

2026 State High School Knowledge Bowl Competition

Knowledge Bowl is a fast-paced, team-based academic competition that challenges students to answer questions across a wide range of subjects including history, science, literature and current events. The competition consists of both written and oral rounds, testing participants' knowledge recall and critical thinking skills in a "Jeopardy-style" format.

Currently more than 888 teams from 263 Minnesota school districts participate in senior high Knowledge Bowl competitions. South Central Service Cooperative administers Knowledge Bowl for Region 9. Six teams from our region including teams from New Ulm, Minnesota Valley Lutheran, Martin County West and United South Central advanced to the state competition on April 9-10 at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, Minnesota.

After one written round and five oral rounds, New Ulm Purple finished in 2nd place in the AA division. Team members include Henry Albrecht, Hunter Dauer, Sophie Berger, Kaden Schaefer, and Ryan Martinka and is coached by Rob Bute and Matt Nelson.

In 1979, Lakes County Service Cooperative purchased the rights to "Rural Knowledge Bowl." The first year involved only nine teams from that region. Over the years, more Minnesota Service Cooperatives across the state joined, and the name was legally changed to Knowledge Bowl.

For more information about Knowledge Bowl, please visit our website at mnscsc.org/kb.



2nd Place: New Ulm Purple - (L-R): Henry Albrecht, Hunter Dauer, Sophie Berger, Kaden Schaefer and Ryan Martinka