

## Middle School Quiz Bowl Club 2026.27



**Quiz Bowl Advisor:** Sarah Brown

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**Tuition:** \$25/month (August-April)

**Supply fee:** \$50 (includes a t-shirt!) (Due August 11, 2026—First day of school)

**Tournament Cost:** Tournament entry fees will be divided amongst the team. The Quiz Bowl advisor will discuss potential tournament fees as they come.

**Club dates:** Twice monthly on Thursdays (time TBD)

**Prerequisites:** An application is required and there will be a selection process. Students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA to apply. Strong writing skills are expected. Students must be performing well in all their academic classes to remain on the team.

**Required Supplies:** Internet access at home for question-writing and research.

**GAPPS Quiz Bowl:** Region competition will probably occur in January of 2027, with State competition occurring later in the month.

**SGA's Middle School Quiz Bowl Club** is open to students in grades 6-8. Students are selected through an application process where the club advisor and SGA administration review students' applications and select the members. Potential members will need to be flexible and able to adjust to modifications in team practice sessions as we learn where team members' strengths and weaknesses lie. Please note that this is a competitive opportunity for students who may not be interested in athletics, or who want to diversify their activities.

### Who?

Students in grades 6-8 are welcome to apply! We have the ability to field more than one team in GAPPS competitions, so the final number of students in the club may vary from year to year. Because Quiz Bowl questions run the gamut of subjects from academic to pop culture to random trivia, our team will benefit from having students with differing interests and strengths!

### Where and when?

Quiz Bowl members will practice - at SGA - on scheduled SGA club Thursdays. The exact time will be determined later in the summer, but students should count on two 90-minute practices per month, along with additional studying at home. We will also utilize SGA's extended session dates for more practice. Those dates are **December 10, 2026**, and **January 7, 2027**.

## **What?**

Quiz Bowl is a team competition where individuals strive to be the first to answer a question by “buzzing in” as quickly as possible. There is also a cooperative component, where each team works together to answer additional questions. There is a balance, which students will learn, to answering quickly AND being sure that they have the correct answer. For a quick overview of what this looks like in competition, the following video from NAQT, whose questions are used in the GAPPS tournaments, may be helpful: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1\\_AfFYGORQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1_AfFYGORQ).

## **How?**

The best way to improve at playing Quiz Bowl is by ... playing Quiz Bowl. During club meetings, we will utilize a buzzer system to practice answering questions, both individually and as a team. We will also review the rules of the game, and students will learn to read questions correctly to each other. By doing this, they will be more familiar with the pace and style of tournament play. Outside of club meetings, students will be expected to write practice questions and study areas that our team needs to improve. This should not take long, perhaps ten-minute sessions a few times per week, but is an expectation of team members.

## **Expectations**

Students will be expected to attend twice-monthly meetings. If a student must miss, please communicate their absence in advance. Students also need to be able to commit regular time at home outside of meetings to work on assigned studying and question writing. Students should come to meetings ready to work, with an attitude of cooperation, and open to correction.

At tournaments - both GAPPS and any invitationals the club may choose to enter - all students will be expected to abide by the SGA code of conduct. As representatives of the school, we want to put our best foot forward by showing good sportsmanship, evidence of preparations for competition, and most importantly, by glorifying God in all we do.

## **Parent Responsibility**

Parents will need to provide transportation to team practices/meetings on Thursdays. They will also need to be prepared to provide transportation for the regional (and hopefully state!) competitions. As a team, we will decide whether to compete in additional invitational tournaments, which would incur a small additional cost per participant. Those would likely occur on Saturdays, and they would also require parent transportation.



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