

IACS Bible, Academic, and Fine Arts Tournament

2025 Senior High Quick Reference Guide (as of 11/18/24)

*Please refer to the 2025 IACS Tournament Guide
& 2020 Edition AACNS National Competition Manual.*

Tournament Dates

- **Debate:** March 6th (at Schaumburg Christian School, Schaumburg)
- **Bible Quiz:** March 11th (at Schaumburg Christian School, Schaumburg)
- **Fine Arts Tournament:** March 13th & March 14th (at Schaumburg Christian School, Schaumburg)

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Contestant Eligibility

1. Senior High competition is open to students in **grades 9-12**.
2. Students in **grades 7-8** may compete in the following areas:
Handbell/Handchime
Orchestra/Band
Youth Choir
3. **9th graders** are eligible to participate in the same individual categories for both Junior High and Senior High competitions. However, they **cannot** use the same piece in both competitions (i.e. Bible Teaching, Preaching, Music, Speech, and Art).
4. **9th graders** may only take academic tests on the Senior High level of competition.

Class Designation

1. For Senior High, class distinctions shall be made in the following categories:
Choral Group
Handbell/Handchime Choir
Orchestra/Band
Youth Choir
2. **Class A** 60 or fewer students in Senior High (Grades 9-12)
Class AA 61 or more students in Senior High (Grades 9-12)
A Class A school may choose to compete as a Class AA school. Class distinctions are indicated on the tournament registration form. If this is indicated, the Class A school would be expected to compete as a Class AA school in all categories where class distinctions are made.

Limitation of Contestants

1. **INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION** - A student may enter the following:
 - One individual Bible performance category (Preaching, Bible Memory, Bible Teaching)
 - One individual Music category
 - One individual Speech category (Acting and Debate are considered group categories)
 - Three Art categories

- One Science Fair category
 - The Spelling Bee (An individual may not be entered in the Spelling Bee and Bible Memory, because these two events occur at the same time.)
 - Unlimited Academic tests
 - The same individual may be entered in Bible Quiz, Readers' Theatre, Choric Speaking, and each music group category.
- *Keep in mind that if an individual is entered in all of the above, he may have serious scheduling conflicts on tournament day.****

2. **SCHOOL PARTICIPATION** - A school may enter the following:

- Art Three entries per individual category,
- Academics Unlimited number of participants
- Spelling/Science Fair Three contestants per individual category
- Bible Three contestants per individual category
- Bible Quiz Two Bible Quiz teams (team members may not cross over from one team to the other team at any time during the tournament)
- Music Two contestants per individual category
Two groups per group category
One Choral Group
One Handbell/Handchime Choir
One Orchestra/Band
One Youth Choir
- Speech Two contestants per individual category
Two Acting teams (group category)
One Readers' Theatre
One Choric Speaking Group

ACADEMIC TESTING Categories - All academic tests (except for the writing categories) will be registered for, paid for, and taken on-line through the TestPoint Competition Testing Program.

Code	Category	# of Contestants per Category	Cost
TACC	Accounting	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
TADM	Advanced Mathematics	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
TALI	Algebra I (9 th grade only) <i>(Not an AACS National Category)</i>	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
TALG	Algebra II / Geometry	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
TBIO	Biology	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
TCHE	Chemistry	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
TCWP	Creative Writing: Poetry	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per entry
TENG	English	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
TEWE	Expository Writing: Essay	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per entry

THOM	Home Economics	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
TMUS	Music Theory	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
TNEW	New Testament Bible Knowledge	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
TOLD	Old Testament Bible Knowledge	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
TPHY	Physics	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
TPOL	Political Science / Economics	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
TSPA	Spanish	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
TUSG	United States History / Geography	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
TWHG	World History / Geography	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test

ART Categories - An Art tag AND an Artist's Idea Statement are required for each entry

(tags located on IACS website - www.illinoisacs.org / statements located in AACS Manual, pages 122-123).

Code	Category	# of Contestants per Category	Cost
AACR	Acrylic Painting	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
ACAL	Calligraphy	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
ACRA	Crafts	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
ADIM	Digital Media	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
AGAR	Garment Construction	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
AMIX	Mixed Media	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
AMON	Monochromatic Drawing	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
AOIL	Oil Painting	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
APLA	Photography-Landscapes & Architecture	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
APPA	Photography-People & Animal	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
APSL	Photography-Still Life & Macro	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
APOL	Polychromatic Drawing	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
APRI	Printmaking	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
ASCU	Sculpture	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
ATEX	Textiles	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
AWAT	Watercolor	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
AWOO	Woodworking	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person

BIBLE Individual Categories

Code	Category	2025 Details	# of Contestants per Category	Cost
BMEM	Bible Memory	Prayer	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
BTEA	Bible Teaching	10-15 Min.	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
BEVA	Preaching - Evangelistic	10-15 Min.	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
BEXP	Preaching - Expository	10-15 Min.	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
BTOP	Preaching - Topical	10-15 Min.	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person

BIBLE Group Categories

Code	Category	2025 Details	# of Contestants per Category	Cost
BQUI	Bible Quiz - Team 1	Hebrews I & II Peter	SH - up to 5 members, plus 2 subs per game	SH - \$60 per group
BQUI	Bible Quiz - Team 2	Hebrews I & II Peter	SH - up to 5 members, plus 2 subs per game	SH - \$60 per group

MUSIC Individual Categories

Code	Category	2025 Details	# of Contestants per Category	Cost
MBRS	Brass Solo	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
MCLA	Classical Piano Solo	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
MFVS	Female Vocal Solo	2 pieces - 10 min. 1 must be sacred and in English	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
MMVS	Male Vocal Solo	2 pieces - 10 min. 1 must be sacred and in English	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
MPER	Percussion Solo	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
MSAC	Sacred Piano Solo	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
MSTR	String Solo	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
MWWS	Woodwind Solo	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person

MUSIC Group Categories

Code	Category	2025 Details	# of Contestants per Category	Cost
MCGR	Choral Group	2 pieces - 12 min. 1 must be sacred and in English	SH - 13-24 students (1 per school)	SH - \$45 per group
MCDT	Duet - Classical Piano	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2 students / 1 piano (2 per school)	SH - \$35 per group
MSDT	Duet - Sacred Piano	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2 students / 1 piano (2 per school)	SH - \$35 per group
MSIE	Ensemble - Small Instrumental	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2-6 students (2 groups per school)	SH - \$35 per group
MLIE	Ensemble - Large Instrumental	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 7-12 students (2 groups per school)	SH - \$40 per group
MSVE	Ensemble - Small Vocal	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2-6 students (2 groups per school)	SH - \$35 per group
MLVE	Ensemble - Large Vocal	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 7-12 students (2 groups per school)	SH - \$40 per group
MHBC	Handbell / Handchime Choir	2 pieces - 15 min.	SH - 7+ students (1 group per school)	SH - \$45 per group
MHBE	Handbell / Handchime Ensemble	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2-6 students (2 groups per school)	SH - \$35 per group
MBAN	Orchestra / Band	2 pieces - 15 min.	SH - 13+ students (1 group per school)	SH - \$45 per group
MYOU	Youth Choir <i>(Not an AACS National Category)</i>	2 pieces - 12min. 1 piece must be sacred	SH - 25+ students (1 group per school)	SH - \$45 per group

SPEECH Individual Categories

Code	Category	2025 Details	# of Contestants per Category	Cost
SDEC	Declamation	5-10 minutes	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
SDRA	Dramatic Interpretation	5-10 minutes	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
DEXT	Extemporaneous Speaking	5-10 minutes Sources: Time, World Magazine, and the Bible	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
SHUM	Humorous Interpretation	5-10 minutes	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
SSCR	Oral Interpretation of Scripture	5-10 minutes	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
SPOE	Oral Interpretation of Poetry	5-10 minutes	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
SOPO	Original Persuasive Oratory	5-10 minutes	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
SREL	Religious Reading	5-10 minutes	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person

SPEECH Group Categories

Code	Category	2025 Details	# of Contestants per Category	Cost
SCHO	Choric Speaking	5-13 minutes	SH - 7-15 individuals (1 group per school)	SH - \$45 per group
SDEB	Debate	Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly strengthen its protection of domestic intellectual property rights in copyrights, patents, and/or trademarks.	SH - 2 individuals (2 teams per school)	SH - \$60 per group
SDUT	Acting	5-13 minutes	SH - 2-6 individuals (2 groups per school)	SH - \$35 per group
STHE	Readers' Theatre	5-13 minutes	SH - 3-6 individuals (1 group per school)	SH - \$35 per group

SPELLING AND SCIENCE FAIR Categories

Code	Category	2025 Details	# of Contestants per Category	Cost
TBSF	Science Fair - Biological	Refer to the AACCS Manual (2020 Edition)	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
TPSF	Science Fair - Physical	Refer to the AACCS Manual (2020 Edition)	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
TSPL	Spelling	The word lists can be found on the IACS and AACCS websites.	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person