



Lake County College-Going Initiative

2011-2012 ACADEMIC DECATHLON

FACT SHEET

Essay – January 11, 2012
 Speech & Interview - Saturday, January 28, 2012
 Written Tests/Super Quiz/Award Ceremony - Saturday, February 4, 2012

2011-2012 Topic: The Age of Empire

The **Lake County College-Going Initiative Academic Decathlon** encourages and rewards academic excellence by motivating and preparing students through competitive events. The College-Going Initiative (CGI) is a partnership between the Lake County Offices of Education, local school districts, and community businesses and organizations. CGI promotes the achievements of all youth, and the Decathlon concentrates its efforts on secondary students from schools throughout Lake County.

1. WHAT IS THE CGI DECATHLON?

The CGI Academic Decathlon is a program in which Lake County high school students compete as individuals and as team members in a series of ten academic tests and demonstrations, including:

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| 1. Mathematics | 4. Science | 7. Music |
| 2. Economics | 5. Language & Literature | 8. Speech |
| 3. Super Quiz | 6. Art | 9. Interview |
| | | 10. Essay |

2. WHAT COMPRISES A TEAM?

A team consists of nine students from the 9th through 12th grades from the same school. The nine-member team is comprised of three (3) Honor, three (3) Scholastic and three (3) Varsity students, as indicated in the following academic categories.

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>NOTE</u>
Honor	3.75 – 4.00	Contestants may compete in a higher division than their own GPA, but not in a lower division (i.e., a Scholastic student may compete as an Honor student, but not as a Varsity student).
Scholastic	3.00 – 3.74	
Varsity	0.00 – 2.99	

The final team score is made up of only six scores – the highest two (2) Honor, two (2) Scholastic, and two (2) Varsity totals. Because of this fact, no team carries more than nine members, and if fewer than nine students choose to participate, the team is still fully eligible for overall awards.

3. ARE ALL CLASSES CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING STUDENT ELIGIBILITY?

The “focus semesters” for GPA computation go back two years prior to the present grade level of the contestant. If the contestant is a 12th grader in September of the competition year, then the semesters that are used for GPA computation are all of the 10th, all of the 11th, and the summer sessions between 10th and 11th, and between 11th and 12th grades. Grades for the following academic courses shall be utilized in grade point computation for competition purposes: academic business courses, art appreciation, art history, computer science, economics, English/language arts, foreign language, humanities, journalism, mathematics, music theory/history/appreciation, psychology, science, speech, and social studies. (Academic Decathlon class does not count.)

If a course has been failed during 9th grade (including summer school prior to 10th grade) but repeated subsequently, only the repeat grade is counted. When a course is failed in 10th grade or later, both grades will be counted in the GPA. Refer to the 2011-2012 USAD Study Guide for further details. Grades for all other courses shall be excluded from all GPA compilation unless written approval is obtained from the competition manager.

4. HOW DOES A SCHOOL REGISTER?

A school must file an *Intent to Participate Form* with the Lake County Office of Education CGI department. Details and deadlines for registration materials and payment are sent to each school district in Lake County. Teams outside of Lake County are welcome to join for a fee.

5. WHAT AWARDS ARE GIVEN?

The 2012 awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, February 4th, at Kelseyville High School. Medals are presented to the top individual and team winners. The first place team in the CGI Academic Decathlon from each county will move on to the California Academic Decathlon in Sacramento, California, March 15-18, 2012. A team may be disqualified from moving on in competition for unsportsmanlike conduct.

6. WHO SHOULD I CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION?

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