



# United States Academic Pentathlon®

**2020 – 2021 Competition Year**

*The premier scholastic competition for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students!*

## OVERVIEW

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- ◆ 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 student communication skills.
- ◆ Academic Pentathlon is uniquely designed to include students with a wide variety of academic abilities.

## GETTING STARTED

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- ◆ 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 [USAP 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

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- ◆ 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 2020–2021 U.S. Academic Pentathlon curriculum will be the Cold War. 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 audio files in mp3 format) on August 1<sup>st</sup> 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. The 2020–2021 novel will be *Spies: Secret Showdown Between America and Russia* by Marc Favreau ISBN-10: 0316545929.
- ◆ All test questions will be derived from the USAP curriculum.

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## 2020–2021 School Registration Form

School: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Please register our school at \$275, which covers the registration and site license for downloading materials for all students. Teams may consist of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 \$275.00 fee. USAP is excited to offer a Practice Quiz Booklet. Written by the official USAP test writers in each subject area, the booklet will contain five tests, sample essay prompts, and the essay rubric. Available as a PDF October 15.

### Important Dates

ALL Registration Documents Due (Forms found on USAP website) .....December 11, 2020  
National Competition Registration Due ..... April 12, 2021

### Important Competition Dates

Scrimmage – Subject Area Exams Only .....January 14, 2021  
Essay for Regional Competition .....January 28, 2021  
Regional Competition ..... February 18, 2021  
Essay for State Competition ..... March 11, 2021  
State Competition .....April 1, 2021  
Essay for National Competition .....April 22, 2021  
National Competition, Garden Grove, CA .....May 20-22, 2021

### Ordering Information

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

**Registration and Curriculum Site License**  
\$275.00 ..... Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

**Online Testing Subscription (per student)**  
\$10.00 ..... Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

**Practice Quiz Booklet (PDF available Oct 15)**  
\$40.00 ..... 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.

#### PAY BY CREDIT CARD



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BILLING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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