

Minnesota Academic Pentathlon

The rapidly-growing Academic Pentathlon program allows middle school students a chance to start experiencing the benefits of Academic Decathlon® before entering high school.

Each student experiences the decathlon challenges of rigorous team and individual competition in five events: literature, mathematics, fine arts, science and social studies. The program strives to foster a greater respect for knowledge, promote wholesome inter-school academic competition, and further develop student communication skills.

Pentathlon teams should consist of a maximum of nine team members and a minimum of six team members 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.

Teams advance through local, regional and state levels of competition. In many schools, the state competition team is determined in the early spring, thus allowing more than nine students to be involved in each school's program until the final team is selected. The state champions compete in the national finals. All Pentathlon competitions (except for the national finals) take place online in a virtual testing environment so there is no travel required for teams!

The theme for the 2016–2017 Academic Pentathlon season is World War II.

Fees:

Registration and Curriculum Site License: \$250
Online Testing Subscription (per student): \$10

Deadlines:

School Registration/Payment Deadline: Nov. 10
Student Registration and GPA Deadline: Dec. 15
National Competition Registration Deadline: April 22, 2017

Competition Dates:

Practice Competition: Jan. 19, 2017
Essay for Regional Competition: Feb. 2, 2017
Regional Competition: Feb. 21, 2017
Essay for State Competition: March 15, 2017
State Competition (One team per school): April 5, 2017
Essay for National: April 27, 2017
National Competition: May 19-20, 2017 in Minnesota



Academic Pentathlon Benefits for Students:

- Supports team spirit and encourages a sense of belonging
- Creates an academic vision for the school and community at large
- Promotes the use of higher-level thinking skills to create excitement and interest
- Produces a feeling of success and pride
- Promotes individual accountability while, at the same time, providing the dynamics of group/team interaction
- Stimulates personal student growth and encourages learning while having fun

Academic Rewards of Pentathlon

- Learning beyond the normal curriculum
- Meets national content/curriculum standards
- Preparation for high school and life skills
- Socialization with peers and community
- Local, state and national competitions
- Individual and team medals/trophies

Visit www.mnscsc.org/pentathlon
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Get Started Today!

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