

Competition Schedule

February 5-6, 2026

Essay, Music Practice – the practice key will be active from 8 a.m. on Feb 5 through 6 p.m. on Feb 6. All students should log into the testing website (usadtest.com) on the same device they plan to use at in-person competition and complete the practice tests (10 minutes each). Students will have NEW login credentials for State. Coaches may assist with the practice. Practice LDF reports will be sent at the conclusion of the practice session.

February 9-10, 2026

Official Essay, Music tests – The testing window will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Coaches should choose one of these dates for their team to participate in the Essay and Music events. All team members **MUST** take the same test at the same time. No make-ups are allowed. These tests contribute to your overall state score. Students must have a proctor (not the coach). Coaches may assist with login if needed but leave the room before testing begins. Proctors will need their own computer for the Music test but will not need their own computer for Essay.

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Coaches Briefing on Zoom at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 27, 2026

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| 2:00 – 2:40 | Teams check-in | Prillaman Atrium – same as last year |
| 3:00 – 3:30 | General Assembly | Prillaman |
| *3:45 – 4:15 | Test 1 | |
| *4:20 – 4:50 | Test 2 | |
| *4:55 – 5:25 | Test 3 | |
| *5:30 – 6:30 | Break for Meal | The Commons Dining Hall |
| *6:45 | Testing Room doors lock – no admittance after doors close | |
| *6:50 – 7:20 | Test 4 | |
| *7:25 – 7:55 | Test 5 | |
| *8:00 – 8:30 | Test 6 | |

*** Times are approximate. If we run early or late, we'll adjust accordingly.**

Saturday, February 28, 2026

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| 7:30 - 8:00 | Speech/Interview Volunteers check-in |
| 8:30 – 10:00 | Teams arrive according to S/I schedule |
| 9:00 – 12:00 (approx.) | Speech/Interview Sessions |
| 11:30 – 1:30 | Lunch The Commons Dining Hall |
| 1:15 | Super Quiz Volunteers check-in |
| 2:00 – 3:30 | Super Quiz |

AWARDS (BANQUET)

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| 5:30 | Doors open |
| 6:00 | Welcome – Inspiration – Pledge – Introductions |
| 6:10 | Dinner Served |
| 6:45 (approx.) | Awards presented |

Embassy Suites