

Getting Started

Contact your Academic Decathlon® State Director at:

Phone: _____

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or USAD directly at (866) 511-USAD (8723), or visit the USAD web site at <http://www.usad.org>.

Academic Decathlon® for Home Schooled Students &/or Students From High Schools Without a Team

The Individual Curriculum Package includes:

- ✓ 1 Study Guide
- ✓ 1 Art Reproduction Booklet
- ✓ 1 Art Resource Guide
- ✓ 1 Literature Resource Guide
- ✓ 1 Mathematics Resource Guide
- ✓ 1 Music Resource Guide
- ✓ 1 Science Resource Guide
- ✓ 1 Social Science Resource Guide
- ✓ 1 Music CD
- ✓ 1 Subscription to Online Training Site

This year's novel must be purchased separately either from USAD, your local library, online vendor, or nearest local book store.

Students will participate in a minimum of two **Online Competitions**. Students scores will give them a chance to be invited to the National Competition.

Participants in the USAD Online Individual National Competition may include:

- ✓ Home Schooled Students
- ✓ Traditional Schools with no team registered
- ✓ Alternates from established AD teams
- ✓ Students from AD teams eliminated after State Competition

A registration fee to participate in the Individual Online National Competition will apply for Alternate and Eliminated students from established AD teams. Fee and registration information will be available on the USAD website.



International Academic Decathlon®

Any English speaking International Schools/ Department of Education/Academies and United States Department of Defense (DOD) Schools are encouraged to participate. Teams for the International Academic Decathlon® will be created in the same manner as the U.S. Academic Decathlon® and will participate in an Intra-Country competition to determine the team or teams that qualify to compete at the USAD National Finals held in a different US city annually. If your school is interested in participating, please email us at info@usad.org or call us at (866) 511-8723.



USAD Vision

USAD provides students of all learning levels the opportunity to excel academically through team competition.

USAD Mission

The purpose of the United States Academic Decathlon® is to develop and provide academic competitions, curriculum and assessment to promote learning and academic excellence through teamwork among students of all achievement levels.



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The premier scholastic competition for high school students!

Academic Decathlon® isn't about mastering a single event, but ten different skills and disciplines.



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INTRODUCING THE UNITED STATES ACADEMIC DECATHLON®

Academic Decathlon® the premier national scholastic competition for high school students, was created to provide opportunities for students to experience the challenges of rigorous team and individual academic competition. The USAD curriculum addresses a number of National Content & Curriculum Standards and Common Core Standards. Each student competes in ten events, which are Economics, Essay, Art, Interview, Literature, Math, Music, Science, Social Science and Speech. Students will also participate in a collaborative Super Quiz™ event which includes questions from all subjects except for Mathematics.

The ten-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. A unique aspect of Academic Decathlon is that it is designed to include students of all academic abilities. Each nine-member team consists of three "A"(Honor), three "B"(Scholastic) and three "C or below" (Varsity) students. A new theme of study is established every year with topics that are relevant and challenging. Gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded for individual events and total scores. Overall individual winners are recognized as well as champion teams. This very broad base of awards allows for major recognition of academic accomplishment.

In many schools, tryouts for team positions occur in the fall after summer study sessions. Thus, substantially more than nine students can be involved in each school's program. Teams advance through local, regional and state levels of competition. The state champions compete at the national finals.

The national competition is hosted by a different state each year. Over 200 volunteers are involved as judges and proctors for the competition, including staff from many of the USAD sponsoring organizations. There are currently programs in over 37 states. The possibilities for growth are endless.

Small, Medium, & Large Schools Online National Competitions

The goal of the USAD® Small, Medium, & Large Schools Online Competitions is to bring learning, growth and recognition of USAD® to more schools & students across the United States.

- ✓ A state must currently have an Academic Decathlon® program.
- ✓ The division and enrollment criteria are under review for the 2015-2016 competition year.
- ✓ Schools participating in the online competition must NOT be the same team participating in the USAD National Finals.
- ✓ Teams in each competing state will be selected and certified by the State Director. *(USAD will certify teams in states that do not have State Directors.)*
- ✓ The USAD Online Competition will be held the same days as the National competition.
Number of events (8): Essay, Literature, Art, Music, Math, Science, Social Science and Economics.

**COME JOIN THE ACADEMIC DECATHLON®
EXPERIENCE!**

What Does Academic Decathlon® Do 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 & pride.
- ✓ Promotes individual accountability while at the same time providing the dynamics of group/team interaction.
- ✓ Stimulates personal student growth & encourages learning while having fun.

Academic Rewards of USAD®

- ✓ Learning beyond the normal curriculum
- ✓ Meets national content/curriculum standards
- ✓ Preparation for college and life skills
- ✓ Socialization with peers and community
- ✓ Local, state and national competitions
- ✓ Individual and team medals/trophies
- ✓ School recognition
- ✓ Scholarships *(offered at USAD as well as many state AD competitions at Honor, Scholastic, & Varsity levels)*