



# 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, 2018) • More than 45,500 students have attended in the past 36 years • Over \$29,000 in financial aid scholarships and fee waivers was granted in 2017 • ATS is a non-profit organization & receives no University, state, or federal funding



*“My son really loved his ATS classes! The teachers are really amazing. They are the best of the best. The topics he studied are unique to ATS and cover advanced subjects that he doesn’t get any exposure to normally. The Sac State campus is beautiful and lets him see what it will be like to eventually attend college.”*

– ATS Parent

## What is Academic Talent Search (ATS)?

- ATS offers fun, academic, and creative enrichment summer classes at Sacramento State.
- ATS is a unique summer program for current 4th–9th grade students (grade level as of January 1, 2018).
- There are 2 separate programs offering classes: one for 4th & 5th graders and another for 6th–9th graders. In other words, a 4th grader will not be in classes with 9th graders.
- Over 45,500 students have been educated and inspired at ATS since its founding in 1982.

## Why should 6th-9th grade students get involved?

- Experience a collegiate environment, gain self-confidence and independence, and try out potential career paths while being treated like “college students” on the Sac State campus.
- Learn from university professors, public and private school teachers, and leading business professionals.
- Discover new academic and creative challenges in topics not always available in regular school such as American Sign Language, law, video game design, and neuroscience.
- Accelerate your learning in traditional subjects. Some classes allow students to complete a year’s worth of high school material in 5 weeks. Many courses are recommended for high school credit.
- Meet new friends from across the region who share an enthusiasm and desire to explore subjects more in depth.

## Why should 4th & 5th grade students get involved?

- Explore interesting topics with interactive hands-on classes designed to encourage critical thinking, problem solving, and analytical skills.
- Enjoy studying subjects like science, computer programming, engineering, writing, and art.
- 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, 2018).
- 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.
- Taking the test automatically qualifies you for the program. There is no pass or fail.
- Use your test scores to help determine which ATS classes match your skills and interests. There are classes available for ALL score levels.
- The qualifying test does not affect your school grades or obligate you to go to ATS. It simply gives you the OPTION to apply for classes at Sac State!





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## Where can I take the ATS Qualifying Exam?

### AT YOUR SCHOOL:

In 2017, more than 3,800 students from almost 400 schools took the *College Ability Test*. Check with your school to see if they are offering the exam. 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: **January 27, February 10, February 24 & March 10**. 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 University, federal, or state funding. In 2017, course fees for the 6th–9th grade program ranged from \$149 to \$439, depending on the length of the course. For the 4th/5th grade week-long sessions, course fees were \$335.

Over \$29,000 in financial aid scholarships and fee waivers was granted to students last year. Financial aid information will be included in the *2018 Catalog*, which will be available online in March 2018.

*“This was my fourth summer attending ATS. The classes are really exciting and interesting! They cover topics that you would never study in a regular classroom. The other students are really smart and fun to be around.”*

– ATS Student

## Classes

Students take classes grouped by grade level: current 4th & 5th graders take classes separately from 6th–9th graders. A 4th grader will not be in classes with 9th graders. Over 100 courses are planned each summer.



### 6TH–9TH GRADERS:

Classes planned include:

Acting for Stage & Screen	Japanese
Algebra (Fast-Paced)	Neuropsychology
Astrobiology	Physics: How Stuff Works
eCommerce	The Science of Saving Lives
Exploring Science Outdoors	Video Game Development
Graphic Storyboarding	Word Detectives
Intro to TV Broadcasting	
Introduction to Latin	

### 4TH & 5TH GRADERS:

Classes planned include:

Acting: All the World's a Stage	Greek Mythology
Beginning Conversational Japanese	Intro to Genetics
Chemistry: Everyday Phenomena	LEGO Robotics
Creative Computing	The Write Stuff
Engineering & Architectural Design	World of Engineering
Fun with Algebra!	



## Summer Schedule

### 6TH-9TH GRADE SESSIONS:

Duration	Start/End Dates	Classes Meet
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 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

\* No classes will be held Wednesday, July 4

### 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



## Questions? For more information, contact ATS:

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