

Topic: Putting it all together through Academic Competitions

Many organizations offer highly able students challenging opportunities for recognition. Some contests sponsored by these organizations are team competitions and require you to enter through your school. Others offer individual opportunities.

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/district/depts/TAG/index.html>
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HIGH SCHOOL ONLY:

Academic All-Stars. Multnomah County ESD, Shelby Clark, 255-1841
pam_mockenhaupt@email.mesd.k12.or.us; shelby_clark@email.mesd.k12.or.us Scholarship competition for Multnomah County Schools. Seven competition areas: All-Around, Computer Science, Foreign Language, Performing Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Visual Arts www.mesd.k12.or.us/ (Then key in "MESD Site Index" Then press "Services" Then press "MESD Foundation" Then find "Academic All Stars")

AHSME American High School Mathematics Exam. American Mathematics Competitions, Univ of Nebraska, 800 527-3690 www.unl.edu/amc/

Intel Science Scholarships and Awards (formerly Westinghouse Science Scholarships). Science Service, Inc., 1719 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036
<http://www.andygrove.com/education/sts/index.htm>

High School Science Bowl. Bonneville Power Adm, Derrol Johns, PO Box 3621 (TB-4), Portland, OR 97208 Derrol Johns - Bonneville Power Adm. 230-3050
transmissions.bpa.gov/tbllib/sciencebowl/default.htm

K-12:

Achievement Awards in Writing/Promising Young Writers Program. National Council of Teachers of English, 1111 Kenyon Road, Urbana, IL 61801 <http://www.ncte.org/>

Bridge Building Competiton.
<http://www.iit.edu/~hsbridge/>

Mathematics Competitions. National Mathematics League, Box 9459, Coral Springs, FL 33075 <http://forum.swarthmore.edu/students/elem/intnet.html>

National French Contest. American Association of Teachers of French, Box 1178, Long Beach, NY 11561 (Similar programs available in German, Greek, Latin, Spanish, etc.)

National History Day Contest. National History Day, 11201 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44106

National Latin Exam. PO Box 95, Mt. Vernon, VA 22121, 703 360-4354

National Mythology Exam. American Classical League, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056, 513 529-7741 www.umich.edu/~acleague/

Oregon Writing Festival. May 6, 2000 (first Saturday in May), at Portland State Univ., 9 AM-3 PM, grades 4 through 12. Approximately 1,000 students from all over the state of Oregon gather to share their writing, meet published authors, and workshop writing with teachers of writing. Contact Amy Welch, 916-3358.

Science Olympiad.

<http://www.scioly.org/>

NSTA/NASA Space Science Student Involvement Project. National Science Teachers Association, 5110 Roanoke Place, Suite 101, College Park, MD 20740

<http://www.nas.nasa.gov/Services/Education/SpaceSettlement/Contest/contests.html>

Slam Dunk Science. A sports research lab in the science classroom

<http://www.scire.com/sds/sdsmenu.html>

Spelldown. Pam Grignon, 916-3358. District competition for grades 3 through 12 in April. MESD in May; State over Labor Day weekend at State Fair in Salem.

Stock Market Game. Oregon: Ted Scheinman, Portland State University, 491-7104;

Washington: Mikki Carey, Washington Council on Economic Education, 206 622-0965

sia.com/investor_information/html/stock_market_game.html

Chess for Success. Regional and State tournaments are co-hosted with OMSI. For gr K thru 12. OMSI/CFS Tournament Questions, Lesson Plans: The Oregon Scholastic Chess Foundation prepared the Portland Chess Project Lesson Plans. These are 30 lesson plans to help those who teach beginning to intermediate players. They also have good information on Teaching Procedure, Ethics of Scholastic Chess, and Characteristics of a Good Chess Club Advisor. Copies are available for \$15 each. If you have questions about the tournament or the lesson plans contact: Julie Young, Tournament Coordinator 1030 NW 113th Avenue Portland, OR 97229 503-520-8960 877-520-8960 toll free outside Portland chessforsuccess@home.com
<http://www.hevanet.com/cschess/chuck/omsi.htm>

Young Writers Contest. Young Writers Contest Foundation, PO Box 6092, McLean, VA 22106

International Science and Engineering Fair. Science Service, Inc., 1719 N Street NW, Washington DC 20036 Jean Eames, Benson HS. Every March at Pacific University, sponsored locally through Hillsboro ESD. <http://www.isef2000.org/HomePageWithFrames.htm>

Destination Imagination (formerly Odyssey of the Mind and Olympics of the Mind).

<http://www.dini.org/> Pam Grignon, Julie Winder and Alice DeWittie were regional and state judges in 2000. State Chair Karen Anderson in Corvallis 541 754-3811

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Invent America! US Patent Model Foundation, Suite 420, 510 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL:

American Junior High School and High School Mathematics Exams. Mathematical Association of American, 1529 Eighteenth St NW, Washington, DC 20036

Computer Science Contest. American Computer Science League, PO Box 40118, Providence, RI 02906

National Academic League. MS and HS team competition. Pam Grignon going to National competition in early May - Wichita, Kansas <http://www.nalnet.org/>

MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY:

Johns Hopkins Talent Search: Seventh & Eighth Grades. Oregon: Kat & TA Allan 541 592-2115 or Becky & Donald Knowles, 503 203-8950 or Mary Stoneman, 503 215-4709;

Washington: Halbert Robinson Center for the Study of Capable Youth 206 543-4160

<http://www.jhu.edu/~gifted/index.html>

Middle School Science Bowl. Bonneville Power Adm, Derrol Johns, PO Box 3621 (TB-4), Portland, OR 97208 transmissions.bpa.gov/tblib/sciencebowl/default.htm

MATHCOUNTS. National Society of Professional Engineers, 1420 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314 <http://206.152.229.6/>

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Johns Hopkins Young Students Talent Search: Fifth & Sixth Grades. Oregon: Mary Stoneman, 503 293-2240; Washington: Halbert Robinson Center for the Study of Capable Youth 206 543-4160 [jhu.edu/~gifted/index.html](http://www.jhu.edu/~gifted/index.html)

National Geography Bee. Gr K-8, individual not team competition Kevin Samuels, Portland, national finalist 1997 and 1998. Current participant: Beaumont MS, Margaret Haynie nationalgeographic.com/geochallenge/

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geographybee/>

OTHER:

Junior Great Books, Naomi Dietz, Portland, 203-1810 greatbooks.com/index.html

Books:

Competitions: Maximizing Your Abilities, Featuring: Academic Competitions, Fine and Performing Arts Competitions, Leadership Competitions, Service Learning Competitions by Frances A. Karnes and Tracy L. Riley, Prufrock Press, 1996.

Magazines:

Imagine by Johns Hopkins. Each monthly issue features a different competition.