Congratulations!

Your school is offering you the opportunity to participate in Academic Talent Search (ATS) at Sacramento State. As mentioned on the Information for Students and Parents sheet (provided by your school), ATS provides fun, interactive, fast-paced summer classes to 4th through 9th grade students. Since 1982, more than 42,000 students have taken advantage of the educational opportunities provided by ATS, and over 1,800 students applied last year to attend classes on the Sac State campus. In 2014, over $45,000 in financial aid scholarships and fee waivers was granted.

To be eligible for ATS, all you need to do is be a current 4th through 9th grade student (grade level as of January 1, 2015) and take the ATS Qualifying Exam. Taking the test automatically qualifies you for ATS. The test takes a little over an hour and assesses your academic abilities. Students in 4th and 5th grades take the “intermediate” level exam while 6th-9th graders take the “advanced” level test. Scores do NOT affect your school grades. Taking the test does not mean you have to attend ATS, but by doing so you have the option to decide later if you would like to attend these fun and unique classes at Sac State this summer.

Your ATS School Representative (usually the person who gave you this form) can tell you when the test will be offered at your school. To sign up, complete the back of this sheet and return it to your School Representative at least one week prior to the testing date. On the day of the test, bring the $15 processing fee with you (fee should not be submitted before the exam). 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 Testing Fee Waiver.

Again, congratulations on being offered this opportunity! If you have any questions, please call the ATS office (916-278-7032), send us an email (ats@csus.edu), or visit the ATS website (http://www.csus.edu/coe/ats) for more information. We hope you will join us this summer at Sac State!

Sincerely,

Scarlet R. Maurin, Director
Terry A. Thomas, Ph.D., Executive Director

Quick Facts...

About the ATS Test
- Because classes are filled top-score down, ATS strongly encourages taking the test every year. Your highest scores (from the appropriate level of the exam) will always be accepted, so there is no risk in retesting!
- Testing is also available on the Sac State campus (for a fee of $15 per student) on the following Saturday mornings:
  - January 31
  - February 28
  - February 21
  - March 14

About ATS Classes
- ATS-wide variety of classes include new topics not covered in regular school, as well as traditional subjects taught at an accelerated level.
- Students gain exposure to a collegiate environment by attending classes at Sac State.
- Participants meet new friends from across the region who share an enthusiasm for learning.
- Many classes in the 6th-9th grade program are recommended for high school credit.

Have your parent/guardian complete the back side of this form so you can take the test.

- Return it to your ATS School Representative at least one week before the testing date.
- Don’t forget to bring $15 cash, check* (payable to ATS), or money order to school on the day of the test.
  If you cannot afford the processing fee, ask your School Representative about a Testing Fee Waiver.

* Please note: Returned checks are subject to penalty fees per University Enterprises, Inc.

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Who is your first period teacher __________________________

• Return this form to Mrs. Pool (room 23) by Tuesday, January 27, 2015.
• See Mrs. Pool if you need a Testing Fee Waiver form.
• Bring $15.00 (payable to ATS) on the day of the test.
• The test is on Tuesday, February 3 at 8:45 am.