9:00pm  
Completely Free (Funded by the State of Florida)  
For more information: [https://www.floridashines.org/](https://www.floridashines.org/)

School counselors, students and parents are invited to Florida’s first ever Virtual College Night. The two-day event offers six one-hour sessions covering a range of issues, from college admissions to financial aid to career planning. Representatives from the Florida College System, State University System, Florida Department of Education and others will participate.
Seminole County has completed development of its own gifted endorsement modules. The series of five courses can now be taken within the district at no cost to participants. The courses are led by April O’Bryan, the new Gifted TOA in the district. They currently have more than 60 participants in the first course and are scheduled to start over 100 teachers in the second course on November 3rd.

Congratulations are in order for 2 Palm Beach County teachers. Tracy Smith an 8th grade gifted teacher is the winner of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Teaching. She will have an opportunity to attend a celebration at the White House hosted by President Obama. Melody Vela is one of thirteen 2016 national Javits Scholars and was awarded a scholarship to attend The National Association for Gifted Children’s annual convention being help in Orlando this month.

Florida Virtual School Full-Time has rolled out the first ever online gifted elective course this school year! The students who are gifted are able to receive direct services by enrolling in the Advanced Academics 6-8 course. So far this class has been off to a great start for their middle school students!

Brevard County has started using universal screening in some schools. They are starting on a limited basis with the hope to continue to add more schools. They have created 10 kits the schools can check out to do the screening. They are using the COGAT screener.

**Video**

Grit: The Power of Passions and Perseverance


**Quick Answers**

What are some possible characteristics of gifted students?

[https://www.nagc.org/resources-publications/resources/my-child-gifted/common-characteristics-gifted-individuals](https://www.nagc.org/resources-publications/resources/my-child-gifted/common-characteristics-gifted-individuals)

[https://tip.duke.edu/node/99](https://tip.duke.edu/node/99)

[http://www.nsgt.org/giftedness-defined/](http://www.nsgt.org/giftedness-defined/)

**Resources**

- [http://fldoe.org/academics/exceptional-student-edu/gifted-edu.stml](http://fldoe.org/academics/exceptional-student-edu/gifted-edu.stml)
- NAGC- National Association for Gifted Children, [http://www.nagc.org](http://www.nagc.org)
- Florida Association for the Gifted, [http://www.flagifted.org](http://www.flagifted.org)
- Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY), [http://cty.jhu.edu/services/index.html](http://cty.jhu.edu/services/index.html)