



TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE EDUCATORS COMPETITIVE EVENTS

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LEVELS IN COMPETITIVE EVENTS:	
What are the levels and who can compete in each level?	<p>There are 5 levels:</p> <p>Middle School (MS) - This is for members in 7th & 8th grades.</p> <p>Junior Varsity (JV) – This is for members in 9th & 10th grades.</p> <p>Varsity (V) – This is for members in 11th & 12th grades.</p> <p>Collegiate – This is for students who have graduated high school and who are attending an institution of higher education. This is not for dual credit or collegiate academies in high school.</p> <p>Special Edition (SE) – This is for students who are on an IEP. It is specifically designed to accommodate special needs students who need accommodations to compete in the competitions.</p>
Can a 9 th or 10 th grader compete with an 11 th or 12 th grader?	<p>Yes. However, they must compete in the Varsity division. Junior Varsity students can compete up a level with another person from Varsity, but Varsity cannot compete down a level with a person from Junior Varsity.</p> <p>Middle School cannot compete with JV or V. JV and V cannot compete with Collegiate.</p>
How many can compete in each level for each competitive event?	<p>In the guidelines for each competitive event, it states how many entries a chapter can enter in that event. That is the number that each chapter can enter in each level that is open to that event. Example 1: Creative Lecture has 2 entries, but it is open to MS, JV, V, and Collegiate. Two (2) entries can be entered for each level. Example 2: Ethical Dilemma has one (1) entry, but it is open to JV, V, and Collegiate. One (1) entry can be entered at each level per chapter.</p>
How many can advance to nationals in each level of competitions?	Top ten (10) can advance to nationals in each level.
ALTERNATES:	
Can I substitute a competitor?	<p>Events with only one competitor cannot be substituted.</p> <p>Events with more than one competitor can be substituted if at least one of the competitors was in the original group. A substitute must complete the Competitive Events Change Form.</p>
If two students competed in an event at Area and only one competed in that event at State, can the original two compete at Nationals?	No, only the number of students who competed at State will be allowed to advance to Nationals.



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What if I qualify for the next level of competitions and I am unable to attend.	Out of courtesy to other TAFE members, contact the State office immediately.
If I am competing in three events, can I be an alternate for another event?	No, not at area. However, if you only advance to state in 2 of your events, you can be an alternate in 1 other event if you are not in more than 2 national events.
COMPETITION MATERIALS:	
What do I do with my displays, portfolio, or children's book once I have finished my competition?	Competitors keep their own items after the judging of their event. <u>Do not leave them with judges, facilitators, volunteers, etc.</u> You are responsible for safeguarding your own project items.
What do I do if the judge asks to keep my book, portfolio, or display?	Leave it and ask the judge when you should return to pick it up. Then, return and pick it up at the time given to you by the judge. If there is no one in the room when you return, go to the competitive events headquarters room to see if it was turned in there. All items must be picked up by the end of competition day or they will be discarded.
Can I completely change my project between Area and State or between State and Nationals?	No! You can only improve upon your original project.
DRESS CODE:	
Can competitors wear costumes?	Only <u>six events</u> allow competitors to dress in character costumes and then only if the costumes were used during the original project or presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Children's Literature K-3 Spanish</u>, <u>Children's Literature Pre- K Spanish</u>, <u>Children's Literature Pre-K</u>, and <u>Children's Literature K-3</u> competitors can dress in character costumes relevant to the book. • <u>Project Visualize (TRAFLE)</u> contestants may choose to dress in costumes worn during their project. For example, if a group did a fairytale reading night and they dressed up like characters from the fairytales they were reading, those costumes could be used in the contest presentation. • <u>Professional Development Presentation Competition</u> can dress in character pertaining to the presentation
Does the Competitors' Dress Code Compliance form have to be signed for Area and State conferences?	These should be reviewed, but by wearing your conference name badge, you agree to adhere to the TAFE dress code. Name badges should be always worn during the duration of your



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	conference. Chapters could lose IN GOOD STANDING status with the TAFE organization if students are flagged for a dress code violation.
Why do I have to always be in professional dress?	We are setting a standard of dress for the teaching profession. Competitors should observe professional dress as defined by the Dress Code Compliance Form .
ELF & PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TESTS:	
When do I take the ELF and Parliamentary Procedures test?	All tests are taken prior to either competitors Area conference or the Annual Teach Tomorrow Summit.
What do I need to bring with me to the ELF & Parliamentary Procedure test?	You will need to bring your picture ID. The multiple-choice questions will be administered utilizing an online web-based system. The essay will be handwritten on paper provided.
When I am finished with the ELF & PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE tests, can I leave?	Follow the directions of the testing administrator. When given permission, you can leave.
REGISTRATION FOR COMPETITIVE EVENTS:	
In how many competitive events can I compete?	Students can compete in 3 events with no more than 2 national events. ELF Test, Student of the Year, and Breakout Session do not count as part of the 3 events.
	AREA 3 plus Breakout Session and ELF Test
	STATE All State qualified events plus Student of the Year for seniors
	NATIONAL 1 event MAXIMUM
What score qualifies for state?	All <u>contests</u> except ELF test need a qualifying score of 90-100 The ELF test state qualifying score is 70. All competitions are placed, and students must have earned 70% of available points at Area to advance to State and 80% of available points at State to advance to Nationals
What is the number of state qualifiers advancing from area <u>competitions</u> ?	The number of <u>state qualifiers advancing from area</u> in each competition is 5 in each division. This does not include contests or the ELF test.
What is the last day to register for competitive events?	ALL COMPETITIVE EVENT takes place during September 28, 2023-October 10, 2023
When does registration have to be paid?	For area checks must be postmarked by October 31, 2023 and is \$35 per person. For state checks must be postmarked by January 31, 2024 to receive the \$80 per person discounted rate. After January 31, 2024 the rate is \$100 per person.



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RUBRICS:	
Will we get our students' rubrics after they compete?	The scoring information will be sent to the teacher leader's email within a week after the conference.
SCHEDULE CONFLICTS:	
What do I do if I have conflicts with my competitive events schedule?	Fill out a Competitive Events Change Form and take it to the Competitive Events Headquarters room to get it fixed.
STATEMENT OF ORIGINALITY:	
Does the Statement of Originality have to be signed for Area and State conferences?	Yes, fill this out before Area Statement of Originality , this only needs to be filled out once per competitive event. Children's Literature must have the Statement of Originality with the book.
What is the purpose of the Statement of Originality?	The Statement of Originality is for competitors to sign stating that it is their original work and that it is from the current year. Current year is defined as starting after the TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit for state events and after nationals for all national events.
Do I need a Statement of Originality for every competition I compete in?	Yes, one for each competition.
PREScored MATERIALS:	
When does prescoring take place?	Prescoring only happens for competitions prior to the state conference. NO prescoring takes place prior to area conferences, except for Breakout Session. Bring all materials with you to your competition to be judged.
What is the deadline for sending videos links and documents?	January 26, 2024
Can I make edits to my prescored materials after I submit them?	No, all materials submitted for prescoring will not be rescored onsite if changes are made.
Do I have to bring my documents with me if I submitted them?	YES! It is always better to be prepared in case something happened.
What competitions and materials are prescored?	<p>PDF versions of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Literature K-3 Spanish • Children's Literature Pre-K Spanish • Children's Literature Pre-K • Children's Literature K-3 <p>Essay, Position Papers, and artifacts for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educators Rising Leadership Award • Researching Learning Challenges Competition <p>Interview and Verification forms for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring Education Administration Careers



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring Non-Core Subject Teaching Careers • Exploring Support Services Careers <p>Cover letter and Resume for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job Interview <p>Lesson Plan and Video for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson Planning and Delivery Competition – Arts, • Lesson Planning and Delivery Competition – Career and Technical Education (CTE), • Lesson Planning and Delivery Competition – Humanities, • Lesson Planning and Delivery Competition – STEM • Lesson Planning and Delivery Competition-Spanish • Professional Development Presentation Competition <p>Proposal forms and Applications for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakout Session Contest • TAFE Teacher of the Year • Outstanding Chapter
VOLUNTEERS:	
What are Judge's responsibilities?	<p>Click here for the Judge's Responsibilities.</p> <p>Click here for the Judge's Orientation.</p>
What does a timekeeper, door monitors, and runners do?	<p>Click here for the Student Volunteer Responsibilities.</p> <p>Click here for Student Volunteer Orientation</p>
What if I can't provide a judge?	A judging fee of \$100 is added to those chapters with 1-4 members in attendance. A judging fee of \$200 will be added to those chapters with 5 or more members in attendance.
Can my students be the judges I provide for the state conference?	No, not in place of those being provided to judge. Students who would like to be student judges can be put in as student volunteers.