

CHAGRIN FALLS

EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I am pleased to inform you that your identified gifted student or student who is enrolled in one or more Gifted/Advanced placements in grades 3-9 is eligible to participate in **Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search (NUMATS)**, sponsored by the Center for Talent Development (CTD). **Your child will be eligible to participate in his/her current grade level and in each upcoming school year through 9th grade.** Thus, if participation in the 2020-21 school year is not of interest for your child, it may be possible for him/her to participate in future years. **Due to the pandemic, NUMATS currently does not have any Ohio test centers available for PSAT 8/9 or ACT Testing. In Ohio, only registration for SAT testing is available at this time via NUMATS for eligible students currently in grades 6-9.**

Your child is eligible based upon:

⊗ *gifted identification on a nationally-normed test (by Ohio Department of Education guidelines) and/or local classification as an "advanced" student, enrolled in Honors or Advanced Math and/or ELA courses*

NUMATS is a research-validated, above-grade-level testing program that offers the PSAT 8/9, ACT, and SAT to eligible students. All of these tests are internationally recognized measures of academic ability designed for older students. Studies show that there are definite and large ability differences among students who score in the top 10% on grade-level tests. When these students take tests meant for older students, the differences are more apparent, and instruction can be better adapted to meet their individual needs. The included F.A.Q. provides additional information.

Although participation in NUMATS is voluntary, identified gifted students like your child can benefit from:

- Information about their academic ability that grade-level tests do not provide
- Academic planning and resource options based on test scores
- Information about education programs for gifted students
- Practice taking the PSAT 8/9, ACT, and/or SAT, which are used for high school placement and/or college entrance

The [NUMATS Family Guide 2021](#) provides additional information. Online registration is preferred, but paper forms are available by calling the CTD: (847) 491-3782 ext. 2. **Pay attention to registration deadlines and special student identification guidelines for ACT and SAT testing.** Students may wish to (but are not required to) select local testing centers from the list provided within this e-blast.

I hope that you find this information helpful. Please contact me if you have any questions and/or concerns.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Quinn

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CFEVSD Suggested NUMATS Local Testing Information
(Additional centers/dates may become available via NUMATS)

| Test Name | Test Center Name & Location | Test Center ID # | Test Date | CFEVSD Grade Level Participation Recommended |
|-----------|--|------------------|--------------------|--|
| SAT* | Mayfield HS, Mayfield, OH | 36470 | December 5, 2020 | 6 th – 9 th |
| SAT* | Gilmour Academy Gates Mills, OH | 36370 | December 5, 2020 | 6 th – 9 th |
| SAT* | Orange High School, Pepper Pike, OH | 36520 | December 5, 2020 | 6 th – 9 th |
| SAT* | Jewish Family Serv. Assn. Career Cn. Beachwood, OH | 36610 | December 6, 2020** | 6 th – 9 th |
| SAT* | Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, OH | 36370 | March 13, 2021 | 6 th – 9 th |
| SAT* | Orange High School, Pepper Pike, OH | 36520 | March 13, 2021 | 6 th – 9 th |
| SAT* | Jewish Family Serv. Assn. Career Cn. Beachwood, OH | 36610 | March 14, 2021** | 6 th – 9 th |
| SAT* | Gilmour Academy Gates Mills, OH | 36370 | May 8, 2021 | 6 th – 9 th |
| SAT* | Mayfield HS, Mayfield, OH | 36470 | May 8, 2021 | 6 th – 9 th |
| SAT* | Orange High School, Pepper Pike, OH | 36520 | March 13, 2021 | 6 th – 9 th |
| SAT* | Orange High School, Pepper Pike, OH | 36520 | May 8, 2021 | 6 th – 9 th |
| SAT* | Jewish Family Serv. Assn. Career Cn. Beachwood, OH | 36610 | May 9, 2021** | 6 th – 9 th |
| SAT* | Orange High School, Pepper Pike, OH | 36520 | June 5, 2021 | 6 th – 9 th |
| SAT* | Mayfield HS, Mayfield, OH | 36470 | June 5, 2021 | 6 th – 9 th |
| SAT* | Hawken, Chesterland, OH | 36372 | June 5, 2021 | 6 th – 9 th |
| SAT* | Jewish Family Serv. Assn. Career Cn. Beachwood, OH | 36610 | June 6, 2021** | 6 th – 9 th |

** All students are encouraged to closely review the “**Identification Guidelines**” prior to taking the **ACT and SAT**, as specified in the **NUMATS Family Handbook**. Additionally, it is important to pay special attention to the **SAT Grade 9 Registration Guidelines**.*

***This is a Sunday testing date.*

Northwestern University Midwest Academic Talent Search (NUMATS) F.A.Q.'s

What is NUMATS?

NUMATS is a research-validated, above-grade-level testing program that **TYPICALLY** offers the PSAT 8/9, ACT, and SAT to eligible students. These tests are internationally recognized measures of academic ability designed for older students. Studies show that there are definite and large ability differences among students who score in the top 10% on grade-level tests. When these students take tests meant for older students, the differences are more apparent, and instruction can be better adapted to meet their individual needs. The [NUMATS Family Guide 2021](#) contains additional information about the program, test dates, and registration process. **As of the 2019-20 school year, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) does not approve of the use of above-grade level tests for the purpose of gifted identification.** While most students who participate in NUMATS already have 1 or more area(s) of gifted identification, the ODE had approved of use of above-grade tests for gifted identification in previous school years, which occasionally yielded additional areas of gifted identification for NUMATS participants.

Why should my gifted child participate in NUMATS?

Although participation is **voluntary**, our gifted students are encouraged to participate – whether it is in the 2020-21 school year or a future school year through 9th grade. Benefits of NUMATS include:

- Information about their academic ability that grade-level tests do not provide
- Academic planning and resource options based on test scores
- Information about education programs for gifted students
- Practice taking PSAT 8/9, ACT, and/or SAT, which are used for high school placement and/or college entrance

How was my child identified for a district invitation to participate in NUMATS?

All Chagrin Falls Exempted Village School District identified gifted students currently enrolled in grades 3-9 have been invited to participate in NUMATS this year, as well as all students currently enrolled in 1 or more Advanced or Honors Math and/or ELA courses (in grades 4-9). While identified gifted/advanced students in grades 3-5 may participate in NUMATS and access the PSAT 8/9 assessment, we feel as if NUMATS is most valuable for our gifted students in grades 6-9, as they may access the ACT and SAT and choose to not have scores reported to colleges. While our district encourages identified gifted and advanced students to participate in NUMATS, additional students may meet the NUMATS-established criteria to participate. This eligibility criteria is described in the within the [NUMATS website](#). Identified gifted students will continue to be eligible to participate in NUMATS each year, through 9th grade.

How do I register my child for NUMATS?

The easiest way to register is online by visiting: <http://toolbox.ctd.northwestern.edu/>. One of the following NUMATS ID Numbers will be needed, which identifies your child's current school to complete the registration process:

NUMATS ID #: **8504757** (Gurney Elementary School 1155 Bell Rd. Chagrin Falls, OH 44022)

NUMATS ID #: **8501310** (Chagrin Falls Intermediate School 77 E Washington St Chagrin Falls, OH 44022)

NUMATS ID #: **8501311** (Chagrin Falls Middle School 342 E Washington St Chagrin Falls, OH 44022)

9th grade: SAT NUMATS ID #: **8504532** (Chagrin Falls High School 400 E Washington St Chagrin Falls, OH 44022)

RECOMMENDATION – FOLLOW GUIDELINES FOR 2-STEP PROCESS, INDICATE “NUMATS ONLY”; CONTACT **NUMATS** FOR GUIDANCE

9th grade - ACT NUMATS ID #: **8504532** (Chagrin Falls High School 400 E Washington St Chagrin Falls, OH 44022)

The testing dates and locations identified within the provided list are **recommended** by our district. If a print copy of the NUMATS application is needed, please contact Becky Quinn at (440) 247-2432. Note to 6th-9th graders registering for the SAT – a re-designed SAT was released by the College Board in March 2016. **(CAUTION: THIS TEST FORMAT IS MUCH DIFFERENT THAN THE VERSION PARENTS AND/OR OLDER SIBLINGS MAY HAVE TAKEN PRIOR TO 2016!!!)** To learn more about the current SAT design, please visit the College Board's website [here](#). All students are encouraged to closely review the **Identification Guidelines prior to taking the ACT and SAT**, as specified on the [NUMATS website](#).

Are we required to select only the suggested test dates/locations?

No. Our students are encouraged (but not required) to select testing options from the list provided, which are **local**. Any option offered via NUMATS is available to your child.