Orange County Department of Education
Educational and Student Services Division

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Academic Pentathlon

Academic Integrity Policy

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In order to ensure the integrity of the Orange County Academic Pentathlon program, a strict code of conduct will be enforced by the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE). Cheating, in any form, will not be tolerated and immediate action will be taken if it should occur. All Pentathlon students must agree to comply with all program rules and to perform on all tests in a manner consistent with the highest standards of honesty and integrity. It is the sole responsibility of the Pentathlon coach to ensure that each student participant knows, understands, and agrees to this Academic Integrity Policy.

Proctors for Academic Pentathlon testing will report any incidents of testing misconduct to the Academic Pentathlon competition manager. Student participants who are witness to or aware of efforts to violate this Academic Integrity policy must notify the coach or test proctor immediately.

All violations will be reviewed by the Academic Pentathlon competition manager, and final sanctions regarding the violation will be decided by the Academic Events staff at OCDE. This policy extends to participation in the national United States Academic Pentathlon competition.

Academic Integrity Violations

Academic dishonesty may include, but is not limited to, the following:

► Cheating: Using or attempting to use unauthorized assistance, information or study aids during academic competition. Examples include but are not limited to the following:

- Using notes, resource guides, books, artificial intelligence (A.I.), or other online resources/software programs during testing
- Looking at another student's testing materials or computer screen
- Using electronic or smart devices, such as cell phones, calculators, computers, and tablets, or accessing the internet
- Working on the test before or after the allotted time
- Tampering with testing materials by way of receiving, intercepting, or removing tests from testing rooms
- Having advance knowledge or possession of a test or testing materials prior to an exam
- Helping or attempting to aid another student to violate any of part of this Academic Integrity Policy
- Talking to or communicating with another person during testing to receive help or answers to the test
- Taking photos of questions on the computer screen

Academic Integrity Sanctions

If it is determined that an Academic Pentathlon student participant has committed any of the violations listed above, scores for that student will be nullified. If it is determined that a coach has committed any of the violations listed above, team scores will be nullified. Further sanctions will be determined at the discretion of OCDE staff.

As a student, I agree to abide by the Academic Integrity Policy described above, and I understand that:

- I cannot have a purse, bag, or backpack near my seat in the testing room.
- I cannot be in possession of a cell phone, calculator, smart watch, headphones, or other smart/electronic device during testing and Super Quiz.
- I can only take the tests during the testing window on competition day.
- Curriculum materials (electronic or hard copies) and the Pentathlon novel cannot be visible during testing or in the gym during the Super Quiz event.
- During the Super Quiz event, I will not look into the audience during the question-and-answer period.

Your signature below is confirmation that you have reviewed and agree to the Academic Integrity Policy.

	Print Student Name	**Grade**	**Signature**
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Signature of Coach

Date

Name of School