

## TEAMS FAQ

### How do I register?

Use this [registration link](#) from **August 15, 2025 - January 9, 2026**, to register your team(s).

### What is the average cost?

Teams that register to compete pay \$150 per team and \$100 per additional team registered at the same school.

### When do I register a team?

[Online registration](#) opens **August 15, 2025**. It is recommended that teams register as early as possible since access to competition resource material is available only after registration has been completed. The deadline for registration is **January 9, 2026**.

### Can I register more than one team?

Yes, multiple teams from the same school are allowed.

### If my school has multiple teams, can a student compete on more than one team?

No – students may only compete on one team.

### Can additional teams be added after registration is complete?

Yes. Teams can be added by contacting the [TEAMS Manager](#) until the registration deadline of **January 9, 2026**.

### When is the last date to add a team? Is there a way to drop a team and receive a refund?

Registration closes on **January 9, 2025**. As stated in the TEAMS Policies & Rules, registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

### Is my school eligible for a TEAMS registration discount? If so, where are the discount codes located?

A list of discount codes for eligible schools is available on the [TEAMS website](#).

### When is the competition?

The 2026 competition window is **January 14 - February 18, 2026**. The team coach chooses one day to compete within the competition window. The essay component is submitted prior to the competition window opening. Middle school essays are due **January 12, 2026**. High school essays are due **January 13, 2026**.

### Do I report my competition date to national TSA?

You *do not* report your competition date to TSA. All competition documents must be submitted within the competition window of **January 14 - February 18, 2026**.

### **How many students are on a team?**

Teams must consist of 2-4 students.

### **Where do I enter my student's name?**

Student names are not collected for the TEAMS state-level competition.

### **Who can participate in TEAMS?**

Students in middle school and high school (public or private) are eligible to compete in TEAMS. All teams must be affiliated with a school, and the team contestants must be enrolled at the school.

### **Who can serve as the TEAMS coach?**

While there can be more than one coach for a team, the primary coach must be a faculty member at the participating school. Teams may have a secondary coach who is a non-faculty member (such as a parent).

### **At what level will my teams compete?**

There are two levels: middle school and high school. Middle school TEAMS participants are in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade; fifth grade and ninth grade students may participate at a middle school if they are housed in the building within the middle school. High school TEAMS participants are in 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Where do the competitions take place?**

The TEAMS competition must take place in-person. It is the coach's responsibility to secure a space in which to host the competition locally (i.e., school classroom, gymnasium, library, neighboring school, collegiate host site). This space must adhere to your school's student safety protocols.

### **Can my team(s) compete with other teams?**

Teams from different schools may compete together. It is up to the discretion of the coach to reach out to other TEAMS coaches to coordinate competition date, time, location and manage the event.

Teams may also compete at a nearby college or university. A list of available collegiate host sites is posted on the TEAMS website. Permission must be granted by the collegiate host site to compete at their location.

### **Who can serve as the proctor? How many proctors per team?**

Any person over the age of 18 that is out of high school may serve as the proctor. The team coach may also serve as proctor. One proctor per team is recommended.

### **How will the multiple choice exam be administered?**

One team member must submit the answers in the online testing system. An electronic copy of the exam is provided and may be printed for use during the exam only. All printed copies must be handed in after the time is up and destroyed by the coach.

### **Who can attend the National TEAMS Competitions?**

Teams whose combined overall state level score is among the top nationally will be eligible to compete at the National TEAMS Competitions. Eligible teams will be notified, and registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.