



ACADEMIC

PENTATHLON
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](#)



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 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. Note: Unless the principal approves field trip request, we are unable to see or approve trip. Do not cancel your own bus.
- Contact Erika Escobedo at ErEscobedo@dallasisd.org or 469-439-1093.





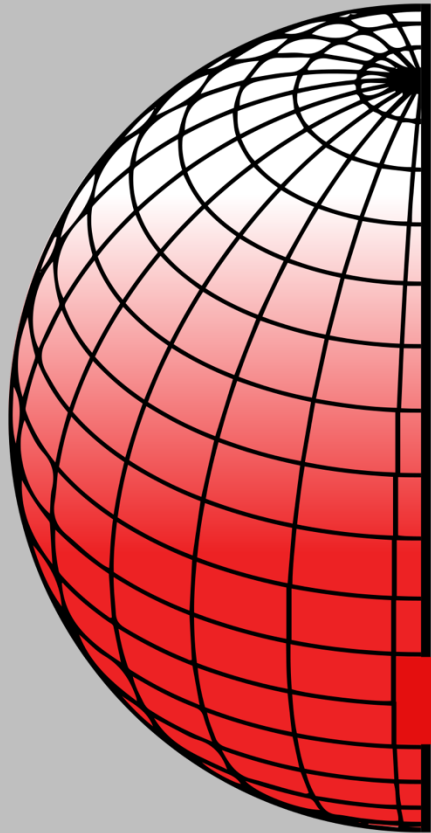
COACH EXPECTATIONS

- 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.



OUR CHANGING CLIMATE

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COACH AGREEMENT

- Principals designate coaches in Oracle
- Coaches accept position and sign coach agreement electronically
- Coaches must meet all requirements outlined in the supplemental agreement

ANNUAL STIPEND (\$1,000 - \$3,000)

(Two stipends are available to the campus for two coaches based on the number of teams– one stipend per coach or may be split among multiple coaches.)

A stipend of \$1,000 per coach payable after completion has been recorded.

- Recruit and prepare an Academic Pentathlon team.
- Participate in the District Competition/Workshop with a minimum of six team members*

A stipend of \$2,000 per coach payable after completion has been recorded in the Regional Competition with a minimum of six team members *

** Stipend payment is based upon participation in Student Activities Department- sponsored events with the required minimum number of students in attendance at each event. Student attendance less than the required minimum number of students will be payable at 50% of stipend amount per event as determined by the Student Activities Department.*

THEME, NOVEL & RESOURCES

- Theme: *Our Changing Climate*
- Novel: *Melt* by Ele Fountain
- Coach & Student Study Guides
 - Every school will receive a total of 40 study guides.
 - 20 Math, Science, Social Science guides.
 - 20 Art Reproductions, Fine Arts, Literature guides.
 - These will be delivered straight to your school by the Graphics Department, so please check with your front office periodically.
- Online Resources
 - [Student Activities Pentathlon Webpage](#)
 - [Google Drive Study Materials](#)
 - [TX Acadec Pentathlon Resources](#)
 - [United States Academic Decathlon: Pentathlon Resources](#)



TEAM INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

- Grades 6-8th (Grade 6 competes with 7th grade)
- Schools may have two teams per campus.
 - 7th & 8th
 - 7th & 7th
 - 8th & 8th
- 3 Honors Students (3.8 – 4.0 GPA)
- 3 Scholastic Students (3.20 – 3.79 GPA)
- 3 Varsity Students (0.00 – 3.19 GPA)
- **For District event:** Maximum of 5 students per category.
- **For Regional event:** Maximum of 3 students per category.



ESSAY EVALUATION FORM/GPA GRADE VERIFICATION

Please send verifications to Sue Clifford

- Email: dallaspentathlon@gmail.com
- Text/Call: 713-398-7180
- Deadline: January 31, 2025

Point Value	ESSAY EVALUATION FORM	
0 1 2 3 4	Introduction / Thesis	[0 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original, insightful, and/or interesting • Not merely restating the prompt 	
	Response to Prompt*	[0 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conveys understanding of the prompt and tasks • Clearly addresses all aspects of the prompt 	
	Evidence*	[0 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific and accurate examples • Evidence supports thesis and main ideas 	
	Analysis/Commentary	[0 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas explained thoroughly • Points argued effectively 	
	Cohesion	[0 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articulate and clearly focused • Assertions equivalently developed 	
	Organization	[0 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraphs have topic sentences • Paragraphs have thoughtful transitions 	
	Closing	[0 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intentional finish • Not repetitive or merely summarizing 	
	Word Choice / Diction / Voice	[1 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diction appropriate to topic • Student writer knows/owns the words used 	
	Spelling / Punctuation	[1 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurate spelling • Proper punctuation 	
	Grammar / Sentence Structure	[1 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject/verb agreement • Varied sentence structure 	
Total Points x 25 =		
Off Prompt (OP) = Zero Score <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Prompt is not addressed		Nonscorable (NS) = Zero Score <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Essay is: illegible, insufficient, a blank paper
* USAD publishes essay scoring guidelines for Essay Judges, which include details student writers may include in response to each prompt.		



Calculator Guidelines

- Graphing Calculators are not allowed
- Any other four-function scientific calculators are acceptable



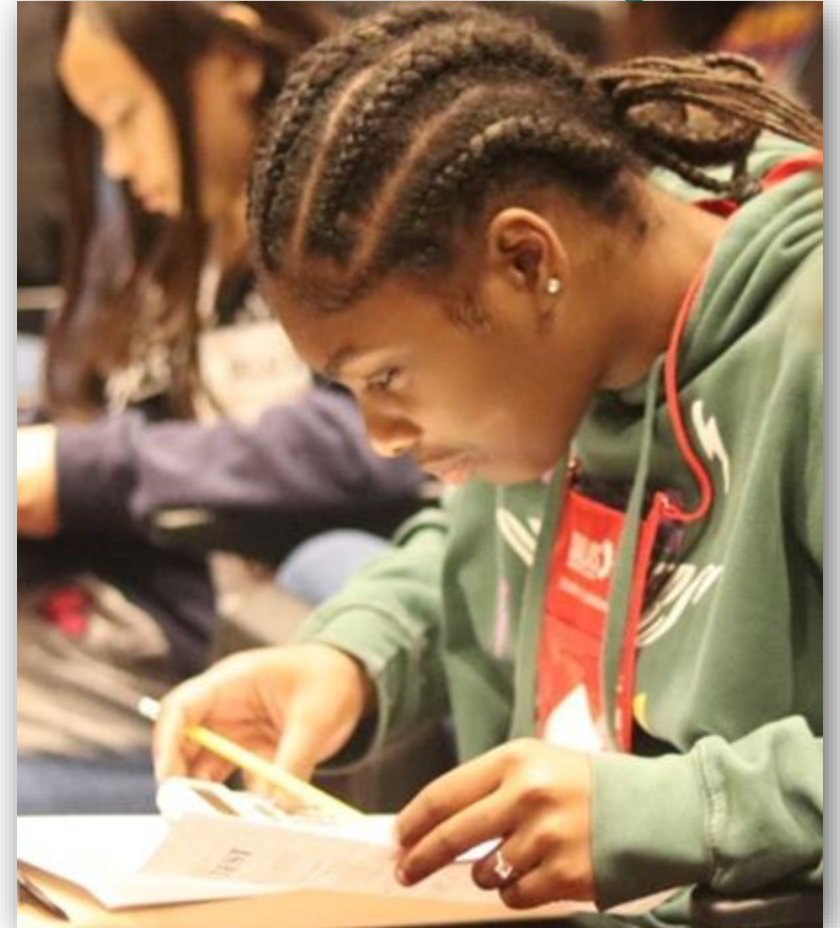
2024 – 2025 PENTATHLON CALENDAR

District Competition

- ❑ Saturday, March 1, 2024
 - 8 AM - 4 PM
 - Virtual Competition
 - Essay will not be included

Region V Competition

- ❑ Saturday, April 12, 2024
 - 8 AM - 5 PM
 - Jefferson High School
 - Essay will be included





THANK YOU

Questions?

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