



# United States Academic Pentathlon®

**2025 – 2026 Competition Year**

*The premier scholastic competition for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students!*

## OVERVIEW

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- ◆ United States Academic Pentathlon is the newest program from the United States Academic Decathlon®. This premier national scholastic competition for middle school students was created to provide opportunities for students to experience the challenges of rigorous team and individual competition.
- ◆ The five-event academic program strives to foster a greater respect for knowledge, to promote wholesome inter-school academic competition, and to further develop student communication skills.
- ◆ Academic Pentathlon is uniquely designed to include students with a wide variety of academic abilities.

## GETTING STARTED

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- ◆ Academic Pentathlon teams should consist of a maximum of nine team members and a minimum of six team members. All students must be currently enrolled in grades 6–8. Each team must consist of at least two “A” students, at least two “B” students, and at least two “C or below” students. The team score will be determined by the sum of the top two student scores in each GPA category. The GPA Calculation Form can be found on the [USAP web page](#).
- ◆ Teams advance through local, regional, and state levels of competition. The state champions compete in the national finals. MOST Academic Pentathlon competitions take place online in a virtual testing environment, so there is no travel required for teams! The National Academic Pentathlon competition is held in a physical location.
- ◆ Academic Pentathlon teams are encouraged to partner with local high school Academic Decathlon teams, perhaps having Academic Decathlon students serve as mentors to Pentathlon students.

## CURRICULUM

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- ◆ Academic Pentathlon’s curriculum is an interdisciplinary curriculum in which a selected theme is integrated across five different subject areas: fine arts, literature, mathematics, science, and social science.
- ◆ The Academic Pentathlon theme parallels that of the high school Academic Decathlon program.
- ◆ The theme for the 2025-2026 will be *The Roaring Twenties*. The themes are developed by our curriculum team with special attention to national content standards.
- ◆ The materials will be available for downloading in PDF format on August 1<sup>st</sup> each year. The site license fee allows you to download as many copies as needed. Novels may be purchased via online vendors such as Amazon or via your regular school vendors. The featured novel for 2025-2026 will be *Born to Fly: The First Women’s Air Race Across America* by Steve Sheinkin, ISBN-13 978-1626721302.
- ◆ All test questions will be derived from the USAP curriculum.

**For more information, please contact Tara Brown, U.S. Academic Pentathlon**

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## 2025–2026 School Registration Form

School: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please register our school at \$300, which covers the registration and site license for downloading materials for all students. Teams may consist of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. In addition, there will be a \$10 charge per team member for the online testing during the year. You may purchase individual subscriptions or packages of 10, 25, or 50 online testing subscriptions. For example, if you have 10 students that will participate in online testing during the year, please include \$100.00 in addition to the \$300.00 fee. Additional study materials include the Practice Quiz Booklet, written by the official USAP test writers in each subject area; the booklet will contain five tests, sample essay prompts, and the essay rubric. USAP is excited to offer Novel Chapter Quizzes and Super Quiz Relay PowerPoint Tests. The Novel Chapter Quizzes will include 10 multiple-choice questions per chapter, complete with answer keys to help students master the chapters in this year's selected novel. The Super Quiz Relay PowerPoint Tests will include 10 Super Quiz PowerPoint Tests. Each presentation will include 30 multiple-choice questions from four subjects: Literature, Fine Arts, Science, and Social Science. These are designed to be engaging, useful for team practice sessions, and help students prepare effectively for competitions. The Practice Quiz Booklet, Novel Chapter Quizzes, and Super Quiz Relay PowerPoint Tests will be available on Oct. 15.

### Important Dates

ALL Registration Documents Due (Forms found on USAP website) .....December 5, 2025  
National Competition Registration Due .....April 10, 2026

### Important Competition Dates

Scrimmage – Subject Area Exams Only .....January 8, 2026  
Essay for Regional Competition .....January 22, 2026  
Regional Competition .....February 12, 2026  
Essay for State Competition .....March 5, 2026  
State Competition .....March 26, 2026  
Essay for National Competition .....April 23, 2026  
National Competition - Nashville, TN .....May 14-16, 2026

### Ordering Information

Please indicate a quantity by each option and list the total below:

#### AUGUST 2025

PNCP00ed Registration & Curriculum Site License ..... \$300.00 Qty \_\_\_\_  
PNLI01ed Online Testing Subscription (per student) ..... \$10.00 Qty \_\_\_\_

#### OCTOBER 15, 2025

PNPQBd Practice Quiz Booklet ..... \$45.00 Qty \_\_\_\_  
PNNCQd Novel Chapter Quizzes ..... \$45.00 Qty \_\_\_\_  
PNSQPPed Super Quiz Relay PowerPoint Tests ..... \$45.00 Qty \_\_\_\_  
PNEGd Pentathlon Essay Guide ..... \$40.00 Qty \_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment must be included with the registration form, make checks payable to USAD, when paying by credit card a \$5.00 service fee will be added.

### PAY BY CREDIT CARD

Contact Name to Call for Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do NOT send your credit card number to us. Instead, please leave a phone number and we will call you to complete your payment. We must receive your order form prior to processing your payment over the phone.**

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