



## Bible, Academic, and Fine Arts Tournament

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# SENIOR HIGH

## 2026 Quick Reference Guide

*Please refer to the 2026 IACS Tournament Guide  
& 2025 Edition AACCS National Competition Manual.*

### Tournament Dates

- **Debate:** March 12<sup>th</sup> (at Schaumburg Christian School, Schaumburg)
- **Bible Quiz:** March 17<sup>th</sup> (at Schaumburg Christian School, Schaumburg)
- **Fine Arts Tournament:** March 19<sup>th</sup> & March 20<sup>th</sup> (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. **9<sup>th</sup> 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. **9<sup>th</sup> 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 (*A student may compete in both Videography categories in addition to three Individual 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:

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

**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 <sup>th</sup> grade only) <i>(Not an AACS National Category)</i>	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
TALG	Algebra II	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 test
TENG	English	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
TEWE	Expository Writing: Essay	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
TGEO	Geometry	SH Unlimited	SH - \$12 per test
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 Individual Categories** - An Art tag AND an Artist's Idea Statement are required for each entry  
(tags located on IACS website - [www.illinoisacs.org](http://www.illinoisacs.org) / statements located in AACCS Manual, pages 129-132).

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
AWFC	Wood Furniture & Cabinetmaking	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person

**ART Group Categories** - A Videography Artist's Idea Statement, music documentation, list of participants and release forms are required for each entry. (all required forms are located in the AACCS Manual, pages 129-132).

Code	Category	# of Contestants per Category	Cost
AVAN	Animation Videography	SH – 2 groups per school (unlimited participants in each group)	SH - \$50 per group
AVLA	Live Action Videography	SH – 2 groups per school (unlimited participants in each group)	SH - \$50 per group

**BIBLE Individual Categories**

Code	Category	2026 Details	# of Contestants per Category	Cost
<b>BMEM</b>	Bible Memory	God's Promises	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>BTEA</b>	Bible Teaching	10-15 Min.	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>BEVA</b>	Preaching - Evangelistic	10-15 Min.	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>BEXP</b>	Preaching - Expository	10-15 Min.	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>BTOP</b>	Preaching - Topical	10-15 Min.	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person

**BIBLE Group Categories**

Code	Category	2026 Details	# of Contestants per Category	Cost
<b>BQUI</b>	Bible Quiz - Team 1	Romans James	SH - up to 5 members, plus 2 subs per game	SH - \$60 per group
<b>BQUI</b>	Bible Quiz - Team 2	Romans James	SH - up to 5 members, plus 2 subs per game	SH - \$60 per group

**MUSIC Individual Categories**

Code	Category	2026 Details	# of Contestants per Category	Cost
<b>MBRS</b>	Brass Solo	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>MCGS</b>	Classical Guitar Solo	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>MCLA</b>	Classical Piano Solo	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>MFVS</b>	Female Vocal Solo	2 pieces - 10 min. 1 must be sacred and in English	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>MMVS</b>	Male Vocal Solo	2 pieces - 10 min. 1 must be sacred and in English	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>MPER</b>	Percussion Solo	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>MSAC</b>	Sacred Piano Solo	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>MSTR</b>	String Solo	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>MWWS</b>	Woodwind Solo	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person

**MUSIC Group Categories**

Code	Category	2026 Details	# of Contestants per Category	Cost
<b>MCGR</b>	Choral Group	2 pieces - 12 min. (1 must be sacred and in English)	SH - 13-24 students (1 per school)	SH - \$45 per group
<b>MCDT</b>	Duet - Classical Piano	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2 students / 1 piano (2 per school)	SH - \$35 per group
<b>MSDT</b>	Duet - Sacred Piano	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2 students / 1 piano (2 per school)	SH - \$35 per group
<b>MSIE</b>	Ensemble - Small Instrumental	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2-6 students (2 groups per school)	SH - \$35 per group
<b>MLIE</b>	Ensemble - Large Instrumental	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 7-12 students (2 groups per school)	SH - \$40 per group
<b>MSVE</b>	Ensemble - Small Vocal	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2-6 students (2 groups per school)	SH - \$35 per group
<b>MLVE</b>	Ensemble - Large Vocal	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 7-12 students (2 groups per school)	SH - \$40 per group
<b>MHBC</b>	Handbell / Handchime Choir	2 pieces - 15 min.	SH - 7+ students (1 group per school)	SH - \$45 per group
<b>MHBE</b>	Handbell / Handchime Ensemble	1 piece - 8 min.	SH - 2-6 students (2 groups per school)	SH - \$35 per group
<b>MBAN</b>	Orchestra / Band	2 pieces - 15 min.	SH - 13+ students (1 group per school)	SH - \$45 per group
<b>MYOU</b>	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	2026 Details	# of Contestants per Category	Cost
<b>SDEC</b>	Declamation	5-10 minutes	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>SDRA</b>	Dramatic Interpretation	5-10 minutes	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>DEXT</b>	Extemporaneous Speaking	5-10 minutes Sources: Time, World Magazine, and the Bible	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>SHUM</b>	Humorous Interpretation	5-10 minutes	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>SSCR</b>	Oral Interpretation of Scripture	5-10 minutes	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>SPOE</b>	Oral Interpretation of Poetry	5-10 minutes	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>SOPO</b>	Original Persuasive Oratory	5-10 minutes	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>SREL</b>	Religious Reading	5-10 minutes	SH - 2 per school	SH - \$12 per person

**SPEECH Group Categories**

Code	Category	2026 Details	# of Contestants per Category	Cost
<b>SCHO</b>	Choric Speaking	5-13 minutes	SH - 7-15 individuals (1 group per school)	SH - \$45 per group
<b>SDEB</b>	Debate	Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly increase its exploration and/or development of the Arctic.	SH - 2 individuals (2 teams per school)	SH - \$60 per group
<b>SDUT</b>	Acting	5-13 minutes	SH - 2-6 individuals (2 groups per school)	SH - \$35 per group
<b>STHE</b>	Readers' Theatre	5-13 minutes	SH - 3-6 individuals (1 group per school)	SH - \$35 per group

**SPELLING AND SCIENCE FAIR Categories**

Code	Category	2026 Details	# of Contestants per Category	Cost
<b>TBSF</b>	Science Fair - Biological	Refer to the AACCS Manual (2025 Edition)	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>TPSF</b>	Science Fair - Physical	Refer to the AACCS Manual (2025 Edition)	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person
<b>TSPL</b>	Spelling	The word lists can be found on the IACS and AACCS websites.	SH - 3 per school	SH - \$12 per person