

# Tulare County Office of Education

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Academic Decathlon 2020 continues February 1**

**Super Quiz and Awards:**

**February 1, 1:00 – 3:45 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 2020 Tulare County Academic Decathlon, a 10-event scholastic competition for teams of high school students, on Saturday, February 1, 2020. Sixteen teams of Tulare County students from eight 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**

Harmony Magnet Academy, Strathmore

Woodlake High School

### **Large Schools:**

Dinuba High School

El Diamante High School, Visalia

Granite Hills High School, Porterville

Mission Oak High School, Tulare

Orosi High School

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Tulare Western High School

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. This year's national competition theme is "In Sickness and in Health: An Exploration of Illness and Wellness." A small portion of the questions in the competition segments relate to the national theme.

The academic relay known as the oral "Super Quiz" is the final competitive event. Questions in this year's Super Quiz topic are all related to the national theme. The Super Quiz round of competition takes place on February 1 at approximately 1:00 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 2:15 p.m.

"Few other competitions engage students of various academic levels in the study of so many subject matters," said Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Tim Hire. "In addition, Academic Decathlon is helping to build writing, communication, and speaking skills through its essay, interview, and speech competitions – skills that will serve students well into college and career."

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The winner of the Tulare County Academic Decathlon will represent the county at the state championship in Sacramento March 27-28. For more information about the Academic Decathlon, contact Cari Carlson at (559) 651-3031, ext. 3358.

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