

ETS Express

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What is ETS?

Educational Talent Search is a federally funded program for eligible 6th-12th grade students at no cost. Educational Talent Search provides academic support, career advisement, and financial aid counseling to eligible middle and high school students.



Message from ETS

Spring is here, and with it comes a fresh start and a strong push toward the finish line! April is the perfect time to refocus, stay motivated, and finish the school year proud of what you've accomplished.

To our students: keep showing up, even on the hard days. Every assignment completed, every question asked, and every goal you work toward is building your future. You are capable, and your hard work matters.

To our families: thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Your presence makes a powerful difference in your student's journey.

Enroll Today!



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ETS Recruitment

Educational Talent Search is actively seeking students in grades 6 through 10 from our designated schools.

Middle Schools:

- Piedmont,
- McClintock,
- Sedgefield,
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

High Schools:

- East Mecklenburg,
- North Mecklenburg,
- Garinger,
- Independence



Upcoming Events

- April 18th- EOC Spring Festival
- April 22nd- Jr/Sr Photos
- April 25th- Hip Hop Dance Workshop
- April 29th- Jr/Sr Photos
- April 29th- MS Game Night
- May 9th- Service Project

Middle School



Real Talk

You don't have to have it all figured out—just don't give up on yourself.

Challenge

This month:

Read 10 mins a day

Ask 1 question in class,
everyday

Write down 1 future goal

Quick Tips

Read Something Daily
Even 10 minutes = stronger brain power.

Stay Ready

Planner = less stress, better grades.

Ask for Help

Smart students speak up!

Try New Things

Clubs, sports, art—find YOUR thing.

Think College NOW

Your future starts in middle school.

Be the FIRST

First-gen = trailblazer energy.

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April 25th- Hip Hop Dance
Workshop

April 29th- MS Game Night

May 9th- Service Project

Reflection Corner

Take a moment and check in with yourself:

What is one thing I'm proud of this week?

What is one small goal I can work on next?

Who is someone I can ask for help or advice?

What is one dream I have for my future?

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High School



Quick Tips

Check Yourself Weekly
Don't wait for report cards—know your grades NOW.

Be "Help Smart"

Go to tutoring early. Strong students ask questions.

Deadlines = Everything

Missed deadlines = missed opportunities. Set reminders!

Do Something After School

Clubs, sports, a job, or volunteering = your future resume.

Pick a Direction (for now)

You don't need your whole life planned—just start exploring.

Apply for Money Early

Scholarships aren't just for seniors

Watch Your Circle

Be around people who are serious about their future.

Real Talk

You don't need perfect—you need consistent. Keep showing up.

Challenge

This week:

Check your grades in every class

Attend 1 tutoring/help session

Research 1 college or career

Write down 2 upcoming deadlines

Upcoming Events

April 18th– EOC Spring Festival

April 22nd– Jr/Sr Photos

April 25th– Hip Hop Dance Workshop

April 29th– Jr/Sr Photos

May 9th– Service Project

Reflection Corner

Ask yourself:

"If I keep going like this, where will I end up?"

Now flip it:

"What's one thing I can do TODAY to change that?"

Do it. No excuses.