

Academic Decathlon

Description: The Academic Decathlon is a ten-event scholastic competition that takes place throughout the nation. Committing to Acadeca is a great way to improve your academic skills, bolster your college application and develop the motivation and ability to excel as an individual and as a teammate. Each year, the events are unified by a common theme and include a televised Super Quiz. The ten events include an essay, an interview, a speech and subject exams on literature, art, music, economics, social studies, math and science. This year's theme is the Age of Imperialism.

Making the Team: The final roster for the competition will include nine students: 3 "A" or Honor students, 3 "B" or Scholastic students, and 3 "C" or Varsity students. Because the competition is limited to 9 students, only the most dedicated Acadeca team members will be able to compete in January. The final cut will be made in December and will be based off of your scrimmage score, your speech, interview and essay skills and your commitment to weekday and Saturday meetings. (Though team members who do not make the final roster will not be able to compete, they will still remain in the class and receive credit.)

Breakdown of Points:

- 10%** Saturdays & Holidays – approximately nine Saturday and seven holiday meetings
- 10%** Speech – writing, memorizing and choreographing the speech by the deadlines
- 05%** Homework and Class work – workbooks, class notes & projects
- 35%** Quizzes & Exams – daily quizzes and unit exams
- 20%** Midterm Scrimmage Exam – the official scrimmage results in November
- 20%** Final Exam – the final exams we take before the competition in January

Expectations: In order for our team to be successful, you will need to have the individual dedication and commitment needed for an Advanced Placement class and the leadership required by a team sport. The team will suffer if you do not regularly do your homework or pay attention in class because we win or lose based off of an aggregate team score. Likewise, we will do poorly if you try hard and excel but your teammates do not—you are required to nurture a competitive environment and motivate your teammates to work harder.

- Make sure that you consider our Saturday & Holiday meetings when you schedule SAT, ACT, vacations, etc.
- You must notify me ahead of time when you will be unable to attend a meeting.

Decathlete Name

Parent Name

Decathlete Signature

Parent Signature

Decathlete Cell/Home Phone
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Parent Cell or Home Phone