



ACADEMIC --- DECATHLON

Coaches Meeting

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Student Activities Team

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OUR PURPOSE

The Student Activities Department creates experiences for students to participate in extracurricular activities while providing students and teachers with necessary resources and support to be successful at no cost to schools.

PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



- Students may participate in academic competitions, athletics, JROTC, campus-based activities, and visual and performing arts.
- Provides real-life lessons in leadership, teamwork, organization and time management.
- Provides students with a way to stay active and make new friends.
- Allows students to discover and explore their talents and interests.
- Gives students a connection to their school community.
- Enhances educational experience.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BY GRADE LEVEL



Elementary Schools	Middle Schools	High Schools
Academic UIL (2-5)	Academic UIL	Academic UIL
Chess (K-5)	Chess	Chess
Destination Imagination	Destination Imagination	Destination Imagination
Lone Star Challenge	Academic Pentathlon	Academic Decathlon
TMSCA (3-5)	TMSCA	TMSCA
Debate (5)	Debate	Debate
Esports (4-5)	Esports	Esports
Cheer (4-5)	Cheer	Cheer
	Yearbook	Yearbook
		Newspaper

SUPPORT TO CAMPUSES

- Access to study materials, workshops, and camps.
- Participation in department's organized districtwide academic competitions and tournaments.
- Transportation to competitions.
- Meals at competitions.
- Student participation incentives.
- Payment of competition registration fees.
- Training and stipends for coaches.
- Travel arrangements, transportation, and lodging applicable with advancement to regional, state, and national competitions.



TIPS FOR RECRUITING STUDENTS

Use a Variety of Recruitment Methods:

- Hold an activities fair at open house and/or during lunch.
- Hang colorful flyers/posters throughout the campus.
- Use social media and create a website.
- Get assistance from campus influencers and visit classrooms.
- Basic school announcements.
- Nominations and personal invites.
- Offer snacks.

Tell Your Story & Grow: Tweet, Post, Tag, and Announce It!

- Promote clubs, activities, and accomplishments via word of mouth and announcements.
- Embrace tech and connect on social media platforms.
- Display trophies, awards, and banners to showcase your victories.
- Publicize meeting schedule and practice sessions.
- Follow and tag Student Activities [@disdactivities](https://twitter.com/disdactivities)



TIPS FOR CONTINUED GROWTH AND RETENTION

- Make it fun, social, and engaging.
- The goal is to prepare students for competition.
- Plan for how you will structure your practice sessions.
- Communicate with parents.
- Have team members recruit other students.
- Get your team to represent at open house.
- Find creative ways to honor all students throughout the year.
- If your team is large, find someone to assist you.
- Celebrate student achievement – announcements, social media, parties, etc.
- Have things for students to do at competitions during downtime to make memories – cards, games, etc.



SURVEYS TO IMPROVE EXPERIENCE

As a best practice, the department randomly sends out event surveys to get an assessment and suggestions from student and teacher participants.

Student Survey Results

- How satisfied are you with the incentives provided?
93% Good to Excellent | 7% Fair to Poor
- How many practices were held before the competition?
24% between 1-6 | 76% between 7-10
- Did you enjoy participating in this competition?
92% Yes | 2% No
- Overall, did you have fun?
99% Yes | 1% No

Teacher Survey Results

- How satisfied are you with the overall participation experience?
90% Good to Excellent | 10% Fair to Good
- How satisfied are you with the level of support from the department?
95% Good to Excellent | 5% Fair to Good
- How satisfied are you with the communication you received from the department?
95% Good to Excellent | 5% Fair to Good



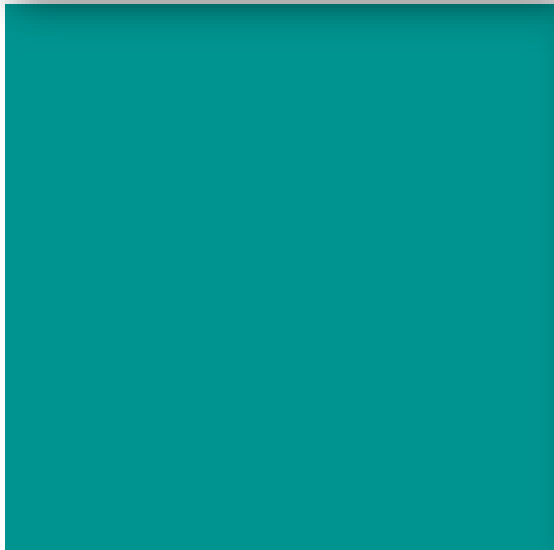
FIELD TRIP REQUEST PROCESS

- A field trip request must be submitted 21 days prior for all Student Activities trips, regardless if you need a bus or not.
- Go to activities.dallasisd.org



- Select Field Trip Request from the tabs across the top, then click create.
- Submit 21 days prior to trip.
- Confirmation email will be sent once bus trip has been approved or rejected.
- Unless the principal approves field trip request, we are unable to approve trip.
- Do not cancel your own bus.
- Contact Omar Ovalle at OOvalle@dallasisd.org or 214-364-9880.





COACH EXPECTATIONS

- All participating schools must adhere to district policies and regulations regarding student behavior.
- Coaches are expected to remain at the competition site until the activity is over.
- Coaches must accompany team on buses provided by the District.
- Coaches must bring all student emergency contact information to events.
- Dallas ISD badges are required to be worn at all events sponsored by Student Activities.
- If your students use their own transportation, please stay on site until the last student is picked up.



STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Adhering to district policies and regulations, students must demonstrate appropriate behavior throughout the duration of the workshops and tournaments.
- Student must adhere to the highest standards of honesty and integrity in participating in all activities.
- Students must follow Dallas ISD health safety guidelines and protocols.
- Unacceptable student behavior will result in student and/or school's removal from program.
- All students are required to use clear or mesh backpacks.



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COACH DESIGNATIONS AND AGREEMENTS

- Principals designated coaches in Oracle.
- Coaches accepted position and signed form electronically.
- Coordinators receive supplemental pay in accordance with agreement (\$1,000 - \$5,800).
- \$1,000 Recruit and start and Academic Decathlon team – Participate in the District Competition with a minimum of six team members
- \$1,000 Coach and participate in the Regional Competition with a minimum of six team members.
- \$1500 Coach and participate in the State Competition
- \$1500 Coach and participate in the National Competition
- \$800 Coach and participate in the Virtual National Competition
- \$300 Coach and participate in the Rockwall Invitational Meet



DECATHLON SCHOOLS BY DIVISIONS

MEDIUM SCHOOLS

ADAMS

ADAMSON

CONRAD

HEALTH

HILLCREST

JEFFERSON

KIMBALL

MOLINA

OBAMA

RANGEL

SAMUELL

SPRUCE

SUNSET

W.T. WHITE

WOODROW

SMALL SCHOOLS

BUSINESS

CARTER

GILLIAM

LASSITER

LAW

LINCOLN

MADISON

NORTH DALLAS

SEM

TAG

WILMER-HUTCHINS





TEAM INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

- 3 Honor Students (3.8 – 4.00 GPA)
- 3 Scholastic Students (3.20 -3.799 GPA)
- 3 Varsity Students (0.00 -3.199 GPA)
- Class period and/or after school activity
- Theme: Our Changing Climate
- Novel: *Soar Storms* by Linda Hogan
- Maximum of 5 students in each category for the District Meet
- Maximum of 3 students in each category for the Regional Meet



CALCULATOR GUIDELINES

- Graphing Calculators are NOT allowed
- *Any other four-function scientific or graphing calculators are acceptable with alphanumeric keys (TI-Nspire and TI-84 plus)*

COMPETITION CALENDAR

Rockwall Invitational

- Saturday, October 26, 2024
- Objective Tests Only

District Competition (*Online*)

- Saturday, November 9, 2024
- Essay, Speech, and Interview will *not* be administered

Region Competition

- January 14-15, 2025 – Essay (Google Document)
- January 24-25, 2025

State Competition

- February 12, 2025 – Essay (Google Document)
- February 28-March 2, 2025

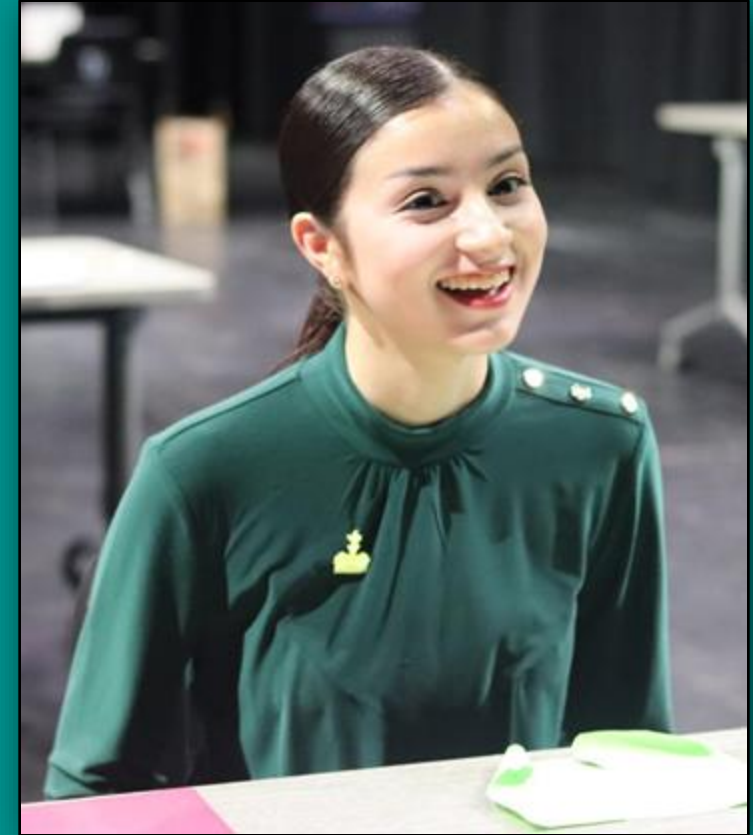


District Online Event

- Each school will be given **15** numbers for the online district competition taking place on November 9, 2024.

You will assign numbers to your students according to the following:

- **Numbers 1-5:** are for **Honors Students**
 - **Numbers 6-10:** are for **Scholastic Students**
 - **Numbers 11-15:** are for **Varsity Students**
- Please make sure to assign the correct number based on student classification.



STUDY MATERIALS AND ONLINE RESOURCES

- 15 Hard Copies *Solar Storms* by Linda Hogan
- Two Coach Handbooks, Academic Decathlon Study Guide, Academic Decathlon Manual & Teacher Mathematics Resource Guide
- 20 Hard Copies Resource Guides & Booklets
- USAD Study Materials Ordered:
 - MB101ed: ED Curriculum Package
Download
 - AS1020ed: ED Essay Resource Guide
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 - AT2032oa: Set of 34 – Online Access
 - JB1050: Student Exercise Books Set
 - MK1020: Notebook Dividers – Set of 10

Quick Links

Student Activities Academic Decathlon
<https://www.dallasisd.org/acdec>

Google Resource Files
<https://tinyurl.com/ys9e3m75>

Texas Academic Decathlon
<http://www.txacadec.org/decathlon.html>

United State Academic Decathlon
<https://www.usad.org/>

Academic Decathlon Coach Survey
<https://forms.gle/p4iNX243VeguqiRL7>

Student Activities
<https://www.dallasisd.org/studentactivities>

THANK YOU



Questions?

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