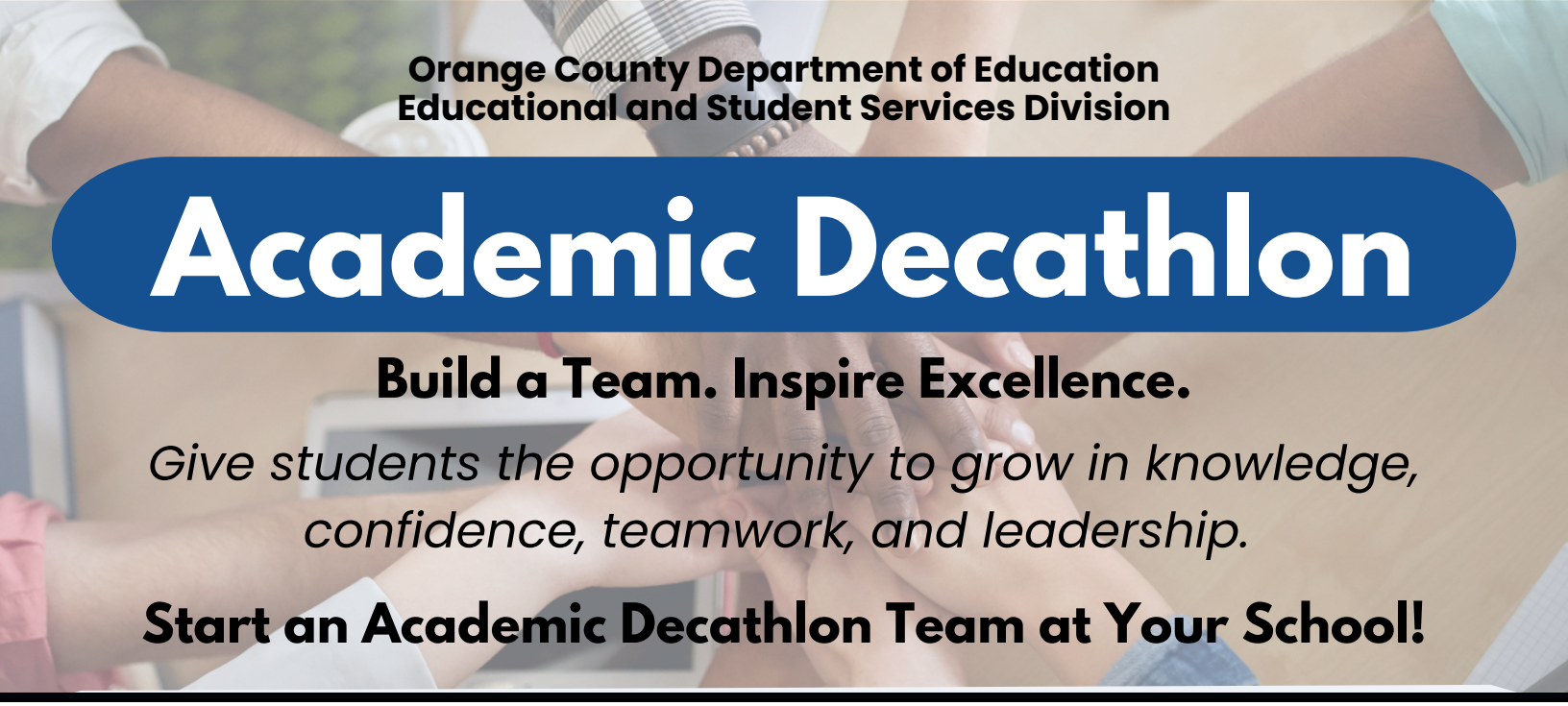


Orange County Department of Education
Educational and Student Services Division

Academic Decathlon

Build a Team. Inspire Excellence.

Give students the opportunity to grow in knowledge, confidence, teamwork, and leadership.

Start an Academic Decathlon Team at Your School!

Academic Decathlon is an exciting 10-event competition for grades 9-12. Students of all achievement levels participate in a variety of challenging academic events. The program builds academic and social emotional skills, engages students, families, and community members, and fosters school connectedness.

Student Benefits

- Prepare for college
- Practice critical reading
- Enhance teamwork and collaboration skills
- Receive recognition and awards

Learning Opportunities

- Learn, study, and interact in a team setting
- Compete in an exciting Super Quiz relay, where parents, coaches, and classmates cheer for teams from the sidelines, championing academics much like the environment of a sporting event

LCAP Priorities

- #3 Parent Involvement
- #4 Student Achievement
- #5 Student Engagement
- #6 School Climate

95% Students reported that Pentathlon helped them build relationships with peers at their school

96% Students reported improved communication skills

95% Students reported improved critical thinking skills

Survey conducted with 202 students in grades 9-12 during 2025-26 competition season

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