

Accelerated Learning Program (AL) 2009 - 2010

Program Details: This program in Math, is offered to children of Elementary and Middle School. Children follow the ATFS curriculum. They do a lesson here with our staff and bring home workbooks per their work plans to reinforce concepts learnt here. All work is corrected and monitored by our staff. A monthly test is conducted for their assessment and children are rewarded for their accomplishments. We aim to complete a topic a month. This is available on Saturdays in one and a half hour time slots through out the school year. Sessions are held in small group settings.

Focus: Focus of the program is to provide a channel for the kids to move ahead of their grade level. It provides the additional challenge that they may not get in schools. The pace and depth is determined by the child's ability. Practice worksheets are completed from their individual packets. The goal is to introduce concepts early on and master them through enough practice. Each child has an independent developmental rate. They may be moved within the groups accordingly. Small group settings promote active interaction and motivating pace.

Additional work: For each grade level, expectations are set using work plans based on ATFS curriculum. Weekly targets are assigned to individual children. We recommend that these weekly targets are broken into smaller achievable daily targets. During week nights, after each child is done with their school homework, we recommend that they spend about half hour to 45 minutes extra on ATFS work. When they come in for the next class, their work is submitted, questions answered, and new concepts learnt and worked on. They come home with satisfied minds and with eagerness to practice what they have learnt. For some reason, if they are unable to complete their assignment, there is no short term penalty for it. They do loose a week of work which, unless they catch up, eventually shows in their performance and the number of rewards they earn.

Progress Reports: Children follow the ATFS curriculum. Their progress is maintained here at ATFS and detailed report on what topic, assigned date and percentages is communicated to the parents through completed and corrected workbooks.

Rewards Program: Each elementary and Middle school child enrolled for the accelerated Learning program is rewarded for their performance. A prize distribution ceremony, held each year, recognizes efforts of your child.

School Report Cards: Parents and children are encouraged to share school progress reports and report cards with ATFS staff members. This gives the staff members a feel for how the child is performing in school and what more can be done to take the child to the next level.

Discipline: Discipline is taken seriously at ATFS. Our goal is to provide a congenial, quiet and stress free place for children to advance in their academic work as best as possible. If any child is causing to be a hindrance to this goal, or is affecting the progress of another child. Action will be taken against this. ATFS staff will make every attempt to help the child understand the importance of a quiet work space. If repeated reminders do not work, the child will be isolated so he/she does not become a cause of distraction for others. Even after the above steps, if we believe that the child is not benefiting from the program or is becoming a major distraction for others, we may recommend to pull your child out of the program.

Parent Meetings: Parent meetings may be initiated either by the parents or by ATFS staff. If we have a concern about your child relating to academic progress or discipline issue, we will initiate a meeting. If there is a question or concern or just an update needed on your side, we encourage you to request a meeting and we will gladly set aside some time to meet with you.

Times : Elementary (Grades 2 – 4) : 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Middle (Grades 5 – 7) : 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Grades 8 – 10 (Algebra) : 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Grades 8 – 10 (Geometry) : 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Pick up and Drop off: Parents are responsible for making arrangements for drop off and pick up of their children. Arranging car pooling etc will be parent responsibility. ATFS will not share parent phone numbers without prior permission. Drop off and pick up must be done from the rear door marked "Student Entrance". Parents are required to park in the rear. The front parking lot is reserved for staff or visitors only. Parents are requested to wait in the front office while your children get ready to leave. We do require that the parents come in and not wait in the parking lot. Your child will not be allowed to walk to the parking lot without an adult.

Parent Communication: Labeled bins for each child holds notices, invoices or any other parent communications. Please make it a point to check these bins every Saturday.

Supplies: Children are requested to bring their own supplies such as notebooks, pencils and erasers. We recommend that a separate binder/bag be kept for ATFS so your children get into the habit of keeping all ATFS supplies and workbooks together at all times.

Attendance: Any planned vacation or days off must be communicated to us at the beginning of the month.

Any unscheduled day off must be communicated to us at least 24 hours in advance.

For the missed class – worksheets may be picked up from the center to do at home which will count as a class or a make up class may be scheduled in the available slot on a week day preferably during in the same month.

If a class is called off for bad weather or emergencies, our website will be updated. In such a situation make class will be scheduled at a mutually convenient time.

Fees Structure

Program	per month
Elementary (1 – 4)	\$100.00
Middle (5 – 7)	\$125.00
High (8 – 10)	\$150.00

Payment: There will be a registration fee of \$20.00 for the academic year for each enrollment.

This will carry through to the end of June. You will be invoiced according to scheduled classes each month. Invoices will be given in time for payments each month. Regardless of that, Non refundable payment checks (payable to **ATFS**) will be due on the 1st of each month. The first payment for the month enrolling is due at the time of enrollment. No refunds will be given for drop outs. If you have a long vacation planned, you will be considered a new enrollment as regards to registration fee and rewards program unless you switch to "Take out". Registration fee applies when any switch is made. **A late charge of \$5:00 will be imposed on any payments made after the 5th of each month and before the 10th . A late charge of \$10.00 is imposed on payments received after the 10th and before 20th and so on.**

Please note: If you use online banking to make payments, please ensure that payments receive us by the 1st of every month. Late charges will be strictly enforced.