



ACADEMIC TALENT SEARCH

Information sheet for students and parents



"ATS is an opportunity for young kids to take classes on a real college campus. They are in real college classrooms and experience some independence on a new level (in a safe environment.) My daughter took it seriously as she felt she was being taken seriously and produced some high quality work in her design class. Getting kids early exposure to higher education is a gift!"

– ATS Parent



"The teachers made the classes fun and engaging. The experiments and projects we did in each class were so much fun and a blast to complete. ATS has made it possible for me to experience taking classes at a college campus and now I know I can attend college in the future."

– ATS Student

Get a glimpse of college this summer with Academic Talent Search (ATS) at Sacramento State. ATS offers 4th - 9th graders the opportunity to preview college majors and career paths in a university setting. You can start your pursuit of higher education through this early introduction of the college experience – choosing your own classes, working with college professors and industry professionals, and interacting with other students from around Northern California who share similar interests. Since 1982, more than 47,500 students have discovered new topics and subjects not always available to them in their regular schools. Financial aid and fee waivers are available to help make this unique opportunity available to everyone.

Why should I participate?

- Get a preview of college through specially designed courses that can help prepare you for success in high school, university studies, and beyond
- Gain self-confidence and try out potential career paths while learning in University classrooms and labs
- Build your independence while being treated like "college students" on the Sacramento State campus
- Explore subjects that interest you and tackle new challenges in topics not always available in regular school
- Enhance your critical thinking, problem solving, and analytical skills through interactive hands-on classes
- Learn from Sacramento State professors, college instructors, public and private school teachers, and leading business professionals
- Accelerate your learning in traditional topics like math and English composition and go beyond your grade level curriculum with more in-depth analysis of your favorite subjects like art, creative writing, engineering, and science.

How do I get involved?

- Be in 4th - 9th grade during the 2019-2020 school year.
- Take the School and College Ability Test (SCAT) which assesses your reasoning abilities.
 - **ALL students who take the test qualify to attend classes.** There is no pass or fail.
- Use your test scores to help determine which ATS classes are the best fit to your interests.
 - **There are classes available for ALL score levels.**

Where can I take the test?

At YOUR SCHOOL

- Testing is held at more than 200 public and private schools in the Sacramento region.
- Check the ATS website for a listing of schools offering the test or talk to your school to see if they will be hosting the exam.
- The \$20 processing fee is payable on the day of the test.
 - Online payments can be made through the ATS website.
 - **Fee waivers are available for those who are unable to afford the test fee.**

At SACRAMENTO STATE

- Students representing more than 175 schools took the test at the University.
- Multiple dates are available in 2020: February 8, February 29 & March 14.
- The \$20 processing fee is payable on the day of the test.
 - Online payments can be made through the ATS website.
 - **Fee waivers are available for those who are unable to afford the test fee.**
- Sign-up online or contact the ATS office to complete your pre-registration.



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Classes

Students take classes grouped by grade level: current 4th & 5th graders take classes separately from 6th–9th graders. Classes planned for Summer 2020 include:

4-5 Program

- Acting: All the World's a Stage
- Animation: Digital Creations
- Creative Computing
- Design Thinking
- Electrical Engineering: Bots, Bugs & Roaches
- Imagination & Improvisation
- Introduction to Japanese
- Making Math Fun
- POW! Writing & Drawing Comics
- The Science of Genetics
- and more!

6-9 Program

- Acting for Stage and Screen
- Algebra 1
- Create & Code: Arduino
- Creative Writing: Building Suspenseful Stories
- Criminal Law & Trial Advocacy
- Fantastico Fundamental Spanish
- Introduction to Python Programming
- Introduction to TV Broadcasting
- Japanese
- Mock Trial
- Neuroscience
- Robotics
- The Golden 1 Challenge: Financial Strategies for Success
- The Science of Logic
- and more!

"The classes at ATS are great because they are fun and you can get an idea on what occupation or field you are interested in. You also learn a lot of information you won't normally learn at school. Also their lessons go more in depth."

– ATS Student



Cost Overview

Because ATS receives no government funding or tax monies, course fees support the cost of classes. Fees for Summer 2019 ranged from \$150 to \$455 depending on the length of the course.

4-5 Program 1-week course: \$360⁺

6-9 Program 1-week short course: \$150⁺
1- and 3-week regular classes: \$365⁺
5-week accelerated courses: \$455⁺

⁺ Fees listed are from Summer 2019. 2020 fee information will be included in the ATS Summer Catalog available in late March.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

ATS is committed to providing equal educational opportunities for all qualified students regardless of the financial resources of the family and recognizes that some families' economic circumstances make it difficult to participate in classes.

Each year, ATS provides fee reduction scholarships to students from economically disadvantaged families who otherwise might not be able to attend due to costs. Last summer, 97% of qualified applicants were awarded financial aid.



Summer Schedule

6TH-9TH GRADE SESSIONS:

Duration	Start/End Dates	Classes Meet
3 weeks	June 15 to July 2 *	2 or 3 days per week
1 week	June 15 to June 19	5 days per week
1 week	June 22 to June 26	5 days per week
5 weeks	June 22 to July 24 *	3 or 4 days per week
3 weeks	July 6 to July 24	2 or 3 days per week
1 week	July 6 to July 10	5 days per week
1 week	July 13 to July 17	5 days per week
1 week	July 20 to July 24	5 days per week

* No classes will be held Friday, July 3

4TH & 5TH GRADE SESSIONS:

Duration	Start/End Dates	Classes Meet
1 week	June 15 to June 19	5 days per week
1 week	June 22 to June 26	5 days per week
1 week	July 6 to July 10	5 days per week
1 week	July 13 to July 17	5 days per week
1 week	July 20 to July 24	5 days per week

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