



United States Academic Pentathlon®

2025 – 2026 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 student 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 [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

- ◆ 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 2025-2026 will be announced March 1st. 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 on August 1st 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 featured novel for 2025-2026 will be announced in the spring.
- ◆ All test questions will be derived from the USAP curriculum.

For more information, please contact Tara Brown, U.S. Academic Pentathlon

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2025–2026 School Registration Form

School: _____ District: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Coach(es): _____

Email Address: _____

Please register our school at \$300, 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 \$300.00 fee. Additional study materials include the 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. USAP is excited to offer Novel Chapter Quizzes and Super Quiz Relay PowerPoint Tests. The Novel Chapter Quizzes will include 10 multiple-choice questions per chapter, complete with answer keys to help students master the chapters in this year's selected novel. The Super Quiz Relay PowerPoint Tests will include 10 Super Quiz PowerPoint Tests. Each presentation will include 30 multiple-choice questions from four subjects: Literature, Fine Arts, Science, and Social Science. These are designed to be engaging, useful for team practice sessions, and help students prepare effectively for competitions. The Practice Quiz Booklet, Novel Chapter Quizzes, and Super Quiz Relay PowerPoint Tests will be available on Oct. 15.

Important Dates

ALL Registration Documents Due (Forms found on USAP website)December 5, 2025
National Competition Registration DueApril 10, 2026

Important Competition Dates

Scrimmage – Subject Area Exams OnlyJanuary 8, 2026
Essay for Regional CompetitionJanuary 22, 2026
Regional CompetitionFebruary 12, 2026
Essay for State CompetitionMarch 5, 2026
State CompetitionMarch 26, 2026
Essay for National CompetitionApril 23, 2026
National Competition - TBDMay 14-16, 2026

Ordering Information

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

AUGUST 2025

PNCP00ed Registration & Curriculum Site License \$300.00 Qty _____
PNLI01ed Online Testing Subscription (per student) \$10.00 Qty _____

OCTOBER 15, 2025

PNPQBed Practice Quiz Booklet \$45.00 Qty _____
PNNCQed Novel Chapter Quizzes \$45.00 Qty _____
PNSQPPed Super Quiz Relay PowerPoint Tests \$45.00 Qty _____
PNEGed Pentathlon Essay Guide \$40.00 Qty _____

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

Contact Name to Call for Credit Card: _____

Phone Number: _____

Do NOT send your credit card number to us. Instead, please leave a phone number and we will call you to complete your payment. We must receive your order form prior to processing your payment over the phone.

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