

ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

Academic Competitions challenge capable students and enhance their skills in communication, collaboration, and research. Participation is open to students attending public and private schools in the region served by Southern Oregon University.

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SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY PRE-COLLEGE YOUTH PROGRAMS

SOU Pre-College Youth Programs is an organization dedicated to providing enriching, educational opportunities to children in grades K through 12. Our primary goal is to supplement regional school curricula with programs outside the scope and resources of the public school system. Check out our enrichment classes, summer opportunities, residential camps, and more on the web.

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ACADEMIC COMPETITION CALENDAR

Southern Oregon Mathematics League

October/November/February/March/April
High School

State of Jefferson Scavenger Hunt

January
High School

January
Middle School

Middle School Brain Bowl

January–March
Grades 6–8

Varsity Brain Bowl

February–April
High School

Junior Varsity Brain Bowl

February
High School

Best of the Best Art Show

April
High School

Spelling Contest

March–May
Grades 1–12

Scrabble Tournament

April
Grades 6–8

To find out how your
school can participate please contact:
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STATE OF JEFFERSON SCAVENGER HUNT

Participants in the State of Jefferson Scavenger Hunt have three days to find answers to academic, artistic, current news, and Internet questions using school library resources and documentation. School teams involve as many students and adults as possible in the high-pressure task of finding and documenting the right answers. The hunt ends with an adjudication session chaired by an attorney where competing teams can challenge and defend their responses. Students learn to use teamwork, verbal communication, critical thinking, organization, and library skills. The High School and Middle School Scavenger Hunts take place in the winter.

SOUTHERN OREGON MATHEMATICS LEAGUE (SOML)

Southern Oregon Mathematics League conducts five math competitions throughout the year. High schools form up to three teams of six junior and senior advanced math students. The competition includes three individual events followed by a team collaboration. Three students from a team compete in each event. Competitions are scheduled in October, November, February, March, and April. For more information about SOML, contact Dr. Larry Shrewsbury in the SOU Department of Mathematics at (541)552-6583.

SOUTHERN OREGON BRAIN BOWL

Brain Bowl is another team competition. Questions cover social studies, geography, mathematics, literature, art, and current events. The most successful teams exhibit collaboration, teamwork, confidence, and a willingness to take risks. Brain Bowl is offered at three levels:

Varsity Brain Bowl is the premier high school level competition in our region. Teams generally include juniors and seniors (but are not limited to these grades) who are experienced in competing at previous levels. The winning team from this regional competition has the opportunity to represent the southern Oregon region in national competition. The SOU Varsity Brain Bowl Tournament is held in February. The semi and final competitions are held on TV in April.

Junior Varsity Brain Bowl is for less experienced students who may compete on a junior varsity team at the same tournament in February. These teams will play in their own brackets competing against other junior varsity teams. Competition at this level ends the same day as the tournament with a winner determined.

Middle School Brain Bowl competition involves students in grades 6 through 8 in weekly games similar to athletic competitions offered at this level. Questions are designed to be more challenging as each week passes. By the end, these teams are successfully responding to high school level challenges. Middle School Brain Bowl is held from January through early March.

BEST OF THE BEST ART SHOW

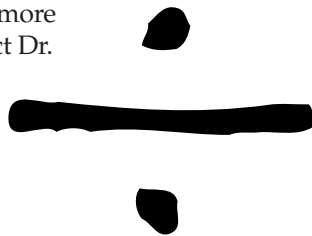
Talented and dedicated art students in high school grades 9 through 12 have the opportunity to display their work in a professional setting and attend a day long art seminar. In February, artwork submitted within each school is screened by a group of faculty, artists and district representatives. They forward the best work to be displayed in the Best of the Best Art Show. A jury of professional and accomplished artists then selects the Best of Show. All students compete against each other for this privilege, as there are no age or grade categories. The Best of the Best Art Show takes place in the spring.

SPELLING CONTEST

The Regional Spelling Contest is held at grade levels 1 through 5, 6 through 8, and 9 through 12. Contests begin in March within each school. Winners from each school then compete to determine the school district's representative. At the final contest in the spring, the district winners compete against each other to determine the region's representative at the state contest held in August during the state fair.

SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT

Play School Scrabble and test spelling abilities against other students who love the game. Middle School students enrolled in grades 6-8 may compete in this exciting one day tournament. Each school may register up to five teams (two players per team). Using School Scrabble rules, the tournament will consist of six games. The event will be held in April at Southern Oregon University.



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