



PENTATHLON CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The United States Academic Pentathlon (USAP) is a dynamic five-event competition designed for middle school students. It mirrors the Academic Decathlon in providing a comprehensive learning experience through five academic events based on a unique theme each year.

The curricular theme for the 2026–2027 Academic Pentathlon will be:

Journeys of Transformation: An Exploration of Travel and Transportation

Following is some general information on the topics in each of the subject areas:

- **Science:** The science topic will be an introduction to animal behavior and migration.
- **Literature:** : The literature curriculum will explore journeys, quests, and travel in literature and will include critical reading, one long work of literature, and selected shorter works. The long work of literature will be [The Lightning Thief](#) (Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 1) Paperback – Unabridged, April 1, 2006 ISBN-13: 9781368051477.
- **Fine Arts:** The fine arts curriculum is a combination of art and music. The art curriculum will explore themes of travel and transportation in art.
- **Social Science:** The social science topic will be an introduction to human geography and migration.
- **Mathematics:** The mathematics curriculum will cover general mathematics, geometry, and an introduction to differential calculus.