

**Recommendations for First-Time Testing and Retesting Through
Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search**

Grade	First-Time Testers*	Subsequent Testers
3	EXPLORE for students scoring at the 92 nd percentile or above on a relevant subtest of a nationally normed achievement test	
4	EXPLORE for students scoring at the 90 th percentile or above on a relevant subtest of a nationally normed achievement test	EXPLORE to track growth over time
5	EXPLORE for students scoring at the 90 th percentile or above on a relevant subtest of a nationally normed achievement test	EXPLORE to track growth over time
6	EXPLORE for students scoring at the 90 th percentile or above on a relevant subtest of a nationally normed achievement test <i>Or</i> ACT or SAT for students scoring at the 92 nd percentile or above on a relevant subtest of a nationally normed achievement test	EXPLORE to track growth over time and if EXPLORE scores in grade 5 were below 18 <i>Or</i> ACT or SAT if EXPLORE scores in grade 5 were 18 or higher
7	ACT or SAT for students scoring at the 90 th percentile or above on a relevant subtest of a nationally normed achievement test	ACT or SAT (students should gain experience with both tests)
8	ACT or SAT for students scoring at the 90 th percentile or above on a relevant subtest of a nationally normed achievement test	ACT or SAT (students should gain experience with both tests)
9	ACT or SAT for students scoring at the 90 th percentile or above on a relevant subtest of a nationally normed achievement test	ACT or SAT for additional practice

*Other criteria may be used to qualify for first-time NUMATS participation. See www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats/program/eligibility for complete information about eligibility.