



TRANSCRIPT

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Title: Academic Pentathlon

- Academic Pentathlon is a super fun academic team competition for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders.
- It focuses on five different subjects.
- Math.
- Literature.
- Science.
- Social science.
- And fine arts.
- We also study a new theme each year.
- There are nine students of all academic levels on each team.
- So no matter what your GPA is, you can be a part of a team.
- Making friendships that last a lifetime.
- The Pentathlon program should be started at every school because it's beneficial first, for the kids. They get an opportunity to learn things that they've never learned before. They learn collaboration, team spirit, they learn life skills.
- Pentathlon's a great way to get students of all kind of abilities and grade levels to really participate in something academic and competitive so it's a lot of fun.
- [Catherine] I certainly am challenged, I learn so much as a teacher and it's a joy to work with the children on a different level and in a different way.
- I think my coaches are great. They teach a lot of skills I can use on later in my life.
- [Michael] These guys are really diving into some really high level things that they won't see until probably their first or second year of college.
- I chose to be in Pentathlon because one, my sister was in it too and I was kind of inspired by her to join this awesome group.
- It gives them the idea of working with a team and maybe these aren't their friends, but these become like academic colleagues and they suddenly realize that they have a group of kids that they can depend on and work together and achieve something really awesome.

- [Michael] It's a great way for these kids to go out and represent their school and kind of show off what they know and what they can learn and so the kids that really want to push forward and do something extra, this provides that excellent opportunity for them.

- I like learning all about whatever the topic is of that year and I also like bonding with my teammates and the feeling of teamwork that you get from joining Pentathlon. I also like the excitement of competition day because you know your stuff and you just want to represent your school well.

- [Announcer] And the answer is D.

- It's loud and it's very exciting. Parents can also come to watch and cheer us on.

- It just blows my mind every single time I walk in the door, every single day that I work with them, I'm just amazed with how successful they are. The things that these kids can do is really what motivates us as educators and it really reminds you of why you really got into this in the first place and you see those light bulbs going off like crazy during these meetings and there's nothing better than that for an educator.

- I like the fact that we can work together and it all pays off in the award shows and you get like your moment to shine and you get a medal and it really pays off when you get a high score for your team.

- Are you ready for the Academic Pentathlon challenge?

- Start your team today!

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