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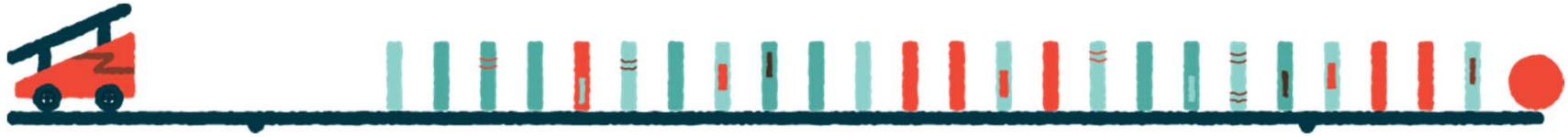
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CTY Testing

BEFORE WE GET STARTED

- Welcome and introductions

- Length of session

- How to ask questions

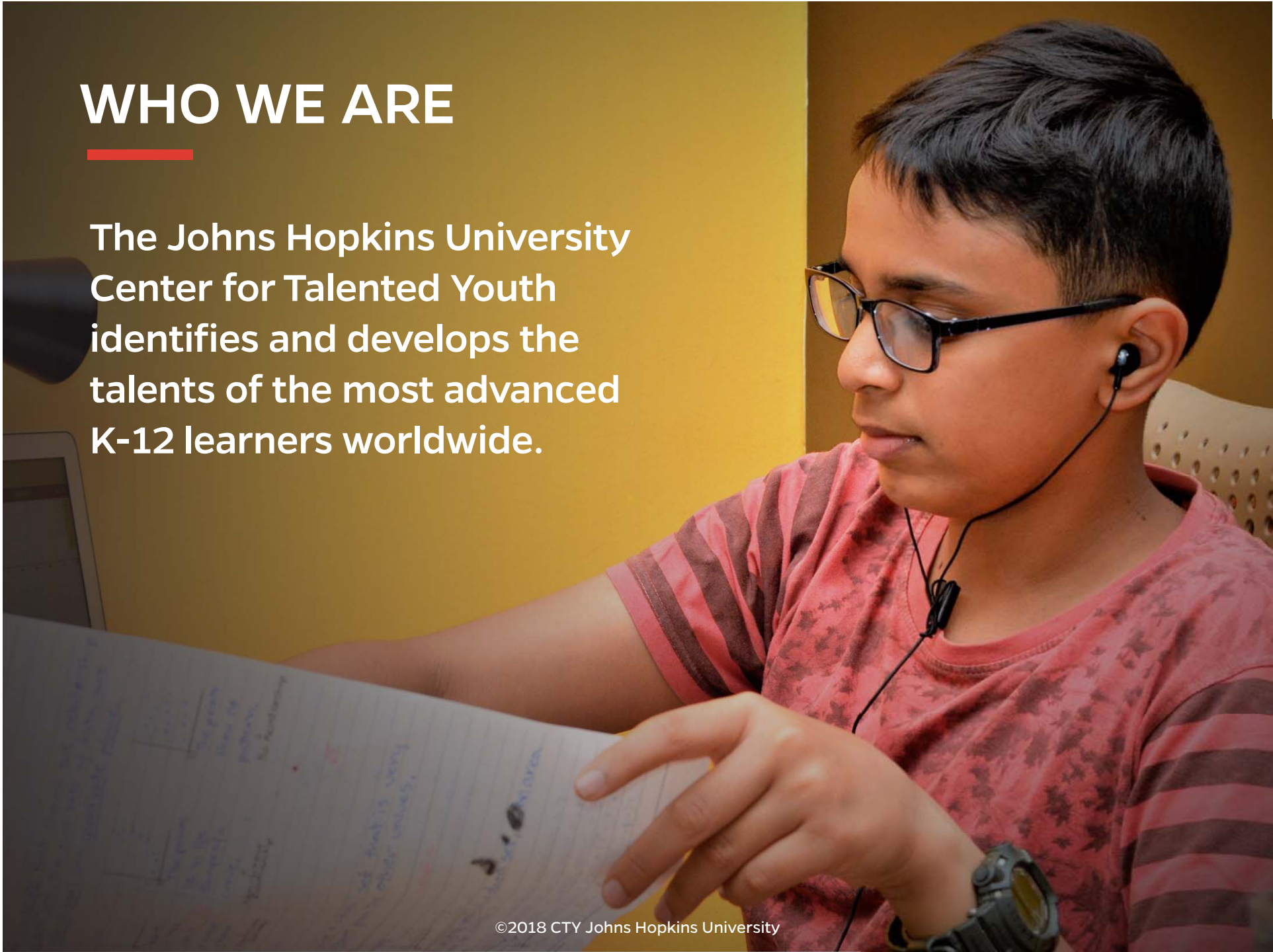- Phone on mute = *6 (#6 to unmute)

- Slides and recordings

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WEBINAR AGENDA

- Why we test
- About the tests
- Preparing to test
- Test day tips
- After the test
- Eligibility
- Questions?

WHO WE ARE

The Johns Hopkins University
Center for Talented Youth
identifies and develops the
talents of the most advanced
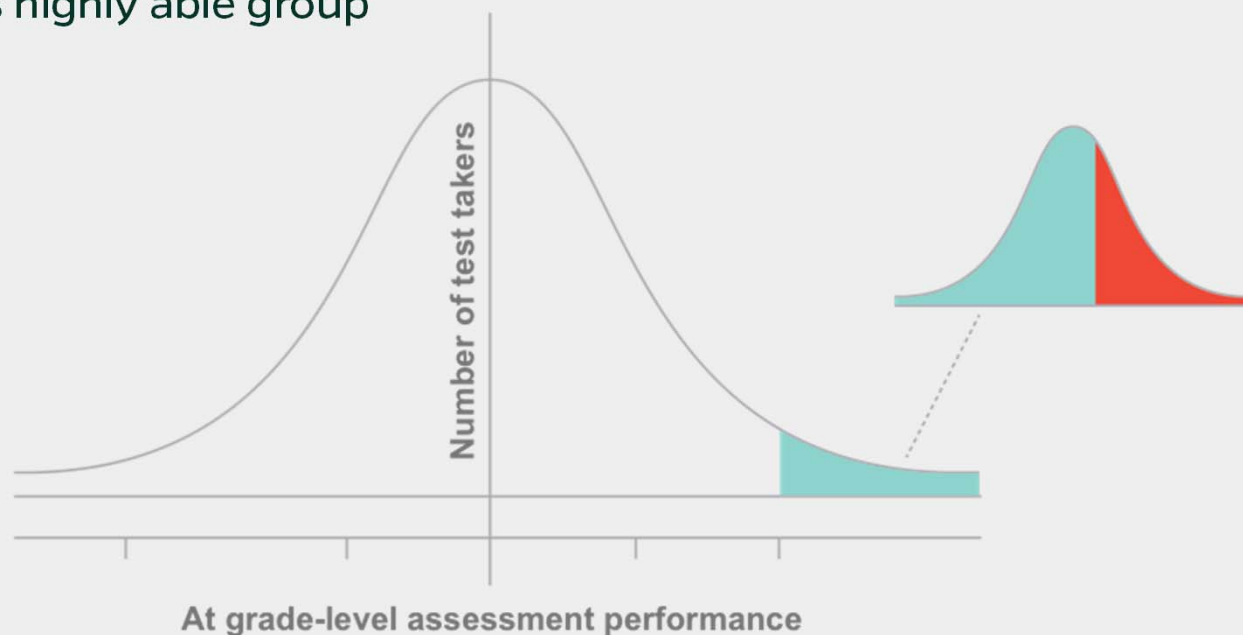K-12 learners worldwide.

Why we test above-level

To assess a student's high academic talents

- Reaffirm student ability
- Show full extent of student ability
- Provide objective documentation of talent

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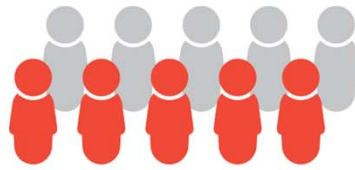
Why we test above-level

- To reveal previously unrecognized abilities
- Scores for students who score in the top percentiles on in-level tests may not be useful (i.e., valid)
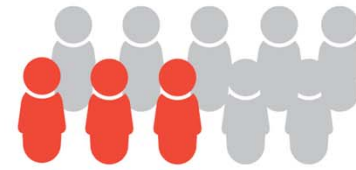- Assumption of homogeneity is in error – need to discriminate among this highly able group

What above-level testing reveals

Appropriately challenged at grade level

Benefit from enrichment programs

Benefit from accelerated courses programs

CTY Talent Search's above-level tests

🚀	**SCAT**	grades 2-8	$60
🧭	**PSAT 8-9**	grades 5-6	$38
🎖	**STB**	grades 5-8	$75
✏️	**SAT**	grades 7-8	$47.50
📅	**ACT**	grades 7-8	$50.50

Testing for grades 9 and above is an option. Visit cty.jhu.edu/talent/9-12-index
Financial aid is available. Most aid is designated for income eligible U.S. families.

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Application Process

1. Apply to the CTY Talent Search
2. CTY will email test registration information
3. Visit MyCTY to select the test
4. Register to test

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THE TESTS

SCAT

School and College Ability Test

- Open to students in grades 2-8
- Taken on computer at Prometric test centers
- Test dates by individual appointment
- Register with Prometric using eligibility number

- Format: two sections, verbal and quantitative
- 110 questions; all multiple choice
- Test time is usually about one hour
- Scores in MyCTY in 48-72 hours

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PSAT 8/9

- Open to students in grades 5-6
- Taken on paper at limited test centers
- Test dates: January 2019 and February 2019
- Register by logging in to MyCTY

- 3 tests; reading, writing and language, and math
- 120 questions
- Test time is 2 hours and 25 minutes
- Scores in MyCTY in April 2019

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STB
Spatial Test Battery

- Open to students in grades 5-8
- Taken on computer at Prometric test centers
- Test dates by individual appointment
- Register with Prometric using eligibility number

- Format: 3-4 tests, Visual Memory, Surface Development, Block Rotation, Perspectives (only for grades 7+)
- 65 questions (grades 5-6); 92 questions (grades 7+)
- Test time: 83 minutes (grades 5-6); 109 minutes (grades 7+)
- Scores in MyCTY in 48-72 hours

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SAT

- Open to students in grades 7-8
- Taken on paper at SAT test centers
- Test dates: NOV 3, DEC 1, MAR 9, MAY 4, JUN 1
- Register by logging in to MyCTY

- 3 tests + optional essay
- 154 questions
- Test time is 3 hours + 50-minute essay (optional)
- Scores sent by SAT; in MyCTY when received by CTY

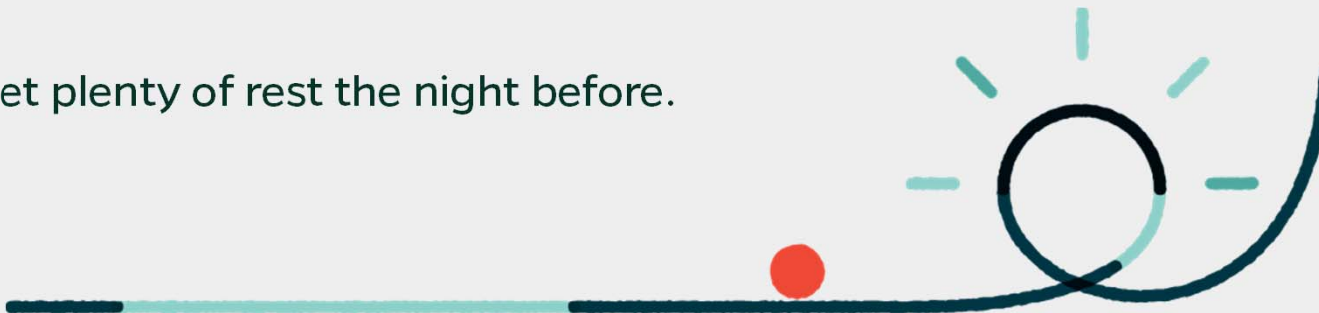JOHNS HOPKINS
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ACT

- Open to students in grades 7-8
- Taken on paper at ACT test centers
- Test dates: OCT 27, DEC 8, FEB 9, APR 13, JUN 8
- Register by visiting www.act.org

- 4 tests + optional essay
- 215 questions
- Test time is 3 hours + 40-minute essay (optional)
- Scores sent by ACT; in MyCTY when received by CTY

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How should students prepare?

- This is an opportunity for students to become familiar with an above-level test in a low stakes environment.

- Put the testing in perspective; remind students that this test is designed for older students, and that they are not expected to know all of the answers.

- Remind your students to review the sample test materials well before the test date and help develop a plan for tackling the test. This will help them feel more in control during the test itself.

- Get plenty of rest the night before.

Test day tips

- Eat a good breakfast
- Arrive early to test center
- Bring required materials

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After the test

RESULTS
CTY emails parents when test results are available in MyCTY.

RESOURCES
CTY mails a certificate of participation and qualification letter.

RECOGNITION
Students scoring at the highest levels will be notified about the CTY Awards Ceremonies and Grand Ceremony.

RETESTING

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Program Eligibility Changes

effective July 2018

Eligibility levels

- CTY level

- Advanced CTY level

Eligibility calendar

- July 1 – December 31

- January 1 – June 30

No score expiration

For more information please visit **cty.jhu.edu/eligibility**

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