

Academic Pentathlon

Build a Team. Inspire Excellence.

Give students the opportunity to grow in knowledge, confidence, and teamwork.

Start an Academic Pentathlon Team at Your School!

Academic Pentathlon is an exciting 5-event contest for grades 6-8. Students of all achievement levels participate in a variety of challenging academic events. The program builds academic and social emotional skills, engages students, families, and community members, and fosters school connectedness.



Student Benefits

- Prepare for high school
- Practice critical reading
- Enhance teamwork and collaboration skills
- Receive recognition and awards



Learning Opportunities

- Learn, study, and interact in a team setting
- Compete in an exciting Super Quiz relay, where parents, coaches, and classmates cheer for teams from the sidelines, championing academics much like the environment of a sporting event



LCAP Priorities

- #3 Parent Involvement
- #4 Student Achievement
- #5 Student Engagement
- #6 School Climate



Students reported that Pentathlon helped them build relationships with peers at their school



Students reported improved communication skills



Students reported improved critical thinking skills

Survey conducted with 222 students in grades 6-8 during 2025-26 competition season



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