

## CJH NAL CLASS: SEMESTERS 1 AND 2

Class Application



**Semester 1: NAL** - This class has been created for students interested in trying out for our school's NAL team. Students will have fun learning the rules of the game, competing against each other in practice games, and learning/reviewing English, Math, History, Science, and Geography concepts. Students will hone their memorization and public speaking skills and prepare for tryouts.

**Semester 2: Advanced NAL** - This class will be invitation only, and will be reserved for students who were selected to be on the team. Students will prepare and practice for upcoming games and will participate in a variety of team-building activities.

National Academic League (NAL) is a fun and competitive team sport! You'll get to use the concepts you've learned in your core classes to beat another team to the buzzer. There are 4 unique quarters of play (for a more detailed description of each quarter, please go to <https://cjhna1.weebly.com/the-game.html>):

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: Both teams fight for possession of a rotating 3 question sequence.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: Complex questions are solved in small groups. A team captain will attempt to buzz in and provide the group's answer before the other team.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: A specialized team presents a solution to a modern day problem using evidence and visual aides.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter: One player will face a player on the other team in a buzzer question competition. If both players fail to answer their question correctly, the remaining starting players on both teams get a chance to answer in an intense free-for-all lightning round.

Here are the time frames for some important parts of the NAL season:

Late October: Tryouts

November and December: After school practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays

January and February: Practices and Games on Tuesdays and Thursdays

March: National Championship Games if we win the District Championship

In our school's 8-year history, we've had a ton of success in NAL: two 2<sup>nd</sup> place and two 1<sup>st</sup> place District Championship trophies, along with various team and individual scorer awards. If you want to be a part of that success, this is the class for you!

Questions? Please email me, Mr. Rohwer, at [rrohwer@dscmail.net](mailto:rrohwer@dscmail.net), or come see me in room 2111, which is in the 1960's house.

**IMPORTANT:** Being a student in this NAL class will *not* guarantee a spot on our school's team. Try outs are required for all prospective team members.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Last Name		First Name		Grade Next Year	
Phone #		E-mail Address			
Parent Name(s)					
Parent Email Address					
Which NAL class semester(s) are you applying for? (Please read the descriptions on page 1.)			Semester 1: NAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	Semester 2: Advanced NAL
				<input type="checkbox"/>	

**ACADEMICS**

GPA of last completed term		Citizenship Grades in last completed term	# of H's ____ # of G's ____ # of S's ____ # of N's ____ # of U's ____
If you will be in 7 <sup>th</sup> grade next year and your current school doesn't use citizenship letters, briefly explain the system your school uses to grade in-class behavior and what your average grade this year has been.			

From the following list, rank your 4 best subjects: English, Math, Science, History, Geography, Current Events, Public Speaking	Best Subject _____	2 <sup>nd</sup> Best Subject _____
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Best Subject _____	4 <sup>th</sup> Best Subject _____

Honestly rate how you are as a student in the following areas, using a scale of 0 – 10.

Punctual:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Dependable:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Well-Behaved:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Creative:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Able to Memorize Facts:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Organized:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Hard-Working:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Able to Pay Attention:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

**NAL EXPERIENCE**

How did you hear about NAL?												
Have you ever seen an NAL game?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Have you ever been a player on an NAL team?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>								
If you answered YES to the previous question, please describe your past NAL experience.												

**OTHER**

How likely are you to try out for the team in October?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Will you be available Tuesdays and Thursdays after school for NAL practices and games during the following months: November, December, January, and February?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>								
If you answered NO, please explain why.												

Please explain below in 1-3 paragraphs why you are interested in NAL. What special talents or life experiences would you bring if you were chosen to be on our team?