



### Regarding High School:

1. Please make sure you have the current 2025 Edition AACCS Handbook. We will be following the rules from the handbook with a few exceptions. It is available on [aacs.org](https://aacs.org).
2. There are a few things that we do at the state level that are different than what is done at the national level. At the state level, we offer extra categories: choir (25+) and Algebra 1 academic testing. Also, at the state level, instrumental pieces, including piano solos, will not have to be memorized. Please make special note that these are **only at the state level.**
3. Thursday competitions will be Spelling Bee, Bible Memory, Bible Quiz, Science Fair, and Extemporaneous Speaking. Art entries are due Thursday as well. As registrations come in, some competitions may be moved to Thursday. Communications will be sent out if there are any changes.
4. There is no limit on what a student can enter except....
  - A student can only enter once for any category. They cannot compete against themselves.
  - A student can enter no more than 5 art entries total.
  - A student can only compete in either Spelling Bee or Bible Memory due to scheduling conflicts.
5. Debate and Bible Quiz require certain set up and judges, so your school must sign up for debate and Bible Quiz by December 15th. Registration and fees will still be included with the other registration due in February. Emails will be sent out for the sign up for these categories.
6. Regarding Spelling Bee: since we are using the lists provided through AACCS, definitions, parts of speech and uses in a sentence will not be provided unless the words are taken from the homonym list.

### Regarding Junior High:

We will be following the AACCS Handbook like we did last year, however, we will be adjusting some of the rules for the Junior High. All of the adjustments are given below.

1. Creative writing competition is done with the elementary writing competition. Refer to Elementary Guidelines or creative writing link for details.
2. All timed events will be 2 minutes less than what the AACCS Manual says. For example, a 10-12 minute performance for a high school student becomes an 8-10 minute performance for a junior high student.
3. There will be only 1 performance piece for any category
4. Instrumental pieces, including piano solos, do not have to be memorized
5. Bible Memory will be from points I-IV of the 2025-2026: God's Promises in AACCS Handbook
6. The paper for the Science Fair project only needs to be 3 - 5 pages long
7. Regarding Spelling Bee: since we are using the lists provided through AACCS, definitions, parts of speech and uses in a sentence will not be provided unless the words are taken from the homonym list.

### **Charges/Registration:**

1. Registration for academic testing is done completely online and emails will be sent out giving dates of registration and explaining that process.
2. The fees for both JH and HS are \$10 per student per entry for individual categories, \$20 for any duet, and \$40 for any group category that has three or more students.

**April 14–16, 2026**

### **New Competition Manual and Rules**

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**NEW MANUAL!!** The AACCS Competition Manual (2025 edition) governs National Competition 2026–2030. Purchase the **NEW** manual for your school and carefully review it and the Significant Changes document. State competitions often operate under different rules. Competitors must follow current Nationals rules and use the current AACCS judging forms.

Refer to the AACCS website and the 2025 National Competition Manual for information regarding purchasing competition Bibles, instruments available at the host site, Extemporaneous Speaking references, Spelling study lists, online academic testing, restrictions on the use of AI, and other important information.

### **Bible 2026**

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Old Testament Testing—Nehemiah, Daniel, Jonah

New Testament Testing—1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3 John, Jude, Revelation

Bible Quizzing—Romans, James

If staying on campus, Bible quiz **teams must arrive by 9:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2026**. Registration for on-campus guests will be on Monday evening, April 13. Contact BJU directly to arrange for early arrival housing. Bible quiz team coaches will have a meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14.

Bible Memory—God’s Promises (See AACCS National Competition Manual, 2025 Edition, Appendix.)

### **Debate 2026**

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Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly increase its exploration and/or development of the Arctic.