

Stanislaus County Academic Pentathlon

Coordinated by the Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE)

Facts & General Rules

The Purpose

The purpose of the Academic Pentathlon is to develop and provide academic competitions, curriculum, and assessment to promote learning and academic excellence through teamwork among students of all achievement levels. A dedicated teacher from the school serves as the Coach, and in this intense atmosphere of academic preparation and training, the students learn and build life-changing skills such as high self-assurance and esteem, and the important responsibility and value of teamwork and cooperation.

The Team

Every public and private school in the county may participate in the Academic Pentathlon. 7th and 8th grade students from the same school form teams and will be tested on the same curriculum and novel. **Each team is comprised of up to 18 students placed in categories listed below based on their GPA. To be competitive, you need at least two students per category.** Students may compete in a higher category than their own grade point average category but not in a lower category.

Honor: 3.80-4.00 GPA

Scholastic: 3.25-3.79 GPA

Varsity: 0.00-3.24 GPA

Schools may register up to 4 teams. Registration fees are \$400 per team of 18. The Education Foundation of Stanislaus County contributes \$300 of the registration fee per team of nine making the final cost per team \$100. This is an "in person" competition. Participants must be present during entire testing period of competition.

Each school must purchase curriculum from USAD at a cost of \$250 per school. SCOE will reimburse schools for the curriculum purchase at the conclusion of the event (courtesy of the Education Foundation of Stanislaus County). It is the responsibility of teams to purchase literature books.

The Competition

There are five events that ALL participants compete:

Language and Literature 20 min/30 Questions (includes *essay test taken prior to event day)

Math 30 min/35 Questions

Social Studies 30 min/50 Questions

Science 30 min/50 Questions

Fine Arts (music/art) 30 min/50 Questions

*The Essay portion is 45 minutes. Students have 3 prompts to choose from on the novel. The Language event is a combination of the Lang/Lit test and the essay.

Additional Events for some participants:

Speech: One student from each category (Honors, Scholastic, and Varsity) per team will take the speech test. The scores will be totaled for all three participants for each team and the points will be added to the team's overall score.

Super Quiz (SQ):

The Super Quiz is a team event for up to three students per category (total of up to nine students). Super Quiz contestants are pre-selected prior to the event. Each category of students has a turn to come down to collaboratively answer 10 questions. Two of the questions will be from language, two from social studies, two from science, two from music, and two from art. Each question is worth 40 points for a team possible total of 2,400 points (SQ total is taken from top 2 students in each category - see "scoring" below). These points will be added to the team's overall total. The six students whose scores count toward the SQ may or may not be the same six students whose individual scores count toward the overall team total (see example under "scoring").

Calculators

Calculators may be used for math test only. If a competitor wishes to use a calculator, it can be a basic four or five-function calculator. Students/teams are responsible for bringing them to the test.

Verification of Eligibility & Required Paperwork

Each competing school will complete and submit the following documents prior to event:

1. Assignment of Codes/Team List (one per team)
2. GPA Computation Certification Form (one per team)
3. GPA Computation Worksheet (one per Scholastic and Varsity Pentathletes)
4. Student Participation and Conduct Agreement (one per Pentathlete)
5. Super Quiz Team Volunteer Registration Form
6. Team Photo
7. Speech Team Registration Form
8. **Super Quiz Team Registration Form**

Additions to the *Assignment of Codes/Team List* cannot be made after the form's due date. Changes to the Team List (**Varsity or Scholastic team members moving to higher category or drops**) can be made up until the essays are returned. No changes will be made to the *Team List* after the Essay Test.

GPA COMPUTATION

GPA's are calculated from only 4 classes: math, language arts, social studies and science. PE and electives are not considered. GPA's are verified by site administrators and should reflect the student's grades for the first semester, or an average of the first two quarter grades, or an average of the first two trimesters and/or grading period of the current school year.

Scoring

Individual Exams	Super Quiz Team Competition	Speech
Essay/Literature, Social Science, Science, Fine Arts, and Math	Art, Literature, Music, Science, and Social Science (two questions from each)	One student in each category (Honors, Scholastic, and Varsity) per team will participate in the speech portion of the event.
Each Exam worth 1,000 points. Perfect Individual Score = 5,000 points (Essay/Literature is each worth 500 points for a combined score of 1,000 points)	Perfect Individual Score = 400 points (40 points per question x 10 questions)	The scores (average of three scores per participant) will be totaled for all three participants for each team. Points will be added to the team's overall score. Perfect Individual Score = 700 points
Overall Score: combine top two pentathletes highest total overall score. $2 H + 2 S + 2 V = 30,000$ Perfect Score	Top two highest scoring pentathletes in each category. $2 H + 2 S + 2 V = 2,400$ Perfect Score	$H + S + V = 2,100$ Perfect Score
30,000 points +	2,400 total points +	2,100 Total Points
PERFECT TEAM SCORE = 34,500 POINTS		

Awards are given to 1st-5th places in each of the 5 subjects as well as in speech and awarded in each of the 3 categories for team members. The team score is a combination of the top two pentathlete's overall scores per category (Honors, Scholastic, and Varsity), the Super Quiz team score, and the speech scores.

Example: Team Orange

	Math	Language/ Essay	Science	Social Studies	Fine Arts	Overall student score	Speech	SQ score
Student 01	800	900	550	600	700	3,550	552	400
Student 02	950	900	700	850	800	4,200		360
Student 03	700	600	650	800	700	3,450		
Student 04	600	600	500	700	450	2,850		
Student 05	600	450	300	700	500	2,550	678	200
Student 06	500	500	500	500	700	2,700		280
Student 07	300	300	300	300	300	1,500		
Student 08	950	500	300	450	400	2,600		
Student 09	300	400	450	350	200	1,700		160
Student 11	700	600	650	800	700	3,450		
Student 12	600	450	300	700	500	2,550		200
Student 13	500	500	500	500	700	2,700		
Student 14	950	500	300	450	400	2,600		320
Student 15	300	400	450	350	200	1,700		
Student 16	800	900	550	600	700	3,550		
Student 17	300	400	450	350	200	1,700		
Student 18	700	600	650	800	700	3,450	433	320
Student 19	600	450	300	700	500	2,550		240
Top two highest scores highlighted per category						Student Team Scores	20,200	
One student per category						Speech Total	1,663	
Top two highest scores highlighted per category						Super Quiz Total	1,920	
						TEAM TOTAL	23,783	

TEST

	Points
Essay & Literature (500 points for essay/500 points for Objective test)	1,000
Social Science (50 questions)	1,000
Science (50 questions)	1,000
Fine Arts (50 questions)	1,000
Mathematics (35 questions)	1,000
Speech (4 minute prepared)	700
Super Quiz (Fine Arts, Literature, Science, Social Science)	400

Cheating - Tardiness - Leaving the Test Room

If a proctor finds a contestant involved in any unauthorized communication or copying from another contestant, the proctor must report the incident to the competition manager. The decision of the competition manager will be final and irrevocable. Contestants are responsible for being in the test room and in the super quiz arena at the start of testing. If a contestant is tardy, he/she will not be allowed to make up time lost. If a contestant must leave the test room for any reason, he/she must first secure the permission of the proctor. If a participant must leave during the middle of a test to use the restroom, he/she forfeits the time remaining for that test.

Test Scores

Team scores will be given to the team coach immediately following the awards ceremony. Coaches will have 15 minutes to protest a score. After the 15 minute period, all scores are final.

Conduct & Dress Code

Appropriate conduct on the part of both student participants and coaches is expected. Incidents of misconduct will be referred to the competition manager and may result in a student, or team, being disqualified from participation. This includes calling out answers during Super Quiz. Due to the advanced technology of “smart watches” no watches will be allowed to be worn during testing. Hooded sweatshirts are allowed during testing as long as the hood is down (no hoods/hats allowed).