

# ORANGE TIPS / DUKE TIPS

**Attention 7<sup>th</sup> grader parents! If your child received information about one of these programs, please read the following frequent Q & A's:**

**1) How was my child determined to be eligible for these program (s)?**

-For **Orange TIPS**, students were identified by the district to be the top 10% of the county. Their criteria was: Active grade level 7, Math Level= 4 & 5, Enrollment in courses: M/J 7<sup>th</sup> grade advanced ELA **OR** Algebra I Honors or M/J 7<sup>th</sup> Advanced Mathematics.

-For **DUKE TIPS**, students' performance level on FSA for 6<sup>th</sup> grade had to be as follows:

**Reading:**  $\geq 363$

**Math:**  $\geq 361$

**2) What are the benefits of joining either one of these programs?**

-These programs provide academically talented students with the resources, enrichment opportunities and intellectual experiences they need to reach their full potential: above grade level testing, recognition for exceptional academic achievement, specialized publications and other engaging enrichment activities, college planning resources designed for gifted students, research-based advice from gifted education experts for parents, accelerated online and face to face educational programs (additional fees apply).

**3) Can my child participate in both programs?**

-Yes. We received confirmation from the district that the student can do both programs if they got invited to both. It is totally a parent's choice. They can choose to take the ACT for DUKE and SAT for ORANGE.

**4) What is the difference between both programs?**

-The main difference is that with ORANGE TIPS, students do not get a choice of test, they will be taking the SAT with all other middle school students taking it as part of the program. While students are taking the test, parents will attend an informational session about different opportunities, college & career readiness and awareness. With DUKE, students will take either the ACT or the SAT, and they will be taking the test with high school students. It will not be a devoted session for middle school students.

**5) Which test should my child take, if we choose DUKE TIPS?**

-Tests are meant for diagnostic purposes at this age, and both the ACT and the SAY serve that goal equally well. Visit [tip.duke.edu/7tests](http://tip.duke.edu/7tests) for more information on the difference between the two tests.

**6) In order for my student to participate from ORANGE TIPS, does he/she have to take the test on that date (March 9)?**

-No. They can choose another date but it would be at a regular high school. They take the test on their own at an earlier date and still be part of the program (ORANGE TIPS).

**7) When is the deadline to submit the application for the March 9<sup>th</sup> test for ORANGE TIPS?**

-Deadline is February 9, 2019. Applications and payment will be due back to each school by February 4, 2019, giving the schools 4 days to mail them directly along with payment to College Board. Applications will be given to the students during the tutoring sessions to be scheduled in early January.

**8) If my child wants to participate from ORANGE TIPS but does not want to take the tutoring sessions, when will they get the application?**

-The students do not have to participate in the tutoring sessions. If they choose not to attend, then parents must request an application to the counselor and they can fill out at home with a Power Point explaining how to complete the application correctly.

**9) If my child chooses to participate from DUKE TIPS, how do we apply?**

-For DUKE TIPS, everything is done directly through them. You can submit the paper application that was sent home, or do it online.

**10) Are these programs mandatory?**

-No. You can choose not to do the programs.

**11) When will the tutoring sessions be offered?**

-We will be sending more information on this later this semester. There will be two Saturday sessions, most likely in early January.