

## **Academic Fest 2019 – Middle School Rules**

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The rules below must be strictly followed or the contestant might endanger himself or herself to disqualification. Please read and understand the following rules. We thank you for your cooperation and wish all the contestants good luck!

### **Rules for Math Sense**

1. **Eligibility:** Students entering grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> in school year 2019 – 2020.
2. About the Test:
  - a. Time : 40 minutes
  - b. Questions : 50
  - c. All the questions have multiple choice answers. All problems have ONE and ONLY ONE correct [BEST] answer. There is penalty for all incorrect answer.
  - d. All problems answered correctly are worth FIVE points. TWO points will be deducted for all problems answered incorrectly. No points will be added or subtracted for problems not answered.
  - e. In case of ties, percent accuracy will be used as a tie breaker.
  - f. Calculators, books, scrap papers or any supporting documents will not be allowed in the test room. Contestants will be provided with the scrap papers, pencil and eraser. However, they are allowed to bring their own pencils and eraser.
3. Contestants should arrive on time to get benefit of the full duration of 40 minutes. If any contestant arrives after the beginning of the contest, he/she will get only the remaining time to finish the contest.
4. Each contestant must write his/her contestant ID only on the answer-sheet for the answer-sheet to be evaluated.
5. Each contestant must return the answer sheet to the coordinator at the end of the test duration.

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6. No Parents/Guardians/visitors will be allowed in the test room during the test.
7. The judges' decisions will be final.

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### **Rules for Science**

1. **Eligibility:** Students entering grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> in school year 2019 – 2020.
2. About the Test:
  - a. Time : 40 minutes
  - b. Questions : 50
  - c. All the questions have multiple choice answers. All problems have ONE and ONLY ONE correct [BEST] answer. There is penalty for all incorrect answer.
  - d. All problems answered correctly are worth FIVE points. TWO points will be deducted for all problems answered incorrectly. No points will be added or subtracted for problems not answered.
  - e. Simple scientific calculator is allowed, however graphing calculator is not permitted.
  - f. In case of ties, percent accuracy will be used as a tie breaker.
  - g. Books, scrap papers or any supporting documents will not be allowed in the test room. Contestants will be provided with the scrap papers, pencil and eraser. However, they are allowed to bring their own pencils and eraser.
3. Contestants should arrive on time to get benefit of the full duration of 40 minutes. If any contestant arrives after the beginning of the contest, he/she will get only the remaining time to finish the contest.
4. Each contestant must write his/her contestant ID only on the answer-sheet for the answer-sheet to be evaluated.
5. Each contestant must return the answer sheet to the coordinator at the end of the test duration.
6. No Parents/Guardians/visitors will be allowed in the test room during the test.
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### **Rules for Vocabulary**

1. **Eligibility:** Students entering grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> in school year 2019 – 2020.
2. The competition will consist of fifty (50) questions including multiple choice questions, word choice and comprehension. He/she must write the correct answer clearly on the provided answer-sheet.
3. Each contestant must write his/her contestant ID only on the answer-sheet for the answer-sheet to be evaluated.
4. Contestants are allowed to bring their own pencils and erasers. However, Contestant will be provided with the pencils and erasers.
5. Contestants should arrive on time to get benefit of the full duration of 40 minutes. If any contestant arrives after the beginning of the contest, he/she will get only the remaining time to finish the contest.
6. For each correct answer, contestants will be awarded with 4 points and for each incorrect answer, one point will be deducted. No points will be deducted or given for any un-attempted answers.
7. Each of the contestants must return the question booklet and the answer-sheet to the coordinator at the end of the test duration.
8. No Parents/Guardians/visitors will be allowed in the test room during the test.
9. The judges' decisions will be final.

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### **Rules for Speech**

1. **Eligibility:** Students entering grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> in school year 2019 – 2020.
2. The competition will consist of 3 speech topics that will be suitable for the age group and help prepare students for debate and speech in the future. The contestants are expected to prepare his/her speech on all of these 3 topics.
3. The contestants are NOT allowed to bring papers, notes or writing instruments to the event.
4. Each contestant will be allowed to draw one of the two topics from the envelope on which he will have to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes. Third topic will be used for the final round of speech.
5. Each contestant will be reminded about the remaining time during the speech. Each contestant must try to complete his/her speech in the given 3 minutes of time to avoid point deduction for exceeding the time limit.
6. Speech Competition Judging Criteria
  - a. Speech Construction
  - b. Presentation & Delivery
  - c. Content of Speech
  - d. Effectiveness
7. Parents/Guardian/Visitors will be allowed in the competition area, but we strongly ask that silence be maintained at all the times. This is to help the judges to listen clearly to the speakers.
8. The judges' decisions will be final.