

# THE AT ACADEMY

by Advantage Testing of Silicon Valley



The AT Academy by Advantage Testing of Silicon Valley merges our best-in-class academic enrichment with the benefits of small group learning. Designed around students' interests, our classes are rigorous, engaging, and collaborative. Classes are offered both online and in our branch offices around the country. Fall classes begin soon—**contact us to learn more!**

The AT Academy was designed to help students accomplish several goals:

## 1. RECONNECT WITH OLD FRIENDS OR MAKE NEW ONES

Our Academy classes are designed for pods of 4–6 students. We believe that learning is fundamentally joyful, even more so when you experience it with others. If your child wants to meet new people, let us know and we'll place them in a great pod. Or, if your child and their friends would like to learn together, we'll create a pod just for them!



## 2. EXPLORE THE TOPICS \*THEY\* WANT TO EXPLORE

We can build an Academy class around virtually any topic, and **we specialize in interdisciplinary curriculum design**. Below are just a few examples of Academy classes that are running right now; call us to set up a brainstorming session with you and your child!

### SCI-FI ENTREPRENEURSHIP

*(designed for a group of 8<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup> graders)*

This class explores some near-horizon technologies (e.g., quantum computing, gene editing, and space elevators) and introduces the basics of writing business plans. Students will be challenged to create products or services that could form viable businesses using these near-horizon technologies. The final event is a “shark tank” competition where students present their business plans, and each member of the audience has \$50K (fake!) dollars to invest.

### HEROES AND MONSTERS

*(designed for a group of 4<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> graders)*

This class explores the enduring theme of the battle between good and evil, manifested in the conflict between the Hero and the Monster. Students will learn what makes a great hero and a great monster, and they will create and present their own hero/monster pair.

### JUSTICE LEAGUE: SUPERHEROES AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

*(designed for a group of 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> graders)*

This class explores the history of superheroes as vehicles for social justice, from the creation of Superman in the run-up to World War II, to the X-Men's fight for civil and gay rights, to the Black Panther's Afrofuturist vision of the present, to the feminist evolution of Captain Marvel. Students will learn to deconstruct the superhero genre both as an artistic and a narrative medium, analyze how these figures relate to other mythological and religious figures, and develop their own superhero or heroes directed at the social issues that most concern them.

### CAPITAL MARKETS FOR TWEENS

*(designed for a group of 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> graders)*

This class introduces stocks, bonds, and vanilla options, and also includes basic spreadsheet modeling and company valuation techniques. It was designed for students who want to answer questions like, “What are stocks, really? What happened with GameStop? How do people value companies?” Students have mock investment portfolios and present their own buy/sell recommendation in the final class.

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### 3. BUILD CRITICAL GENERALIST SKILLS

By building generalist skills, we complement the work our students do during their regular school hours and give them the tools they'll need for more advanced coursework in high school and beyond. Developing these skills prepares students to thrive in the college admissions environment and the future global job market.

Our Academy classes help our students develop a range of generalist skills and traits:

- **Reasoning skills:** verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, and logical reasoning
- **Communication skills:** oral communication, writing fluency, and presentation skills
- **Character development:** curiosity, creativity, and perseverance



Contact us! Fall pods are being developed now and will run primarily on Sundays during the school year. We will be offering both virtual pods and in-person pods in our branch offices. Let us help you design a class or classes that will help your child build new friendships, deepen existing ones, and foster curiosity and love of learning, all while building critical long-term skills. We can create pods for students of any age (including adults!). Let us show you what we can do together!

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### CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE!

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