

ATSc Parents Orientation 2024-25

Aug 25, 2024







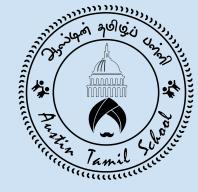












Austin Tamil School - Mission

The mission of Austin Tamil School is to provide a fun and interactive learning experience to the kids of Tamil community in Austin to sufficiently learn Tamil language to be able to practically understand, speak, read, and write Tamil





Role	Name
Board of Directors	AK Karthik, Arulnambi Raju, Sakthi Sabapathy, Saravanabavan Vaitheeswaran, Selvi Shan, Viji Mohanan
Advisory Team (Newly formed this year)	Anbu Anbarasu, Mahen Nagarajan, Sankar Muthusamy, Suganthi Govind
Principal/Parents Support	Sakthi Sabapathy
Assistant Principal/Event Coordinator	Arulnambi Raju
Center Director	Viji Mohanan
Exam & Competition Coordinator	Selvi Shan
Accreditation	Sakthi Sabapathy/Mahen Nagarajan
University of Texas Collaboration	Anbu Anbarasu
Treasurer	AK Karthik/Sakthi Sabapathy
Director (ATA Liaison)	Suganthi Govind
Director (Communication & Volunteers Safety)	Saravanabavan Vaitheeswaran



Key Contacts

Area	Contact
Curriculum	Arulnambi & Suganthi Govind
Gradebook & Attendance	Class Teachers & Viji Mohanan
ATSc Portal & G.Classrooms	Viji Mohanan & AK Karthik
Enrollment & Roster	Viji Mohanan
Invoices, Payment	AK Karthik/Sakthi Sabapathy
Competitions & Exams	Selvi Shan
Communication, Facilities, Emergency Management	Saravanabavan Vaitheeswaran
School Events	Arulnambi
General Administration	Sakthi Sabapathy
Teachers & Parents Contact	Viji Mohanan & Sakthi Sabapathy

School Timings

Sundays

Munmazhalai: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Mazhalai & Nilai 1-8: 10:30 AM – 12 PM

*** Doors will be closed at 10:45. Late comers strictly not allowed beyond this point ***

Students who arrive from 10:35 to 10:45AM will be marked with Tardy and will be given the grade of 70%

Early dismissal is not allowed. If you have any other competing priority please plan accordingly.

NO EXCEPTIONS



Drop Off & Pick Up

Sundays

Munmazhalai: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Mazhalai & Nilai 1-8: 10:30 AM – 12 PM







ATSc Safety Measures



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW

School Door Closes at 10.45AM

Students are expected to attend ALL classes throughout the school year, be ready for instruction and complete ALL Homework/Assignment On Time.

Students



Parents



Parents will ensure their child is present on time, prepared, complete the homework by deadline, prepare for the exams, communicate with teachers if their student needs Support.

Student taking absence often will impact the overall grade towards the end of the school year. Attendance adds to seating hours in the HIGHSCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.

Student Absence

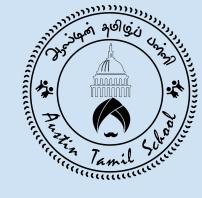


ATSc Portal



You can see your child's attendance, homework/exam grades, class whatsapp links, audio homework upload link, ebook links by visiting portal.austintamilschool.com





Important Days

- > Trimester Exam review days
- > Trimester Exams
- > Parents-Teacher Meetings After 1st & 2nd Trimester exams.
 - 3rd Parents-Teacher Meeting is scheduled before the final trimester exam for the parents of students who do not meet the exit criteria for the current nilai.
- > Annual Day
- > Graduation on Picnic Day

https://www.austintamilschool.com/atsc-calendar/



2024-2025 School Calendar

Austin Tamil School

Location: BASIS CEDAR PARK 165 N Lakeline Blvd Cedar Park, TX 78613

Aug 18	First Day of School
May 11	Last Day of School

School CLOSED		
Sep 1	Labor Day Weekend	
Nov 03	Deepavali Weekend	
Nov 24	Thanksgiving Breal	
Dec 01	Thanksgiving Breal	
Dec 22	Winter Break	
Dec 29	Winter Break	
Jan 12	Pongal Festival Weekend	
Mar 16	Spring Break	
Mar 23	Spring Break	

Model Exam	Review & Last Day for Trimester HW
Oct 06	First Trimester Portion review
Jan 26	Second Trimester Portion review
Apr 27	Third Trimester Portion review

EXAM DATES		
Oct 13	First Trimester Exam*	
Feb 02	Second Trimester Exam*	
May 04	Third Trimester Exam*	

Due to sickness/any ACADEMIC preplanned activities, if a student is not in a position to take the exam, an email has to be sent to info@austintamilschool.com to get prior approval for the student to take exam in the next school day (during regular school time) with the supervision of a volunteer. Student will have to miss the lesson instruction on that day. If missed taking prior approval or if the student miss to take the exam on next school day, student will be considered absent for that trimester exam. MISSING A TRIMESTER EXAM WILL AFFECT THE FINAL GRADE FOR THE STUDENT TO ADVANCE TO NEXT NILAI

" On Bad Weather Days - ONLINE classes will be conducted in Google Classrooms "			

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February 2025



https://portal.austintamilschool.com/calendar_view





- •http://www.amtaac.org/
- •Class Levels:
 - Munmazhalai (PreK) and Mazhalai (K)
 - Nilai 1 through 8
- •Benefits of ATA
 - •Unified and Structured Curriculum
 - Transferability
 - •Centralized Curriculum Management



வகுப்பு	குறைந்த பட்ச வயது	தகுதி	நோக்கம்
<u>முன்</u> <u>மழலை</u>	4 வயது	அடிப்படை தகுதி எதுவும் தேவையில்லை	இந்த நிலையில் பயிலும் மாணவர்கள் சில பாடல்கள் மற்றும் கதைகளுடன் சுமார் 25 எளிய சொற்களைக் கற்றறிதல்.
மழலை	5 வயது	அடிப்படை தகுதி எதுவும் தேவையில்லை	உயிர் எழுத்துகள், சில பாடல்கள் மற்றும் கதைகளுடன் சுமார் ஐம்பது எளிய சொற்களைக் கற்றறிதல்.



வகுப்பு	குறைந்த பட்ச வயது	தகுதி	நோக்கம்
நிலை 1	6 வயது	அ த க மழலை நிலை முடித்திருக்க வேண்டும்.	இந்த நிலையின் முடிவில் உயிர், மெய் எழுத்துக்களுடன், சில கதைகள், பாடல்கள் மற்றும் சுமார் நூறு எளிய தமிழ்ச் சொற்களைக் கற்றறிதல்.
நிலை 2	7 வயது	அதக நிலை 1 முடித்திருக்க வேண்டும்.	உயிர்மெய் எழுத்துகள் பயிற்றுவித்தல். பெயர்ச்சொற்கள் மட்டுமன்றி, வினைச்சொற்களையும், அவற்றின் மூலம் உருவான எளிதான சொற்றொடர்களையும் பயிலுதல். ஒவ்வொரு பாடத்திலும் திருக்குறள், ஆத்திசூடி, கதைகள், பழமொழிகள் மற்றும் பாடல்கள் கற்றறிதல்.



வகுப்பு	குறைந்த பட்ச வயது	தகுதி	நோக்கம்
நிலை 3	8 வயது	அத க நிலை 2 முடித்திருக்க வேண்டும்.	சிறு வாக்கியங்களைப் படித்து புரிந்து கொள்ளுதல், எழுதுதல். சொற்களைத் தெளிவாக உச்சரித்தல், கலந்துரையாட கற்றல்.
நிலை 4	9 வயது	அத க நிலை 3 முடித்திருக்க வேண்டும்.	வாக்கியங்களைப் படித்து புரிந்து கொள்ளுதல், எழுதுதல். சிறுகதைகளை உள்வாங்கி கருத்தை கிரகித்தல். சொற்களைத் தெளிவாக உச்சரித்தல், கலந்துரையாட கற்றல். மொழியின் தொன்மை, கலாசாரம் இலக்கியத்தின் அறிமுகம். சொல் கருத்து பிழையின்றி மொழி மாற்றம் செய்தல்.





வகுப்பு	குறைந்த பட்ச வயது	தகுதி	நோக்கம்
நிலை 5	10 வயது	அதக நிலை 4 முடித்திருக்க வேண்டும்.	உரைநடை வாசித்தல், புரிந்து கொள்ளுதல். அடிப்படை தமிழிலக்கணத்தின் புரிதல். ஆங்கிலத்திலிருந்து தமிழுலும், தமிழிலிருந்து ஆங்கிலத்திற்கும் மொழி மாற்றம் செய்தல்.





வகுப்ப		றந்த பட்ச வயது	தகுதி	நோக்கம்
நிலை	3 11 ฌน	பது	அத க நிலை 5 முடித்திருக்க வேண்டும்.	வாக்கியங்களைத் தெளிந்த உச்சரிப்போடு பிழையின்றி படித்தல், புரிந்து கொள்ளுதல், எழுதுதல். மொழி மாற்றம் செய்தல்; பண்பாடு மற்றும் இலக்கியம் சார்ந்த பாடங்கள் படித்து தெளிவுபட கருத்துக்களை வெளிப்படுத்தல். வாக்கியங்கள், கருத்துக்கள், வார்த்தைகள் மற்றும் இலக்கணத்தை ஆங்கில மொழியோடு ஒப்பிட்டுப் பயிலுதல். பேச்சுத் தமிழில் அமைந்திருக்கும் உரையாடல் பாடங்களை பயின்று பொருளறிதல். எளிமையான கட்டுரை, கடிதம் எழுதுதல். கதையைப் படித்து புரிந்துக் கொண்டு விடுபட்ட பகுதியை நிறைவு செய்தல்.





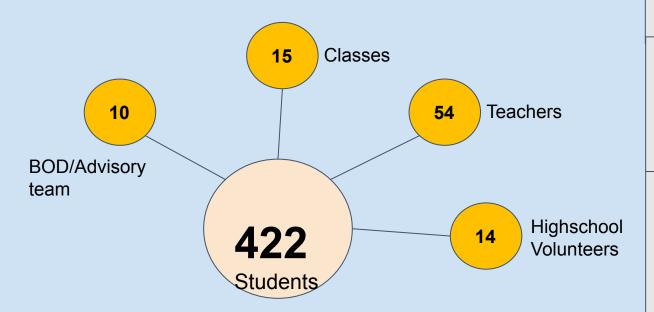
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நிலை 7	12 வயது	அதக நிலை 6 முடித்திருக்க வேண்டும்.	வாக்கியங்களைத் தெளிந்த உச்சரிப்போடு பிழையின்றி படித்தல், புரிந்து கொள்ளுதல், எழுதுதல். மொழி மாற்றம் செய்தல்; பண்பாடு மற்றும் இலக்கியம் சார்ந்த பாடங்கள் படித்து தெளிவுபட கருத்துக்களை வெளிப்படுத்தல். வாக்கியங்கள், கருத்துக்கள், வார்த்தைகள் மற்றும் இலக்கணத்தை ஆங்கில மொழியோடு ஒப்பிட்டுப் பயிலுதல். பேச்சுத் தமிழில் அமைந்திருக்கும் உரையாடல் பாடங்களை பயின்று பொருளறிதல். எளிமையான கட்டுரை, கடிதம் எழுதுதல். கதையைப் படித்து புரிந்துக் கொண்டு விடுபட்ட பகுதியை நிறைவு செய்தல்.





வகுப்பு	குறைந்த பட்ச வயது	தகுதி	நோக்கம்
நிலை 8	13 வயது	அத க நிலை 7 முடித்திருக்க வேண்டும்.	சிறுகதைகள் மற்றும் நீதிக்கதைகளைப் படித்து, புரிந்து, கேள்விகளுக்கு பதில் சொல்லுதல். நீண்ட உரையாடல்கள் நிகழ்த்துதல், கட்டுரை எழுதுதல்.

Volunteering



Austin Tamil School is 100% volunteer run organization

To sign up as a volunteer, go to:

https://www.austintamilschool.com/volunteers-signup/

- School Site Council
- Safety & compliance
- Annual event planning & execution
- Parent resources center
- Parent handbook
- Parents weekly commn
- Parents & teachers orientation
- School calendar
- Yearbook
- Text book & supplies
- ATA liaison & accreditation
- University of Texas Liaison
- Teachers coordination & quidance
- Enrollment
- Student placement
- Curriculum & exams
- Graduation & school transfer
- Transcripts
- Finance & accounting
- Volunteer coordination
- Social media relations

Key roles:

Teaching
Teaching assistant
Student monitor
Attendance
Office admin support

Website management support Content creation Accreditation

ATSc - Certifying Organization









Bronze, Silver and Gold Packages include:

- Customized certificate
- Choice of pin, coin, or medallion
- Congratulatory letter from the president

Certificate package includes:

- Enlarged, personalized certificate
- Congratulatory letter from the President

Volunteer Eligibility

- United States citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States (i.e., green card holder)
- Must be at least five years old
- Completes eligible service within a 12-month period (for annual Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards) and over a lifetime (for Lifetime Achievement Awards)

UT Collaboration



- Teachers Trained and Certified by UT and UPenn
- Austin Tamil School supports UT Dept of Southeast Asian Studies
- UT Teachers visited the school
- MoU from UT for university credits
- Letter of support to UT Dept of Southeast Asian Studies

Accreditation

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- Accreditation is a voluntary method of quality assurance
- Voluntary activity initiated by ATSc
- Requires a rigorous self-evaluation and an independent, objective appraisal of the overall educational quality by peers.
- Emphasizes quality assurance and a commitment to continuous quality enhancement.
- To achieve accreditation ATSc must:
 - Comply with rigorous standards
 - Develop and implement an Institutional Effectiveness Plan
 - Undergo an annual review of its systems and financial stability
 - Undergo announced and unannounced site visits by accrediting / external agencies





- Students who are requesting transcript should be in High School (9-12th Grade) and completed minimum Nilai-4
- ATSc can provide credit transcripts <u>only for duration</u> in ATSc for their completed Nilai with the condition of exit criteria is met for that school year
- You will need to work with your High school counselor to get the HS credit. Credits are not guaranteed in all schools. Please check with your school for more details.
- Credit has been obtained in Round Rock High School, McNeil High School and Cedar Ridge High School with RRISD and Vista Ridge High School with Leander ISD.
- An ATSc graduated student took the Proficiency in Languages Exam and had earned HS credit at Westwood High.





- Austin Tamil School Orchestra M3
- ATA Competitions
- ATSc Competitions
- Annual Day Event participation
- FETNA Kural Theni
- FETNA Tamil Theni
- Thirukkural Competitions (ATA/ATSc/Austin Tamil Sangam)
- Tamil Essay Publishing at Ambal Malar from Austin Tamil Sangam

Communication

- Tamil School Website-News
 - http://www.austintamilschool.com/
- Austin Tamil School Student Access Center
 - https://portal.austintamilschool.com
- General Inquiries
 - <u>info@austintamilschool.com</u>
- Email For schoolwide communications
- Class Whatsapp Groups For classwide & schoolwide communication
- Bad Weather Communication via class whatsApp group only (if time permits we will send an email)
 - Please note during bad weather days class will happen through Google
 Classroom online (Link is available at the Student Access Center portal)







Parent Handbooks is available in the website.

https://www.austintamilschool.com/handbook/

Class Dashboard

Class Assignment

Nilai	Class	Count
Munmazhalai	MM-A	35
Mazhalai	MAZ-A	32
Mazhalai	MAZ-B	27
Nilai 1	1A	29
Nilai 1	1B	29
Nilai 1	1C	30
Nilai 2	2A	27
Nilai 2	2B	20
Nilai 3	ЗА	31
Nilai 4	4A	25
Nilai 4	4B	24
Nilai 5	5A	26
Nilai 6	6A	32
Nilai 7	7A	29
Nilai 8	8A	20



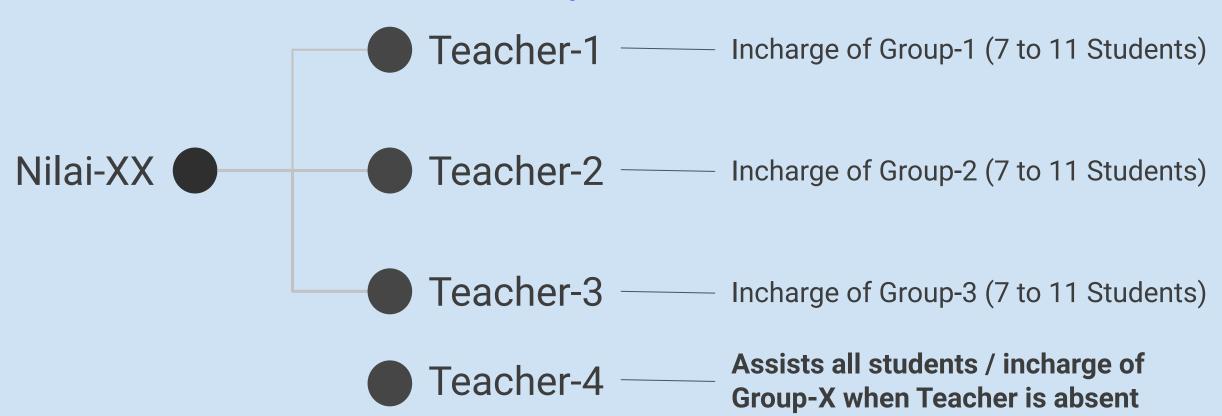
Classroom Setup

Tamil

Students count: 20-32 divided into 3 Groups

Teachers: 4

Teacher Student Ratio ranges From 1:7 to 1:11





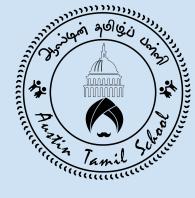


Final grade of the academic year for Mazhalai to Nilai-8 will be calculated based on attendance, homework completion and trimester exams marks

- Weekly Classroom Attendance: 20%
- Homework completion grade: 10% Workbook + 10% Audio Homework
- First Trimester Exam Score: 20%
- Second Trimester Exam Score: 20%
- Third Trimester Exam Score: 20%

<u>Attendance Grade:</u> PRESENT – 100; ABSENT – 0 (Excused/Unexcused);

FINAL GRADE: PROMOTION to the next level required an overall passing grade of **70** on a scale of 100



Homework Grading Policy

- All of the homework/projects/ assignments will be assigned for a Total Grade of 100 and will be graded by the Teacher.
- If students do not complete the homework on time and submit **late**, grade will only be up to a **0-70 scale**.
- Students & Parents are responsible to have the homework graded by the teacher. Homeworks/projects/assignments assigned per trimester must be completed & graded prior to that trimester exam review day (check calendar) after which homework grades will be *frozen* to update and marked as zero for that trimester.
- <u>ATTENTION PARENTS:</u> Completed Homework is a great tool for the teacher to gauge the lesson understanding of your student. It is **parents' responsibility** to encourage your child to complete the homework for each lesson before next class

Trimester Exams

- ATA distributes question paper for Trimester Exams
- Trimester Exam comprises of Written & Oral Parts
- Previous week of exams, will be an *exam review day* and model question paper will be shared on the same day (Check Calendar)

EXAM DAY ABSENCE POLICY

Due to any ACADEMIC pre-planned activities, if a student is not in a position to take the exam, an email has to be sent well in advance by the parent to info@austintamilschool.com to get approval for the student to take the exam in the next school day (during regular school time) with the supervision of a volunteer.

Student will have to miss the lesson instruction on alternate exam day. If not notified through email on student's absence on exam day or missed taking the prior approval, student will be considered absent with an exam grade of zero for that trimester exam.



Best Practice



- Students **MUST** be **punctual** to every class
- It is a good practice to notify teacher on your students' absence through class whatsapp groups (GRADED Excused/Unexcused Absence will be marked as zero)
- Students **MUST** complete homework before next class **(GRADED)**
- Focus on learning and **NOT** on Scores. Homework/assignment/project assigned are for the student *to practice learning at home*. More than perfection, working independently with parents guidance yield more benefits for the student.
- Students spend only 1-1.5 hours with us every week to learn. *HOME* is the place to **practice**. Please speak in Tamil at home and help them do their homework.

Expectation from Parents

ATSc is purely a volunteer-run organization. VOLUNTEERS' TIME plays a key role in

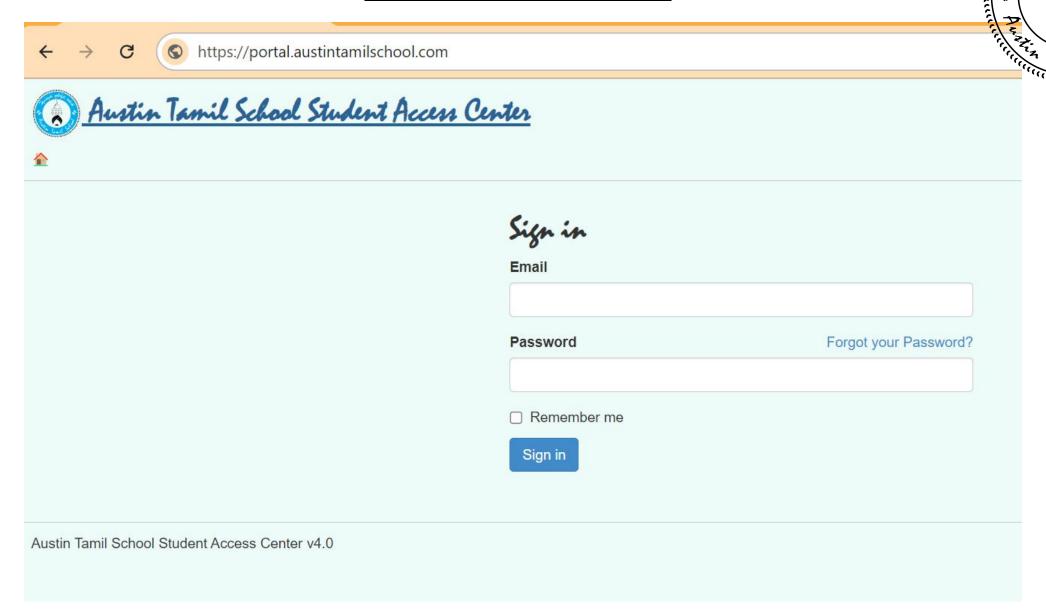
the success of ATSc. When volunteers spend time for your child, ATSc expects parents to **RESPECT** the volunteers' time by being more responsible!!!

IT IS IMPORTANT TO:

- **REGISTER** for any event **before deadline**. Don't wait until the last minute and place special request to make any considerations
- Register with correct FIRST & LAST NAME of the student
- CHECK communication emails regularly in your registered email address
- ALWAYS mention Student's First & Last Name & Nilai when placing a request through email or whatsapp
- **READ the communication emails** completely. Many enquire the same details through email/whatsapp without reading the email properly
- Save the completion certificates when sent for your students. Cannot be resent later as it is automatically generated
- YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for your child's progress & success. Teachers & Admin only lend our hands for you!!!!



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