

Participation Levels & Divisions



Schools, homeschools and groups participate and are ranked in different divisions and levels to allow for more equal competition. Divisions are assigned and levels are selected during the online registration process.

HOMESCHOOL AND GROUP DIVISIONS

Students from homeschools must select the “Home” Division. Students from youth organizations (Boy/Girl Scouts, 4-H, Junior Achievement, YMCA, etc.) must select the “Group” Division. Students may only compete once for state and division ranking. If a student participates as part of a group or homeschool, he/ she may not also participate with a school.

SCHOOL DIVISIONS

The school divisions are based on the following criteria:

1. Admissions Policy (High School TEAMS)

Open: Schools admitting all students regardless of academic excellence or competitive academic criteria (e.g. public schools, charter schools, lottery schools, and private schools where the “selective” definition does not apply).

Selective: Schools in which students are only admitted based on their demonstration of academic excellence, meeting a set of academic standards, or competitive academic criteria (e.g. magnet schools, Governor’s schools, science and math selective academies, private schools where admission is based on academic standing).

2. Senior Class Enrollment Size (High School TEAMS only)

The number of 12th grade students enrolled in the school as of September 30.

School's Admissions Policy	+	12th Grade Enrollment Size	=	Division
Open	+	4-75	=	1
Open	+	76-175	=	3
Open	+	176-275	=	5
Open	+	276-375	=	7
Open	+	376-475	=	9
Open	+	more than 475	=	11
Selective	+	4-125	=	2
Selective	+	more than 125	=	4

School Enrollment (Middle School TEAMS only)

School Enrollment Size	=	Division
Less than 200	=	15
201-400	=	17
Over 400	=	19

LEVELS

Middle School

The middle school designation is used for teams in schools that house grades 7 and 8. Ninth graders may participate at the middle school level only if they are housed at a middle school. Sixth grade students may participate if they are housed in a middle school.

High School

TEAMS has two levels of competition at the high school level: a 9/10 Level and 11/12 Level. Students in grades 9/10 may participate in the 11/12 Level but will compete using those questions and be scored within that Level. Students in grades 11/12 may not participate in the 9/10 Level. [View sample questions by level.](#)

SUBLEVELS

Schools and groups with multiple teams in each level are each assigned team letters (A, B, C...) to differentiate among teams and ensure proper scoring, rankings and awards.

