

ETS EXPRESS:

SUMMER EDITION

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

We are so proud of all you've accomplished this year and can't wait to hear about your summer adventures. Enjoy every moment, stay curious, stay safe, and come back ready for another year of learning, leadership, and success. Have an amazing summer—we look forward to seeing you when school starts!



ETS RECRUITMENT

Educational Talent Search is actively seeking students in grade 6 through 10 from our designated schools:

Middle Schools
Piedmont,, McClintock,, Sedgefield,,
and Martin Luther King, Jr.
High School
East Mecklenburg, North
Mecklenburg, Garinger, and
Independence

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UPCOMING

- Kick Off and Connect- August 11
- Back to School Event- August 14
- Students vs Parents- September 12



SCAN TO JOIN

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

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REAL TALK

Every new school year is like pressing the "Start" button on a brand-new game. You begin with fresh opportunities, new teachers, new classmates, and new goals. Each assignment you complete, every question you ask, and every challenge you overcome helps you gain experience and unlock the next level.

REFLECTION CORNER

Take a few minutes to reflect before the school year begins. Ask yourself:

- What is one thing I did well last school year?
- What challenge do I want to improve this year?
- What kind of student do I want my teachers to describe me as?
- What is one dream I have for my future?
- What is one goal I can achieve by the end of the first quarter?
- Write one sentence that begins with: "This year, I am leveling up by..."



GETTING READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

- Create a Homework Zone
 - Have a quiet, organized place to study will help you stay focused and complete task. Keep pencils, notebooks, chargers, headphones, etc close by to avoid distractions
- Practice your school routine before school starts
 - Start adjusting bedtime, wake-up time, and meal schedules
- Read 20 minutes everyday
 - Reading everyday helps improve vocabulary comprehension, and writing skills in every subject
- Get a planner or calendar
 - Don't try to remember everything, write it down

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QUICK TIP

Don't wait until the end of the semester to celebrate. Every improvement matters! Finished a difficult assignment? Improved a quiz score? Asked your teacher for help? That's leveling up!

HIGH SCHOOL:

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REAL TALK

It's easy to think that one missed assignment, one absence, or one bad decision doesn't matter—but small choices add up over time. The students who reach their goals aren't perfect. They're the ones who stay committed even when life gets difficult. They ask for help, learn from setbacks, manage their time, and keep their eyes on the bigger picture.

REFLECTION CORNER

Before the first day of school, take a moment to think about where you're headed. Ask yourself:

- What is one accomplishment I'm proud of from last school year?
- What habits helped me succeed, and which ones held me back?
- How do my daily choices reflect the future I want?
- What college, career, or life goal motivates me to work hard?
- How do I want my teachers, classmates, and family to describe me by the end of this school year?
- Complete this sentence:
- "This year, I am investing in my future by..."



GETTING READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

- Start planning for life after High School, NOW!
 - It's never too early to think about your future. Every year of high school can be used to build your resume
- Master time management
 - High school brings more responsibilities start using planner and timers to stay focused with tasks
- Read beyond your assignments
 - reading everyday strengthens critical thinking
- Build relationships with adults who can help you succeed
 - teachers, counselors, coaches, mentors, and ETS staff, etc

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QUICK TIPS

Your future is not determined by where you started—it's shaped by the choices you make every day. Be curious. Be courageous. Be consistent. Your dreams deserve your effort, your education deserves your attention, and your future deserves your best. Level up, lead with purpose and take steps to the future you envision.