



Western Pennsylvania Academic Decathlon

2026 Regional Championship

PROGRAM

Moniteau High School – February 13-14, 2026

2026 WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMIC DECATHLON REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Roaring Twenties

Small School Division

Clarion-Limestone High School

Coaches

Jesse Alden
Caitlin Stouffer

Honors

Verle Pavlock
Kiya DiFranco
Lily Spratt

Scholastic

Drake Edmonds
Emily Mecusker
Gracella Sappe

Varsity

Dylan Haight
Lukas Klugh
Parker Palmer

Individuals

Evan Pawlowicz
Kaleb Walker
Dalen Geist
Nickolas Gross

Commodore Perry High School

Coaches

Nikki Williams

Honors

Alex Matalino
Callie Straub
Parker Urey

Scholastic

Xavier Williams
Natalie Sheirer
Elaine Knauff

Varsity

Lana Hays
Tony Matalino
Joseph Berger

Individuals

Moniteau High School

Coaches

Kristy Hershey

Honors

Alexa Coyle
Matthew Thompson
Zane Rott

Scholastic

Brinn Magerko
River Gavinski
London Donaldson

Varsity

Marissa Scroggins
Angeleia Sisson
Haley Vorndran

Individuals

Emmett Sisson
Carlie Sutton
Christopher Traggiai
Taylor Raisley
Madison Collins

North Clarion High School

Coaches

Kayla DeLong

Honors

Gwen Griebel
Jack Pappas
Ariona Brady

Scholastic

Jackson Nicewonger
Emily Baumcratz
Emma Shiley

Varsity

McKinzie Lencer
Ava Hannold
Samantha Boussie

Individuals

Meagan Detar
Elizabeth Seitz
Percy Bloom

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Large School Division

McDowell High School

Coaches

Dan Andrzejczak

Honors

Andrew Hu
Taylor Stippich
Danny Zhu

Scholastic

Derrick Liu
Josh McManus
Anthony Merlino

Varsity

Elijah Petsch
Norah Lupher
Rihanna Wayne

Individuals

Hannah Birkmire
Joe Malinowski
Rex Maddumala

Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy

Coaches

Jeff Weiss
Peter Wojciechowski

Honors

Penelope King
Sophia Gnacinski
Serena Xu

Scholastic

Sydney Ashley
Netesh Magar
Kaylee Lindstrom

Varsity

Ava West
Isaaq Wilson
Thomas Mayo

Individuals

Manaal Hussein
Kalea Williams

Seneca Valley High School

Coaches

David Reichard

Honors

Dhivasri Gopalakrishnan
Julian Silecky
Erin Sbrolla

Scholastic

Heath Lyon
Zachary Stragand
Sarah Ghaffar

Varsity

Leah Boston
Mariappan Ramanujam
Samantha Boussie

Individuals

William Boyd
Joshua Eckels
Adam Baker
Roshini Umesh
Calean Buchanan
Nora Stewart
Abby Huppert
Luke Baker
Michael Kravec
Lola Boussie

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CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Pennsylvania Academic Decathlon expects all team members to conduct themselves with decorum while attending competitions. This includes travel and time spent on campus at any competition location during the EPAD competition season.

Appropriate conduct of team members is the sole responsibility of the team coach who has legal responsibility as chaperone for team members at all times. Students should be under the supervision of the coach during the entire competition.

Inappropriate conduct includes, but is NOT limited to:

1. possession of any weapon
2. damage or vandalism of any property,
3. stealing,
4. use of alcohol or illegal drugs by students,
5. use of water pistols, water balloons, or any other projectile at the competition,
6. fighting, loud noise, or any disruptive behavior to other at the competition site, and
7. disrespect to competition officials, proctors, or coaches.

Financial liability for all damage incurred by actions of a team member shall be the sole responsibility of that team member and his/her parents. Failure to comply with the Code of Student Conduct may result in disqualification from the event, the entire competition and the awards ceremony. The decision of the Regional Director is final.

Teams should be aware that failure of any team member to adhere to these policies and procedure may result in disqualification of the delinquent student and/or the entire team. Furthermore, cheating in any form will not be tolerated. Any act of cheating will be promptly brought to the Regional Director for review, evaluation, and imposition of possible sanctions. If someone is proven to have cheated, it is within the Regional Director's power to disqualify not only the person caught cheating, but also the entire team.

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DRESS CODE

All participants are expected to dress neatly and casually while attending the competition. As representatives of their respective schools, students should dress comfortably within limits:

TESTING ARENA & SUPER QUIZ RELAY

Although casual attire is permissible during testing, distracting apparel, hats of any kind, sunglasses, and overly padded and distracting clothing shall be considered inappropriate and not acceptable in the testing arena. Speech/interview attire, hoodies and light jackets are permissible, so long as the hood is tucked into the inside of the garment.

SPEECH & INTERVIEW

Males – blazer, sport coat or sweater with collared dress shirt and necktie, dress pants or business suit with collared dress shirt and necktie; plus socks and dress shoes

Females – business skirt with blouse and/or sweater, jacket with dress blouse and business skirt or dress pants; business suit with dress blouse; or business dress; plus dress shoes (pumps, heels, or flats)

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TEAM RULES

- There should be nothing on the desktop except for pencils, and when permissible, a calculator and extra batteries. Other than a wristwatch, personal timers are not permitted; a timer/clock will be provided in every testing venue. All bags, purses, coats, study material, cell phones, and headphones should be left in the cafeteria or must be placed in the hallway for all competitive events in the testing rooms. If coaches permit students to keep cell phones and it rings, vibrates, or it is taken out during an event for any reason, that student will be given a zero for that test. This is also true with electronics and headphones. They are not to be worn during the competition. If you are caught wearing headphones, you will be given a zero score for that event.
- If you drop something out of reach, such as a ScanTron, calculator, or pencil, raise your hand and do not ask a fellow competitor for help.
- Please be on the lookout for smart watches and other smaller digital devices.
- **Excusal policy is such that students ARE NOT permitted to leave the testing room during tests. A break is scheduled every hour and should be tolerable for students.**
- Student answer sheets: They should be pre-filled with your information. Pay special care that you are submitting the correct sheet for the correct event. **Fill in** the bubbles and make no stray marks or doodling on the forms.
- All tests are 30 minutes long; the essay is 50 minutes and there will be a 5 minute warning in each event.
- Students should sign and date the cover sheet of their test booklet. It is permissible to write in the test booklet; scrap paper has been provided in the essay packet and the math test booklet.
- Calculators and batteries are permitted for the Mathematics test **ONLY**. All supplies must be placed on the desk so that there are no misconstruing intentions.
- Students may leave their belongings in the back of the cafeteria or auditorium.
- Coaches have been scheduled to proctor areas of the competition. Please review the coaches' booklet for rules and times of the competition.

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TESTING ROOM PROCTOR INSTRUCTIONS

PROCTOR INSTRUCTIONS

- Students have been seated according to their student numbers or randomly in the testing hall. Ensure students do not switch seats.
- Nothing on the desks except pencils (calculators and batteries for the math test only)
- All personal belongings MUST be placed in the hallway or cafeteria
- Students ARE NOT permitted to leave the testing room and must wait for a scheduled break.
- Students ARE NOT permitted to wear coats, jackets, or hooded clothing while testing (dress coats permitted)
- If a student's cell phone rings or they take it out during a test, please take the test and answer sheet from that student and send for a competition official immediately
- Distribute tests and scantron.

ADDRESS TO STUDENTS

- Do not open your test booklet until I instruct you to do so.
- Your scantron/ZIP Grade form should be pre-filled. Please verify that your ID number and subject match the current event.
- Sign and put your id# on the cover sheet of your test booklet. You are permitted to write in your test booklet. Only your answers on the scantron will count towards your score. Anything marked in your test booklet will not be acknowledged.
- This test is 30 minutes long. Once 25 minutes have elapsed, you will be given a 5-minute warning. Please use the clock to gauge how much time you have remaining.
- Any questions?
- You may open your booklet and begin.
- (Remember 5-minute warning)

WPAD REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2026 – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Essay Orientation / Reading Room - 612

Scoring Room / Competition Operations - Conference Room Off Office

Speech / Interview Orientation - Cafeteria

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 13, 2026			
TIME	EVENT	SITE	PROCTORS / NOTES
12:00 - 12:30	CHECK IN / ORIENTATION	AUDITORIUM	
12:30 - 1:20	ESSAY	AUDITORIUM	Kayla DeLong, Jeff Weiss
1:20 - 1:30	BREAK		
1:30 - 2:00	MUSIC TEST	AUDITORIUM	Dan Andrezjcak, Jesse Alden
2:05 - 2:35	ART TEST	AUDITORIUM	
2:40 - 3:10	LITERATURE TEST	AUDITORIUM	
3:10 - 3:25	BREAK		
3:30 - 4:00	MATHEMATICS TEST	AUDITORIUM	Pete Wojciechowski, David Reichard
4:05 - 4:35	ECONOMICS TEST	AUDITORIUM	
4:35 - 4:45	BREAK		
4:50 - 5:10	SCIENCE TEST	AUDITORIUM	Caitlin Stouffer, Nikki Williams
5:15 - 5:45	SOCIAL SCIENCE TEST	AUDITORIUM	
6:00 - 8:00	EVENING DINNER / SOCIAL	CAFETERIA	COORDINATED BY MONITEAU

SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 14, 2026			
TIME	EVENT	SITE	PROCTORS / NOTES
9:00 - 9:30	SPEECH / INTERVIEW ORIENTATION	AUDITORIUM	
9:30 - 11:20	SPEECH AND INTERVIEW	INDIVIDUAL ROOMS	
11:30 - 12:30	LUNCH	CAFETERIA	PROVIDED BY PAAD
12:30 - 1:30	SUPER QUIZ RELAY	AUDITORIUM	Clarion-Limestone: Nikki Williams Commodore Perry: Jeff Weiss Collegiate Academy: Kayla DeLong North Clarion: Pete Wojciechowski Moniteau: David Reichard Seneca Valley: Dan Andrzejczak McDowell: Jesse Alden
1:30 - 2:30	AWARDS CEREMONY	AUDITORIUM	

WPAD REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION – 2026

SPEECH/INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

*** SPEECH *** SPEECH *** SPEECH *** SPEECH *** SPEECH ***									
ROOM/ TIME	Speech 1 Room 105	Speech 2 Room 110	Speech 3 Room 402	Speech 4 Room 403	Speech 5 Room 404	Speech 6 Room 405	Speech 7 Room 406	Speech 8 Room 407	Speech 9 Room 409

*** INTERVIEW *** INTERVIEW *** INTERVIEW *** INTERVIEW *** INTERVIEW ***									
ROOM/ TIME	Interview 1 Room 111	Interview 2 Room 115	Interview 3 Room 117	Interview 4 Room 304	Interview 5 Room 308	Interview 6 Room 309	Interview 7 Room 311	Interview 8 Room 313	Interview 9 Room 315
9:30	6803	6801	6812	6805	6821	6818	6826	6830	6703
9:40	6808	6804	6814	6824	6820	6825	6827	6829	6828
9:50	6203	6211	6213	6202	6206	6207	6208	6204	6212
10:00	6309	6305	6324	6301	6311	6310	6320	6322	6312
10:10	6902	6901	6905	6911	6906	6908	6910	6909	6903
10:20	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
10:30	6702	6706	6701	6708	6709	6711	6714	6712	6713
10:40	6002	6003	6004	6016	6007	6006	6012	6011	6009
10:50	6420	6408	6403	6417	6412	6414	6409	6415	6405
11:00	6214	6201	6205	6307	6321	6904	6907	6807	6806
11:10	6705	6707	6710	6715	6013	6008	6005	6001	OPEN

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APPEALS PROCEDURE

1. Appeals will only be accepted as a written request. Students can assist in the preparation of, but all appeals **MUST be signed and submitted by the coach. Appeals forms are on the final page of this program.**

2. Appeals must be delivered to the scoring room for review no later than 15 minutes following the end of the group of tests. If the appeal is during the Super Quiz Relay, it must be submitted no later than 10 minutes following the last question, number 30.
3. It is the student's responsibility to remember the question number and content and relay that information to their coach. It should be noted that it is the responsibility of the coach to give evidence within the challenge of the correct answer and to explain with reference pages. It is not the responsibility of the directors or reviewers to provide any assistance in preparing the appeal. Neither tests nor written relay questions will be available in preparation of an appeal. All appeals must be referenced back to USAD material only!
4. The appeal will be reviewed in the scoring room. If upheld, corrections will be made to those students' scores (all students will be given credit for a multiple choice question). The coach will be verbally notified of the decision.
5. All appeals decisions are to be considered final. Only in situations in which advancement or top team placement could conceivably be involved will a second request for review for the same question be considered.
6. Coaches are not permitted in the scoring room while the review of the question is being conducted. This is distracting and will cause more time to elapse before a decision can be made. Use the appeals form to make your best argument in relation to your challenge as verbal altercations will not be tolerated.

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EXPLANATION OF SCORING / AWARDS - ROUND 2 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

An Academic Decathlon team has a "starting lineup" of nine students in three divisions separated by unweighted GPA:

- Honors (3.800-4.000)
- Scholastic (3.200-3.799)
- Varsity (0.000-3.199)

In previous Round 1 competitions, these divisions were uncapped and as many students could compete in each division as each school wanted. At the regional championship, only three students can be designated in each of these divisions. All other students are competing as “Individuals” are competing in a separate division and do not count toward the team score.

Students compete in 10 events: Art, Economics, Essay, Interview, Literature, Math, Music, Science, Social Science, and Speech. Each event in the Decathlon is worth 1,000 points, so the highest possible total score from a Decathlete is 10,000 points.

The team score is calculated by adding together the top two Honors, Scholastic, and Varsity Decathletes’ individual scores for each team, making the highest possible team score 60,000 points. The Super Quiz Relay is an exhibition event only and does not contribute to the team score.

Pennsylvania State Championship teams tend to range between 42,000-45,000 points, and National Championship teams are usually over 50,000 points. Individual scores over 7,000 points are considered exceptional, and 8,000 considered elite. In Pennsylvania, only two students in the history of the state program have ever scored over 9,000 points.

The following awards will be given at the WPAD Regional Championship:

- Event medals in each of the ten events for all seven divisions (Large and Small School Honors, Scholastic, Varsity, and an independent Individual division). All ties will be awarded.
- Super Quiz Relay Team Trophy to the highest scoring team at the Super Quiz Relay.
- All-Region Team (Top three students overall in Honors, Scholastic, and Varsity divisions)
- Individual Regional Champion award to the highest scoring student overall regardless of division.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies to the top three scoring teams overall in the large and small school divisions.
- State Championship Invitations to the top three large and small school teams.
- Individual Invitations to the state tournament for all individuals placing in the top half of their respective GPA category before being designated as individuals.

The 2026 PA State Championships are being held at Hershey High School!

The 2026 USAD National Finals are being held in Garden Grove / Anaheim, California!

Western PA Academic Decathlon Regional Champions

Year	School	Score
2025	Seneca Valley	44,601
2024	Seneca Valley	40,442
2023	Seneca Valley	38,116
2022	Seneca Valley	38,618
2021	Seneca Valley	32,631 (8 events)

2020	Seneca Valley	44,769
2019	Seneca Valley	44,195
2018	NW PA Collegiate Academy	41,507
2017	NW PA Collegiate Academy	42,388
2016	NW PA Collegiate Academy	44,070
2015	No Tournament	–
2014	McDowell	39,950
2013	Moniteau	40,992
2012	Moniteau	44,124
2011	Moniteau	40,019
2010	NW PA Collegiate Academy	45,359
2009	NW PA Collegiate Academy	44,709
2008	NW PA Collegiate Academy	44,391
Pre-2008	No Record	–

Individual WPAD Regional Champions

YEAR	STUDENT	SCHOOL	SCORE
2025	ROHIN JAYARAMAN	SENECA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL	8,483
2024	PARTH PARIKH	MCDOWELL HIGH SCHOOL	8,019
2023	PARTH PARIKH	MCDOWELL HIGH SCHOOL	7,369
2022	MICHAEL AARON	CLARION-LIMESTONE HIGH SCHOOL	7,540
2021	ALLISON FLATT	SENECA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL	8,426 (6,741 IN 8)

2020	NISHANT JAYACHANDRAN	SENECA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL	8,432
2019	RISHIN SHARMA	SENECA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL	8,813
2018	JENNIFER WANG	MCDOWELL HIGH SCHOOL	8,012
2017	BEN FUGATE	MCDOWELL HIGH SCHOOL	7,993
2016		NO RECORD	
2015		NO RECORD	
2014	ANDREW HALL	MCDOWELL HIGH SCHOOL	8,050
2013	SAMANTHA GALLA	NW PA COLLEGIATE ACADEMY	7,418
2012	TIM SHEARER	MONITEAU HIGH SCHOOL	8,082
2011	HANNAH SMERKER	NORTH CLARION HIGH SCHOOL	8,078
2010	RACHEL VANDEVERT	NW PA COLLEGIATE ACADEMY	8,120
2009	RACHEL VANDEVERT	NW PA COLLEGIATE ACADEMY	8,367
2008	AMY BABAY	NW PA COLLEGIATE ACADEMY	8,675
Pre-2008		NO RECORD	

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APPEALS FORM

Test: _____

Question Number: _____

Reason for Appeal:

Reference Pages in USAD Material (or N/A) _____

Coach Name: _____

Coach School:_____

Ruling:

You will receive a copy of this appeals form back at the end of competition.