



**California State University, Sacramento
Academic Talent Search (ATS)**

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Congratulations!

Your school has nominated you to participate in Academic Talent Search (ATS) at Sacramento State. ATS offers exciting, challenging, and fun classes to academically advanced 4th through 9th grade students (grade level as of January 1, 2011). Since 1982, more than 35,500 students have taken advantage of the educational opportunities provided by ATS, and over 2,100 students applied last year to attend classes on the Sac State campus. In 2010, over \$49,000 in financial support was granted to ATS students.

To be eligible for ATS, all you need to do is be a current 4th through 9th grade student and take the ATS Qualifying Exam (*College Ability Test*) at the right level for your grade. Students in 4th and 5th grade take the “intermediate” level exam, and 6th–9th graders take the “advanced” level test. It’s that easy! **Taking the test automatically qualifies you for ATS.** The test will assess your academic abilities and takes a little over an hour. **Test scores do NOT affect your school grades** and are mailed directly to your home three weeks after you take the test. Taking the test does not require you to attend ATS; it simply gives you the option to do so.

FYI Because classes are filled top score down, ATS recommends taking the test every year. Your highest scores (from the appropriate level of the exam) will always be accepted, so there’s no risk in retesting!

Your School Representative (usually the person who gave you this form) can tell you when the test will be offered at your school. To register for the test, complete the bottom part of this sheet and return it to your School Representative. On the day of the test, bring the \$15 processing fee with you. This fee covers the scoring of your exam and the mailing of your test results directly to your home. If you cannot afford the test processing fee, ask your School Representative about a Fee Waiver.

Again, congratulations on being nominated to participate in ATS! Additional information about ATS can be found on the *Information for Students and Parents* sheet provided by your School Representative or on the ATS website listed below. We hope you will take advantage of this special opportunity.

Sincerely,

Mary Kate Erickson
Lead Program Coordinator

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Director

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ATS Test Sign-up Form for 4th–9th graders

- Have your parent/guardian **complete the back side of this form** and sign it so you can take the test.
 - Return it to your ATS School Representative (usually the person who gave you this form).
 - Bring \$15 cash, check, or money order (payable to ATS*) to school **ON** the day of the test.
- If you cannot afford the processing fee, ask your School Representative about a Fee Waiver.

✓ A message from your ATS School Representative:

* Make checks payable to “ATS.” Returned checks are subject to penalty fees per University Enterprises, Inc.