

Center for Bright Kids: Western Academic Talent Search



Western Academic Talent Search (WATS) is offered through the Center for Bright Kids, one of several national non-profit Regional Talent Development Centers. WATS enables academically talented 3rd through 9th graders to take the ACT, SAT, or PSAT 8/9 test at a much earlier age. This above-level testing experience allows students to:

- better evaluate their strengths
- practice taking a more challenging test
- compare their scores with other high-achieving students
- qualify for special summer or academic year opportunities or scholarships
- receive recognition of their outstanding abilities

Application to WATS is strictly voluntary. If you are a parent and wish to register your child for participation in the talent search, you will need the letter you received when your child was identified or you can contact the gifted education liaison at your child's school to receive a formal qualifying letter from the district. For more information about this program, visit the website at <https://www.centerforbrightkids.org/>

NOTE: The talent search was canceled for the 2022-2023 school year due to changes in testing requirements.