

Academic Decathlon-Elective

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Required Text:

Materials covering a variety of subjects in: Art, Economics, Language & Literature, Math, Music, Social Science, Science, Speech, Essay, and Interview

Description:

Welcome to Academic Decathlon. This program is an elective that provides intensive studies in a variety of core subjects, while focusing on an assigned topic. The program is set to prepare students for the rigorous environment of a competitive nature in alignment with California U.S. Academic Decathlon (USAD) standards. The interdisciplinary program covers the fundamentals of a curriculum in six different subjects, and provides training in speech, essay, and interview techniques. The program addresses the standard aspects of the following:

- a) Five of the six National Content Standards for Visual Arts (Grades 9-12)
- b) All twenty of the Voluntary National Content Standards in Economics
- c) Eleven of the twelve Curriculum and Content Area Standards for English and Language Arts
- d) All five of the National Content Standards for School Mathematics (Grades 9-12)
- e) Four of the nine National Content Standards for Music (Grades 9-12)
- f) Four of the seven National Science Education Content Standards (Grades 9-12)
- g) Four of the ten National Curriculum Standards for World History (Grades 9-12)

Goals:

1. To prepare students' knowledge in a variety of interdisciplinary curriculum
2. To promote students' imaginative abilities in reaction to an assigned topic.
3. To introduce and help students develop techniques through styles of genres; history and movements; literary, musical, and mathematical concepts; key terms and relevance.
4. To provide an opportunity to increase understanding in a variety of subject matter and to encourage well rounded individual and group interactions that are rigorous, relevant, and responsive to social issues

Requirements:

Students are required to come to class prepared with all necessary materials, maintain a Classroom Curriculum Notebook, follow all school and classroom rules (**Respectful, Responsible, Safe, Academically Engaged**), and to participate in classroom activities, discussions, and group interactions.

Resources:

USAD Guides, Library/Career Center use, additional reading materials, videos, music, and additional outside sources—including field trips.

