



# 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, 2011) • Over 2,100 students applied to attend ATS in 2010 • ATS is a non-profit organization & receives no state or federal funding • More than 35,500 students have attended ATS over the past 29 years • Over \$49,000 in financial support granted to ATS participants last year



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*“The opportunity to experience a collegiate environment, along with exposure to innovative approaches to traditional topics from regular school, gave my child a jumpstart toward her ultimate academic goal of a college degree.”*

- ATS Parent

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## 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, 2011).
- Students take classes grouped by grade level: 4th & 5th grades and 6th–9th grades. For example, a 4th grader will not be in classes with 9th graders.
- ATS has educated and inspired over 35,500 students 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, dance, 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, 2011).
- 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!)

