



Academic Talent Search

[information for students and parents]

- ATS offers fun & challenging classes at Sac State for students in 4th–9th grade (grade level as of Jan. 1, 2012)
- Over 2,200 students applied to ATS last year
- ATS is a non-profit organization & receives no state or federal funding
- More than 37,500 students have attended ATS over the past 30 years
- Over \$42,000 in financial support granted to ATS participants in 2011



“What I like most about ATS is learning so much in a short period of time. Being in a college atmosphere prepared me for my academic future. I liked having lunch in the Student Union—the campus is really nice, and I made new friends in every class.”

- ATS Student

What is Academic Talent Search (ATS)?

- ATS offers academically challenging and fun classes on the Sacramento State campus.
- ATS is a unique summer program for current 4th–9th grade students (grade level as of January 1, 2012).
- Students take classes grouped by grade levels: 4th & 5th grades and 6th–9th grades. For example, a 4th grader will not be in classes with 9th graders.
- Over 37,500 students have been educated and inspired at ATS since its founding in 1982.
- ATS is a non-profit program sponsored by Sac State that receives no state or federal funding.

Why should I get involved in ATS?

- Experience a collegiate environment and take exciting classes with new friends.
- Learn from college professors, instructors from public and private schools, and leading professionals.
- Meet other students who share your motivation to learn.

6TH–9TH GRADERS:

- Experience new challenges in traditional academic subjects like English, math, and foreign languages. For example, you can learn a year’s worth of Spanish in just five weeks! Some courses in the 6–9 program may be recommended for high school credit.
- Discover new academic and creative challenges in subject areas not often available in some schools such as forensic science, cooking, law, and engineering.

4TH & 5TH GRADERS:

- Expand your knowledge in interesting topics with interactive classes designed to encourage you to think critically and creatively. Last year’s subjects included science, engineering, writing, acting, art, and more.
- Meet new friends from other schools who also like fun and learning!

How do I get involved? What does the test do?

- Be a current 4th–9th grader (as of January 1, 2012).
- Take the ATS Qualifying Exam (*College Ability Test*), which assesses your reasoning abilities. Students take the test level appropriate for their grade: current 4th and 5th graders take the “intermediate” exam, while current 6th–9th graders take the “advanced” exam.
- If you are currently in 4th–9th grade, taking the test automatically qualifies you to apply for ATS classes.
- Use your test scores to help determine which ATS classes match your skills and interests. There are classes available for all score levels.
- Testing does not affect your school grades or obligate you to go to ATS. (It just gives you the option!)





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Where can I take the ATS Qualifying Exam?

AT YOUR SCHOOL:

The *College Ability Test* is taken by more than 6,400 students from over 500 schools between January and March. Check with your school to see if they are offering the test. A \$15 processing fee is payable on the day of the test at school sites.

AT SACRAMENTO STATE:

Testing is also available at Sac State on the following Saturdays: February 11, February 25, March 3, and March 17. A \$15 processing fee is payable the day of the test. Contact ATS to reserve your place.

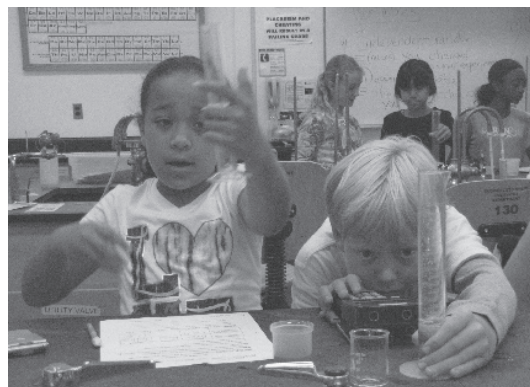
Costs and Financial Aid

ATS is a non-profit, self-supporting organization and receives no federal or state funding. In 2011, course fees for the 6-9 program ranged from \$125 to \$419, depending on the length of the course. For the 4/5 week-long sessions, course fees were \$259.

Over \$42,000 in financial support was granted to students last year. Financial aid information will be included in the 2012 *Catalog*, which will be available online in March 2012.

"Some of the information he learned at ATS has already helped on a placement test! . . . I also liked the exposure to a college campus to prepare him for attending college."

- ATS Parent



Classes

Students take classes grouped by grade level: current 4th & 5th graders take classes separately from 6th-9th graders. For example, a 4th grader will not be in classes with 9th graders.



6TH-9TH GRADERS:

Over 100 classes are planned in a variety of subject areas. Some of the classes for 6th-9th graders include:

- Acting on Camera
- Cartooning: Anime & Manga
- Chemistry: Explosions & Ooze
- Cooking: Learning to be Chef
- Criminal Law
- Dynamics of Writing
- Engineering: Design, Build, Create
- Fast-Paced Algebra I & II
- Forensic Science
- Health Care Careers
- Latin
- Robotics Engineering
- TV Broadcasting
- Web Design & The Internet

4TH & 5TH GRADERS:

Over 40 classes are offered in different subject areas. Some 4th & 5th-grade classes planned include:

- Creative Problem-Solving & Critical Thinking
- Creative Writing: Fairytales
- Chemistry: Everyday Phenomena
- Drawing: Cartoons & Comic Strips
- Engineering & Architectural Design
- Fun with Algebra
- Geocaching: Hide & Seek Fun
- Introductory Spanish
- Reader's Theatre: Acting Skills
- Solving Mysteries with Science



Summer Schedule

Note: No classes will be held on Wednesday, July 4!

6TH-9TH GRADE SESSIONS:

Duration	Start/End Dates	Classes meet
1 week	June 18 to June 22	5 days per week
3 weeks	June 18 to July 6	2 or 3 days per week
5 weeks	June 25 to July 27	3 or 4 days per week
3 weeks	July 9 to July 27	2 or 3 days per week
1 week	July 30 to August 3	5 days per week

4TH & 5TH GRADE SESSIONS:

Duration	Start/End Dates	Classes meet
1 week	June 18 to June 22	5 days per week
1 week	June 25 to June 29	5 days per week
1 week	July 9 to July 13	5 days per week
1 week	July 16 to July 20	5 days per week
1 week	July 23 to July 27	5 days per week

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