



## Southern Middle School Academic Team 2022-2023

*The SMS academic team usually has its first meeting at the end of August. This will be announced on the school announcements and school webpage.*

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**Who can participate in Academic Team?** The academic team is open to all students in grades 6-8 who have an interest in trivia-based competitions.

**What is Academic Team?** We compete in fun and friendly academic competitions with other middle schools in Fayette County. These meets are done in a Quick Recall format with buzzers (like Jeopardy).

**What is the purpose of Academic Team?** To have fun with jeopardy or trivial pursuit type of questions in a competitive and challenging, yet fun setting. The Academic Team is a very unique team to belong to because everyone has their own talents to contribute to the team.



**What are the Team requirements?** Try-outs will take place in September. Try-outs will consist of a written test as well as quick recall. You may not be failing any classes. You must show up to practice times. If you miss practice times, you may forfeit your turn during play at the matches.



**When are our meets with other schools?** Usually our meets are every Monday after school from the first week in October through December. Some of our meets will be home matches while others will be away matches. We will also compete in some tournaments on Saturdays.

**When do we practice?** We usually practice in the mornings before school. We will decide this as a team once we get started.

**Where are the matches?** Half of the matches will be at home at Southern and the other half will be at other middle schools. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the matches that are away at other schools. We do not take a bus. The schedule and dates for these matches will be given to team members as soon as Mr. Smith gets the schedule from the Academic Team League Coordinator. In addition to our matches, we also participate in several tournaments as well as Governor's Cup. Governor's Cup is our big tournament towards the end of the season. More information will come out about these tournaments and competitions once our team is formed.

