



# Academic Pentathlon

2023-2024

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## Curriculum

Academic Pentathlon uses curriculum provided by the United States Academic Pentathlon (USAP). The curriculum incorporates math, science, language arts, social studies, music, and art history.

## Theme

Technology and Humanity.

## Supplies

Many of these supplies can be found at the Dollar Store. If you are unable to obtain any of these necessary supplies, please let Ms. Lagos know.

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- 1 set of 3x5 index cards
  - Loose-leaf notebook paper
  - Highlighter, any color

## Overview

Students will spend the year studying for the Academic Pentathlon which takes place on various dates beginning in March 2024. The competition consists of five tests, a speech, an essay, and the Super Quiz. The Awards ceremony will take place April 20, 2023. Time to be announced. Parents and families are encouraged to attend!

## Homework

Students will receive homework periodically. Homework assignments will include studying specific topics, writing definitions, writing essays, or reading.

## Novel

Students will read the novel "Cinder" by Marissa Meyers. Students will be provided a copy and we will read the novel as a class. We will be reading for comprehension and there will be comprehension checks and writing.

## Tests

For the competition, students will take five tests spread out over two days. There will be one test for each subject: literature (20m, 30Q), mathematics (30m, 35Q), science (30m, 50Q), social science (30m, 50Q), and fine arts (30m, 50Q). The Official Competition will take place Saturday, April 20, 2024. Time to be announced. Attendance is MANDATORY.

## Essay

Students will write an essay as part of the competition. Students will have 40 minutes to write an essay based on their choice of three provided prompts. The prompts will be

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related to the novel. We will write several practice essays during the year. The official Essay Test takes place March 14, 2024 at DMS during the school day.

## Speech

It is my dream to have all students participate in the speech competition. However, I understand that public speaking can be daunting. For this reason, I will take volunteers for the speech competition. Students will receive instruction on how to write and deliver a speech. Students will choose their own topic with guidance from Ms. Lagos. The Official Speech takes place on Monday, April 15, 2024 from 5:30pm to 7:30 pm at SCOE Offices in Modesto. Transportation will be provided.

## Super Quiz

Possibly the most exciting part of the competition is the Super Quiz. Three students from each division will be chosen to compete against the other participating teams in a quiz bowl competition. Students will be on stage answering questions in real time. The Super Quiz will take place on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at the Petersen Event Center, time to be announced.



***Sign below and return to Ms. Lagos as soon as possible.***

- I have read and understand the requirements for this course.
- I will abide by class rules and purchase all necessary supplies.
- Download the AERIES app for communication.**

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature