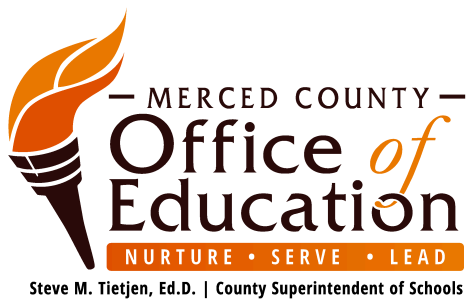


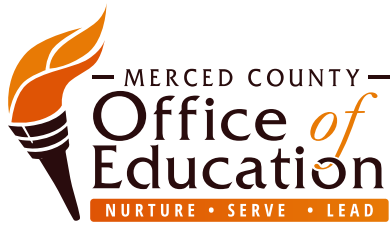


Merced County Academic Pentathlon

2020-2021
Information Packet



Merced County Academic Pentathlon General Rules



1. **CHEATING:** If a proctor finds a contestant involved in any unauthorized communication or using any type of crib, the proctor must report the incident to the Pentathlon Coordinator. Upon a violation of these rules, the participant's scores will be removed for that question or test, depending on the event. This includes the Oral Super Quiz. The decision of the Pentathlon Coordinator will be final and irrevocable.
2. **IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS:** All test materials pertaining to an individual contestant must contain their identification number to be acceptable for scoring. Scantron answer forms and nametags with the identification numbers will be provided to all regular team members.
3. **LEAVING THE TESTROOM:** If a contestant must leave the test room for any reason, they must first secure the permission of the proctor. The time lost may NOT be made up. Any ongoing test must be turned in and will be considered complete.
4. **SUPER QUIZ:** This event is held before a large audience; therefore, spectators are requested to be as quiet as possible to give each contestant an equal opportunity.
 - A. No books or notes are allowed on the competition area.
 - B. Coaches are not allowed to communicate with their students while in the competition area.
 - C. The 6th, 7th and 8th grade competition will be conducted consecutively for all teams during a single time block.
 - D. Four participants in a category (such as Varsity) will answer a set of questions at the same time and will be followed by the remaining category(s). Students will be able to answer collaboratively with the other three students on the floor. No audience help will be permitted.
 - E. Scores will be displayed after each question. The top two scorers in each category will be counted and result in the winning team for this event. Scores are shown as a courtesy to teams and spectators. Scores are unofficial until verified by scoring team and announced at the awards ceremony.
5. **TARDINESS:** The competition will start on time. Teams arriving late will not be allowed to make up events missed. Individual contestants are charged with the responsibility of being in the proper test room at the time each test begins. If a contestant is tardy, he/she will NOT be allowed to make up time lost.
6. **TEST MATERIALS:** A basic 5-function calculator is recommended for the math test. The school or district must provide calculators. The test room proctor will supply all other materials, including a pencil, necessary for taking the various written tests. Contestants are NOT permitted to bring additional material or equipment to the test room.
7. **WRITTEN TEST:** Students will be given 30 minutes for each of the written tests. Test Room proctors are instructed to follow the test schedule. If a reason arises that a written test does not begin on the scheduled time the proctor will be responsible to start and stop the test for the 30-minute time frame.
8. **ACCOMMODATIONS:** We will make available all necessary accommodation requests based on the student's IEP. In order to accommodate special testing procedures we need all information pertaining to the accommodation by March 5, 2021. Accommodations may still be requested after this date but our options may be limited.