

ACADEMIC GAMES

Games consist of all subjects, including: Math, English Literature, History, Geography and general knowledge. It is open to all junior high school students, currently we have teams in eight of our junior high schools. The Lake Washington School District Academic Games program has been in this district since 1992.

Requirements:

- junior high and middle school students (grades 6-9) - 6th graders must be attending a middle school (6-8) to be eligible.
- minimum of 15 students per team
- individual and group participation opportunities within games
- \$35 individual participation fee (LWSD covers team fees)
- Team practices typically begin in December
- Teams typically meet weekly
- Coaches are provided with sample questions, and can create their own as well

Upcoming Important Dates:

Saturday February 7, 2009 and Saturday February 28, 2009

The district games are played at the Lake Washington School District Resource Center (Redmond Town Center) starting at 9:00 am. Each team will play 2 games on both Saturdays for a total of 4 games each. The winning team from the district then plays in the national tournament.

For more information:

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Game Details:

Each game consists of four quarters lasting about 15 minutes. Each quarter being a different format.

The first quarter is a one on one format with questions being asked of a specific team member. This is not a 'speed 'round. Ten students are needed.

Team work comes into play in the second quarter when five members of the team work together to answer the questions which might need multiple answers. The first team to answer correctly wins the points. Ten students are needed.

For the third quarter, the team is given a subject one week before the game. The team must then research the subject so that on game day they can plan and make a presentation. The team participating in this quarter receives its question as the first quarter begins, which gives them approximately thirty minutes to prepare a presentation. The students are not allowed to take any written research into the preparation room however they are encouraged to make posters as part of the presentation. Minimum of five students, maximum of ten students needed for this quarter.

The final quarter is again one on one however this is against the buzzer which can make it a very fast round. If neither of the players can answer the question posed to them or they answer incorrectly, the question is then opened up to the remainder of the team members. Ten students are needed.

The same students can be involved in the first two quarters however a different group is needed for the third quarter and then anyone from the first three quarters can participate in the final quarter.

The district games are played in February and the winning team from the district then goes on to play in the national competition beginning in March. These games are played via tele-conferencing and are a wonderful opportunity for students to meet and talk with other students from around the nation. Lake Washington has a reputation for being 'the district to watch' as our teams are consistently in the Elite Eight or above.

Sample Questions:

1st Quarter Questions

- Explain what you are doing if you "mollify" an angry person
- Name the Latin American country that includes the Gulf of Campeche, The Isthmus of Tehatepec and the Yucatan Peninsula

2nd Quarter Questions

- List the products below from the most expensive to the least expensive, based on the price per pound: A car = \$7,000 and weighs 2,000 lbs.; Popcorn = \$0.60 per 2-oz bag.; Felt-tip pen = \$0.89; weighs 1 oz.; Lipstick = \$6.00; weighs 2.5 oz.; Breakfast cereal = \$2.25 per 9oz bag.
- Explain the possible consequences if all the insects in the world died.

3rd Quarter topics

- have included Graffiti, Cloning, The Penny, School Uniforms, Downloading Music, Plastic grocery Bags.

4th Quarter Questions

- Calculate the cube root of -64
- State the term for the process in which energy is emitted as particles or waves.

National Academic League Coaches 2008-2009 school year

Redmond Jr. High	Sara Crinnion
Kirkland Jr. High	Amy Myhre
North Star Jr. High	Erica Fleming
Inglewood Jr. High	Kate Pruitt & Grant Greenman
Kamiakin Jr. High	Ronica Wilson
Evergreen Jr. High	Mandy Smith
Rose Hill Jr. High	Judy Linett
Renaissance School	Martha Daman

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