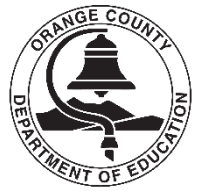




Orange County Department of Education  
Educational Services Division

**Orange County Academic Decathlon**  
**2025-2026 Competition Options for Grades 9 and 10**



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Junior Varsity (JV) Competition	Main Competition
Students participate in the following <b>six</b> events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Art</li><li>• Literature</li><li>• Music</li><li>• Interview</li><li>• Science</li><li>• Social Science</li></ul>	Students participate in all <b>ten</b> events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Art</li><li>• Economics</li><li>• Essay</li><li>• Interview</li><li>• Literature</li><li>• Mathematics</li><li>• Music</li><li>• Speech<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Prepared (3.5 – 4 minutes)</li><li>○ Impromptu (1.5 – 2 minutes)</li></ul></li><li>• Science</li><li>• Social Science</li></ul>
Fees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• JV students compete individually for \$50 per student.</li></ul>	Fees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Competing as a member of the school team<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Fee for the first 6-9 students is \$695</li><li>○ Fee for additional students beyond 9 (or less than 6) is \$100 per student</li></ul></li></ul>
GPA Calculation Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grade 9 – submit official high school transcript showing proof of enrollment</li><li>• Grade 10 – submit official high school transcript with unweighted cumulative grade point average listed or as calculated using designated GPA calculation form</li></ul>	GPA Calculation Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grade 9 – submit official high school transcript showing proof of enrollment</li><li>• Grades 10-12 – submit official high school transcript with unweighted cumulative grade point average listed or as calculated using designated GPA calculation form</li></ul>
Eligibility for Medals: Students must participate in all <b>six</b> events held on the following dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Saturday, January 24, 2026</li><li>• Saturday, January 31, 2026</li></ul>	Eligibility for Medals: Students must participate in all <b>ten</b> events held on the following dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wednesday, January 14, 2026</li><li>• Saturday, January 24, 2026</li><li>• Saturday, January 31, 2026</li></ul>
Awards: Individual awards will be announced as part of the main competition award ceremony on February 6, 2026.	Awards: Team and individual medals will be presented on February 6, 2026.
Eligibility for State Competition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• JV competitors are not eligible to compete at the in-person state competition, but may participate in the virtual California Academic Decathlon competition.</li></ul>	Eligibility for State Competition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Based upon overall team scores, students competing as a part of the school team may be invited to the in-person California Academic Decathlon competition.</li><li>• Students competing individually as alternates or as a member of the school team are eligible to compete in the virtual California Academic Decathlon.</li></ul>

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