

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **For Immediate Release**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Academic Decathlon 2017 continues February 4**

**Academic Testing, Super Quiz and Awards:**

**February 4, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., TCOE Administration Building & Conference Center,  
6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia CA**

(Please note: only the Super Quiz and the Awards Ceremony are open to the public)

The Tulare County Office of Education will continue with the final rounds of the 2016 Tulare County Academic Decathlon, a 10-event scholastic competition for teams of high school students, on Saturday, February 4, 2017. Teams of Tulare County students from six high schools will compete in two school categories – large school and small school – for the chance to advance to the state competition. The teams represent the following schools:

### **Small Schools**

Butterfield Charter High School (Porterville)

Dinuba High School

Orosi High School

### **Large Schools:**

El Diamante High School, Visalia

Granite Hills High School, Porterville

Tulare Western High School

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Additional students from Harmony Magnet Academy (Strathmore), Mission Oak High School (Tulare), Tulare Union High School and Woodlake High School will compete in the event, but do not have a regulation team to advance to the state finals.

Each team has six to nine members contending in 10 grueling events. The teams are made up of equal numbers (either two or three students) from the following grade point groups: Varsity (0-2.99 GPA), Scholastic (3-3.74 GPA) and Honors (3.75-4 GPA). Team members test their knowledge of subjects including economics, social science, mathematics, music, art, language and literature, and science. In addition, the contestants present prepared and impromptu speeches, written essays on given topics and undergo interviews by a panel of judges.

The academic relay known as the oral “Super Quiz” is the final competitive event. Questions in this year’s Super Quiz topic are related to the national theme of World War II. The Super Quiz round of competition takes place on February 4 at approximately 2:00 p.m. in TCOE’s Conference Center at 6200 S. Mooney Blvd. in Visalia. This portion of the event and the awards ceremony that follows are open to the public. The awards ceremony will begin immediately following the Super Quiz at approximately 3:30 p.m.

“Academic Decathlon is a very competitive event with some strong rivalries among our schools. I particularly enjoy the level of friendly competition and excitement that always surrounds the Super Quiz finale,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak.

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The winner of the Tulare County Academic Decathlon will represent the county at the state championship in Sacramento March 23-26. For more information about the Academic Decathlon, contact Laura Voshall at (559) 651-3044.

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