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Paris ISD students recognized by Duke University for outstanding test scores

Two Paris ISD students have achieved recognition as high scoring Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) participants. To qualify for the talent search, seventh grade students must rank in the top 5 percent on grade-level standardized tests. Participants take the ACT or SAT as an above-level testing experience to learn more about their academic abilities.

The Talent Search identifies academically talented seventh graders based on standardized test scores. Candidates are invited to take the ACT Assessment or the SAT Reasoning Test college entrance exam. Participation provides each student educational resources for unique educational opportunities and information regarding their academic abilities.

Sahil Prakash and Brian Wright, students at Paris Junior High School, demonstrated outstanding performance by scoring at or above the national average on at least one section of the SAT or ACT.

Duke TIP's 7th Grade Talent Search is the largest program of its kind in the nation representing junior high and middle schools in 16 states. Since its inception in 1980, over 2 million students have participated.

Paris ISD has participated in the Talent Search since 1984. To date, 111 students have received state recognition and 7 received grand or national recognition.



Paris Junior High students recognized for outstanding college entrance examination scores by Duke University are (from left) Sahil Prakash and Brian Wright.

Duke TIP has served more than 900,000 gifted students through TIP's Talent Searches and unique summer and academic year programs. Paris ISD has participated in the Talent Search since 1984. To date, 108 students have received state recognition and 7 received grand or national recognition.