

Foundation for Science and Technology



Inspired by tomorrow, FAST is building an ecosystem of innovation to accommodate scientists, technologists, and innovators in Armenia and beyond to succeed globally. We not only empower innovators to bring cutting-edge, commercially viable, and globally competitive solutions to life but also architect novel platforms for in-depth training and knowledge transfer to students and educators through projects in Education, Research, and Commercialization - core science ecosystem drivers.

FAST aims to play a critical role in Armenia's leapfrog and transformation into a top global innovator by 2041.

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Our Pillars



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Education

School and university programs targeting system changes



26

projects

Research
Developing and financing
scientific programs

9,000+

stakeholders

Commercialization

Creating opportunities for commercialization of the scientific results



Generation Al

Creating an educational and career pipeline for the Al researcher and innovator starting from the high school level.

Generation Al Educational Program



Multi-stage program starting from schools to HEIs.



The pilot stage starts in September 2023 and will involve about 10 (ten) high schools in Yerevan and regions.

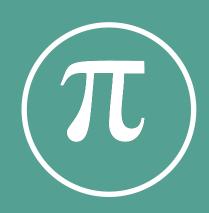


Enablers

Strategic Partner is the RA Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports of the RA.

Implemented in collaboration with local educational organizations and Al industry.

Generation Al: High School Project Purpose



Developing

Provide prerequisite competencies in advanced mathematics and computer science needed for learning AI



Motivating

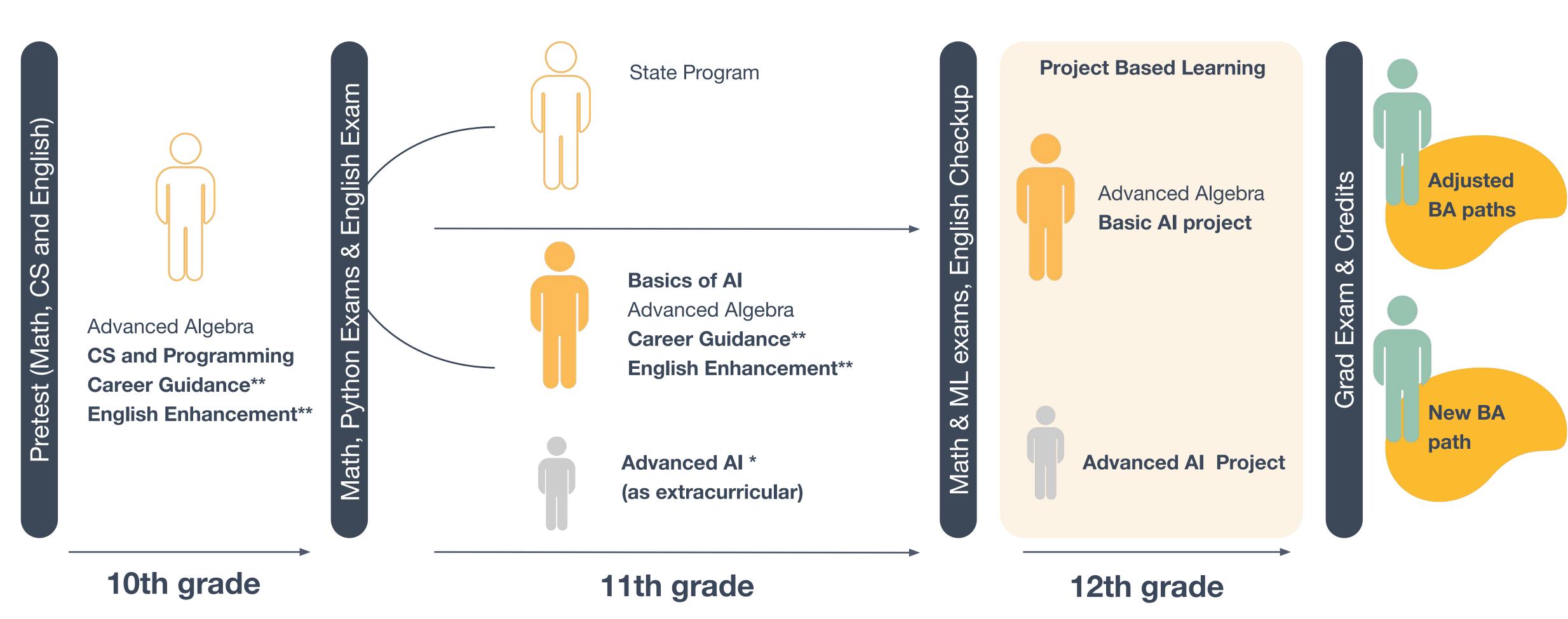
Raise student literacy and motivation towards
Al and STEM research & innovator careers



Upskilling

Provide differentiated AI education for high school students

Student Learning Path



^{*}Only for Generation AI advanced level students

^{**}English and Career Guidance as an out of school programs

In-School programs*

*The programs are validated by the RA Ministry of Education

| | Advanced Algebra | | | Python Programming | Basics of Artificial Intelligence | |
|---|--|----|----|--|--|------------------|
| | Mandatory component | | | School Component (selective subject) | School Component (selective subject) | |
| Track | | | | STEM track (track with advanced math classes) 15 student/school | | |
| Classes | 10 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 12/I |
| Hours per week | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2,5 | 3 | Research project |
| Pretest/ Exam | ✓ Pretest✓ Annual exam✓ Mid and Graduation Exams✓ Credits | | | ✓ Pretest of CS✓ Mid and Graduation Exams✓ Credits | ✓ Mid and Graduation Exams✓ Final project✓ Credits | |
| Teachers/ instructors and Teacher trainings | High school math teacher | | | Industry specialist (leading instructor, hybrid learning model) Teaching assistant at schools Methodological training & mentorship program | | |

Extracurricular programs

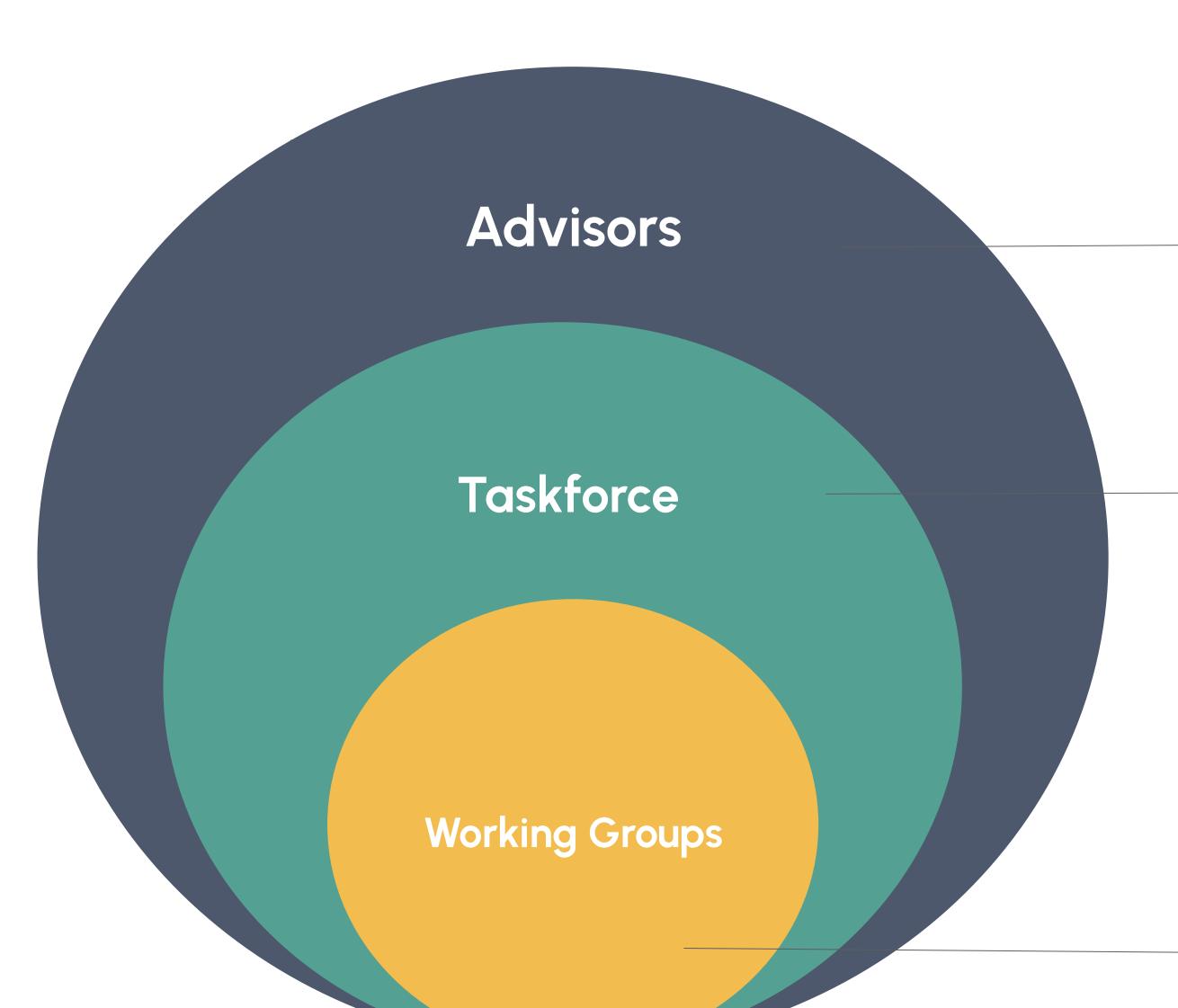
| | | English Enhancement | Career Guidance | | |
|---|-----------------|--|---|--|--|
| | | managrary requirement before the lith | As a part of state career guidance and out of school activities | | |
| C | lasses | 10, 11 | 9, 10,11,12 | | |
| | retest/ xams | ✓Pretest ✓Final exam | | | |
| F | ormat | partner organizations (English clubs online platforms) | Out of school and self-learning activities Connection with HEIs and career centers Mentorship program starting from the 11th grade Internship opportunities from the 12th grade | | |

The program undergoes multi-layered expert approval

High-level experts in the field of education (with international experience)

Armenian and international Experts from Academia and Industry

- Curriculum, content, assessment specialists
- Specialists and partner institutions for teacher training and mentoring
- Specialists and partner structures for the implementation of the career guidance program



Timeline 2023

May- June September April April-School Working with Program launch, July- August open call May students and parents Students' knowledge pretest & GenAl group development School selection, Teachers' and specialist's online info sessions, trainings, need assessment arming the schools with

educational resources &

facilities

What will students gain from the program?

Free & competitive education

- Advanced Math with practical and new methodology
- Basics of Python programing and certification
- Basics of Artificial Intelligence and certification

Soft skills

- Computational Thinking
- Critical Thinking
- Innovative and creative thinking
- Team work
- Research skills

- Career Guidance
- implementation of projects for real-world problem-solving
- Educational path guidance
- English language skills enhancement
- Scholarships for the best alumni
- Access to a community of AI learners to foster collaboration and learning

Opportunities

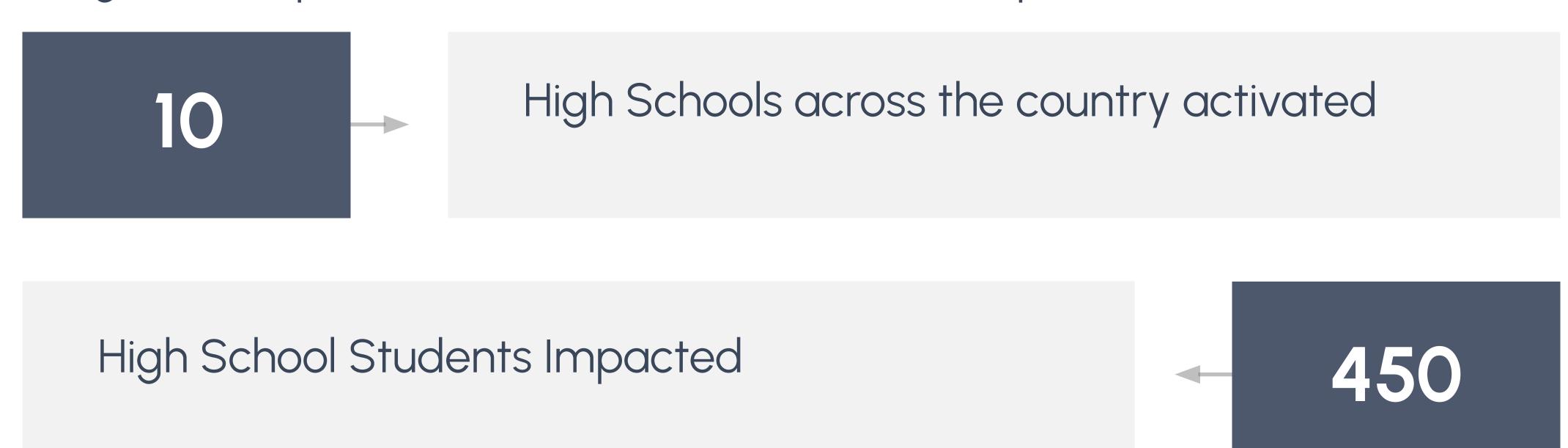
What will the school gain from the program?

Becoming the Generation AI school, the school will:

- →provide a comprehensive program that enables students to delve deeper into the field of Artificial Intelligence, fostering specialization and advanced learning opportunities
- →provide an opportunity to equip and certify mathematics teachers with the necessary knowledge and up-to-date methodology for advanced mathematics instruction
- →test the implementation of hybrid education model by involving specialists of the field.
- ->create an opportunity for students to participate in a comprehensive career guidance program
- → get armed with suitable facilities to enable best learning experience
- → become one of the first schools in the region to pilot the program for in-demand field

3 Year Pilot Stage

Starting from Sept 2023 with an intention to scale-up



30+ Teachers and Industry Specialists Trained

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