



A COMPETITION MATCHING TOP STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE STATE

The West Virginia Academic Showdown is an academic head-to-head competition between West Virginia high school teams. A partnership between West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, West Virginia Public Broadcasting, and the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History, 2022 will be the inaugural launch of the state's newest academic competition. The matches will be held at five higher education institutions across the state with 29 teams representing 19 high schools in attendance.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- » The academic showdown is based on a single elimination competition. Schools are allowed up to two teams per school.
- » Regional tournaments will take place in five regions at local universities around West Virginia. The top two teams will advance to the final showdown in Charleston.
- » Each team must have a coach or sponsor who is a school employee or school-approved individual from a full-time academic institution which includes public schools, non-public schools, and home school education associations.
- » High schools may create teams of four students from Grades 9-12. There may be a fifth team member who serves as an alternate.
- » Team attire will be determined by each individual team. Team shirts or other matching attire is encouraged.
- » Each team member must:
 - *be enrolled as a full-time high school student at a participating school;*
 - *have an acceptable attendance and discipline record; and*
 - *have approval from a participating school official.*
- » The participating school will be responsible for all travel and expenses related to participation in the regional and final competition.
- » Questions will come from the following subject areas: literature, math, history, science, geography, fine arts, religion/mythology, social science, philosophy, current events, pop culture and general knowledge.
- » To learn more about the competition guidelines, contact Karen Linville at karen.linville@k12.wv.us.

MEDIA GUIDELINES

- » The contract with National Academic Quiz Tournaments (NAQT) states that we cannot air any of the regional shows until March 20, 2022.
- » Media are encouraged to cover the regional events, but reporters must come before the competition begins to get interviews with participants and organizers of the event.
- » Once the competition begins, recordings must cease as to guard against questions being broadcast statewide that may be used at other regional events. We want to prevent other regional competitors from having an unfair advantage.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- » Saturday, January 15, 2022: Region 1 Event at Marshall University
- » Saturday, January 22, 2022: Region 5 Event at Shepherd University
- » Saturday, January 29, 2022: Region 4 Event at West Virginia University
- » Saturday, February 12, 2022: Region 3 Event at Concord University
- » Saturday, February 19, 2022: Region 2 Event at West Virginia State University
- » Friday, March 25, 2022: Academic Showdown Finale at the West Virginia Culture Center





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SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE WV ACADEMIC SHOWDOWN

REGION 1 - MARSHALL UNIVERSITY - JAN. 15, 2022

Logan Senior High School – 2 teams

Ripley High School

Spring Valley High School

Tug Valley High School

Wayne High School – 2 teams

7 teams/5 schools

REGION 2 - WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY - FEB. 19, 2022

Charleston Catholic High School – 2 teams

Clay County High School

George Washington High School – 2 teams

Nitro High School

Riverside High School

Saint Albans High School – 2 teams

Sherman High School

South Charleston High School – 2 teams

12 teams/8 schools

REGION 3 - CONCORD UNIVERSITY - FEB. 12, 2022

Greenbrier East High School – 2 teams

PikeView High School

3 teams/2 schools

REGION 4 - WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY - JAN. 29, 2022

Weir High School – 2 teams

Wheeling Park High School – 2 teams

4 teams/2 schools

REGION 5 - SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY - JAN. 22, 2022

Berkeley Springs High School – 2 teams

Spring Mills High School

3 teams/2 schools