



UNITED STATES ACADEMIC PENTATHLON



2016 – 2017 Competition Year

The premier scholastic competition for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students!

OVERVIEW

- ❧ United States Academic Pentathlon is the newest program from the United States Academic Decathlon®. This premier national scholastic competition for middle school students was created to provide opportunities for students to experience the challenges of rigorous team and individual competition.
- ❧ The five-event academic program strives to foster a greater respect for knowledge, to promote wholesome inter-school academic competition, and to further develop students' communication skills.
- ❧ Academic Pentathlon is uniquely designed to include students with a wide variety of academic abilities.

GETTING STARTED

- ❧ Academic Pentathlon teams should consist of a maximum of nine team members and a minimum of six team members. All students must be currently enrolled in grades 6-8. Each team must consist of at least two "A" students, at least two "B" students and at least two "C or below" students. The team score will be determined by the sum of the top two student scores in each GPA category. The GPA Calculation Form can be found on the USAD Pentathlon web page.
- ❧ Teams advance through local, regional and state levels of competition. The state champions compete in the national finals. MOST Academic Pentathlon competitions take place online in a virtual testing environment, so there is no travel required for teams! The National Academic Pentathlon competition is held in a physical location.
- ❧ Academic Pentathlon teams are encouraged to partner with local high school Academic Decathlon teams, perhaps having Academic Decathlon students serve as mentors to Pentathlon students.

CURRICULUM

- ❧ Academic Pentathlon's curriculum is an interdisciplinary curriculum in which a selected theme is integrated across five different subject areas: fine arts, literature, mathematics, science, and social science.
- ❧ The Academic Pentathlon theme parallels that of the high school Academic Decathlon® program.
- ❧ The theme for the 2016–2017 U.S. Academic Pentathlon curriculum is World War II. The themes are developed by our curriculum team with special attention to national content standards.
- ❧ The materials will be available for downloading in PDF format (music CD files in mp3 format) beginning in mid-September each year. The site license fee allows you to download as many copies as needed. Novels may be purchased via online vendors such as Amazon or via your regular school vendors.

**For more information, please contact USAD
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2016 – 2017 Competition Year School Registration Form

School: _____ District: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Coach(es): _____

Email Address: _____

School Principal: _____

Please register our school at \$250 which covers the registration and site license for downloading materials for all students. Teams may consist of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. In addition, there will be a \$10 charge per team member for the online testing during the year. You may purchase individual subscriptions or packages of 10, 25, or 50 online testing subscriptions. For example, if you have 10 students that will participate in online testing during the year, please include \$100.00 in addition to the \$250.00 fee.

IMPORTANT DATES

School Registration and Payment DeadlineNovember 10, 2016
Student Registration and GPA DeadlineDecember 15, 2016
National Competition Registration DeadlineApril 22, 2017

IMPORTANT COMPETITION DATES

Practice Competition – Subject Area Exams OnlyJanuary 19, 2017
Essay for Regional CompetitionFebruary 2, 2017
Regional CompetitionFebruary 21, 2017
Essay for State CompetitionMarch 15, 2017
State Competition – 1 team per school – Elimination RoundApril 5, 2017
Essay for National CompetitionApril 27, 2017
National CompetitionMay 19/20, 2017

ORDERING INFORMATION

Please indicate a quantity by each option and list the total below:

Registration and Curriculum Site License
\$250.00 Quantity _____

Online Testing Subscription (per student)
\$10.00 Quantity _____

Total \$ _____

Payment must be included with the registration form, make checks payable to USAD, when paying by credit card a \$5.00 service fee will be added.

Credit Card Payment Form

Please print legibly

VISA MASTERCARD **\$5.00 Credit Card Service Fee Applies**

Card Number _____ Exp. Date ____/____

Cardholder's Name _____

Cardholder's Signature _____

CARD HOLDER'S SIGNATURE REQUIRED Please note: Email and fax security is not guaranteed.

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