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Georgia Academic Decathlon

Competition Handbook

February 27-28, 2026

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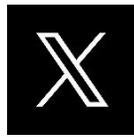
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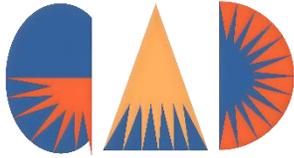
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February 2026

Dear Decathletes,

Welcome to the 2026 PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon State Competition, the 40th annual Academic Decathlon in Georgia! I offer my personal congratulations to you, your team, and your coaches for your success this decathlon season. You have gone through much preparation, studied vast amounts of curriculum and competed against other teams in your district to reach this competition, and you are now competing to represent Georgia in the 2026 USAD National Competition.

I hope that you will take advantage of the opportunity to meet and visit with decathletes from other schools. These are the students with whom you share a great deal in common, with whom you may attend college, and with whom you may develop lasting friendships. Each of you value learning and competition. No matter the scores at the end of competition each of you has learned new things and been enriched by studying this year's curriculum.

I urge you each to do your very best and to remember that as you compete, you are representing your team, your school, and your family.

If you are a new decathlete I send special greetings to you. Academic Decathlon is a wonderful experience, which will add so much to your life. If you are a returning decathlete, welcome back. I am confident that you will gain new experiences from this year's competition and continue to grow. If you are a senior, congratulations to you on reaching this pinnacle and transitional year. Make the most of every moment. You will find that your experiences in decathlon have had a big hand in preparing you to face the challenges that await you after high school.

Congratulations to all of you for being here. I wish the best of luck to each of you. Compete fairly. Compete well. Do your very best!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Crawford".

Michelle Crawford
State Director
PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon

Competition Schedule

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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

Friday, February 27, 2026

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

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)

Embassy Suites

5:30 Doors open

6:00 Welcome – Inspiration – Pledge – Introductions

6:10 Dinner Served

6:45 (approx.) Awards presented

PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon

Team Numbers – Divisions

(alpha by divisions)

State Divisions

Division I – higher Round 2 scores

Division II – lower Round 2 scores

USAD Online Nationals Divisions

Division I – 1301+

Division II – 651 - 1300

Division III – 650 or fewer

Team ID #	Team	State Division	USAD Division
10	Atlanta A (North Atlanta)	I	I
11	Clayton (ESA)	I	III
12	Dougherty A (Westover)	I	II
13	Floyd A (Model)	I	II
14	Muscogee A (Columbus)	I	II
15	Richmond A (Davidson)	I	III
16	Rockdale (Rockdale Magnet)	I	III
26	Atlanta B (Washington)	II	II
25	Dougherty B (Monroe)	II	II
24	Floyd C (Coosa)	II	II
22	Muscogee B (Hardaway)	II	II
23	Muscogee C (Shaw)	II	II
20	Richmond B (AR Johnson)	II	III
21	Richmond C (ARC)	II	II

General Rules

IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

All test materials pertaining to an individual contestant must contain his/her identification number for scoring purposes. Each contestant's name must appear on all test materials, except for the Essay.

LEAVING THE TEST ROOM

Contestants may not leave the testing room unless there is prior permission to do so or in the case of a dire emergency. If a contestant must leave the testing room for any reason, he/she must secure permission from the proctor, and the time lost may NOT be made up. The student may not reenter the testing room until time for the next test to be given.

SUPER QUIZ

This event is held before an audience; therefore, spectators are requested to remain quiet during the questioning in each round in order to give the contestants an equal opportunity to respond. **NO** personal items, books or notes are permitted in the contestants' area or on the competition floor.

TARDINESS

Contestants are responsible for being in the proper location at the proper time. If a contestant is tardy, he/she will NOT be allowed to make up the time lost. Contestants are not permitted to leave the competition area during the competition event.

TEST MATERIALS

Students must bring their own device to in-person competition. Tests will be taken online. Calculators are no longer needed for the math test and may not be used. No other study materials, equipment, or personal items are permitted in the testing room.

TEST SCORES

Complete score reports will be emailed to the team coach following the completion of the Awards Banquet.

STARTING/STOPPING

Students who fail to start or stop when instructed to do so will receive a score of zero for that particular test.

CHEATING

It is the expectation that all decathletes will compete fairly and honestly. If a proctor finds a contestant involved in any unauthorized communication or using any type of crib, the proctor must report the incident to the competition manager.

General Rules (cont.)

CHEATING (cont.)

Academic honesty extends to and includes all forms of plagiarism in essays, prepared speeches or any other submitted work. Plagiarism includes but is not limited to:

- Direct quotation without use of quotation marks and appropriate citation;
- Using any published or unpublished source without appropriate citation;
- Paraphrasing materials or ideas without identifying the source.

Any findings of academic dishonesty may result in disqualification of individual decathletes or possibly an entire team. The decision of the PAGE GAD State Director will be final.

APPEALS

Only coaches may register an appeal. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the state director by 2:00 pm on the final day of the competition. Appeals will be reviewed by: competition event coordinator, state director, and PAGE director assigned to Academic Decathlon.

Dress Code

Appropriate attire for **Speech and Interview**, and the **Awards Banquet** is described below. Distracting apparel of any kind is considered inappropriate for all competition events.

The following are suggested and acceptable student dress standards:

Boys: sport coat, shirt and slacks; sweater, shirt and slacks or jeans without torn or ragged edges. Shoes must be worn.

Girls: Dress or skirt and blouse; blouse and slacks, or dressy jeans without torn or ragged edges. Shoes must be worn.

Team uniforms for both boys and girls are optional. Excessively tight or baggy clothing is inappropriate.

Distracting apparel, **including hats** of any kind and sunglasses, are considered inappropriate. (Any student who wears head apparel or sunglasses for religious reasons or other approved reasons will be exempt from this rule. However, the coach must list the student on the Request for Special Needs/Consideration form by the published deadline.) If violations of the dress code are observed by the test proctor or PAGE GAD officials, the student will be given the opportunity to comply with dress standards prior to the event. Once a student has been allowed to compete in an event, he or she may NOT be disqualified based on dress standard violations but permitted to comply with the dress standards.

Failure to comply with dress standards may result in disqualification from the event, the entire competition, and/or the awards ceremony. The decision of the PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon State Director is final.

Code of Student Conduct

The PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon expects all team members to conduct themselves in a proper manner while attending Academic Decathlon events. This includes travel, hotel, sightseeing time associated with Decathletes' participation in the PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon, and all of the state competition events.

Appropriate conduct of team members is the sole responsibility of the team coach who has legal responsibility as chaperone for his/her team members at all times. Students should be under the supervision of the coach during all excursions, activities, and in the hotel. All students are expected to be in their rooms by 11:00 pm on Friday night of the competition. If behavior in the hotel is disruptive, an earlier curfew may be called either by the GAD State Director or by the hotel management. It is the responsibility of the team coach to be available and to enforce such a curfew and any other regulations determined necessary by PAGE GAD officials.

Inappropriate conduct includes, but is NOT limited to:

1. being in possession of any weapon;
2. damage to or vandalism of any property;
3. appropriation of memorabilia from the hotel or competition site premises,
4. use of alcohol or illegal drugs by students, regardless of age;
5. use of water pistols, water balloons or any other projectile at the hotel or competition site; and
6. fighting, loud noise, or any other behavior which is disruptive to others at the hotel or competition site.

Financial liability for all damages 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.

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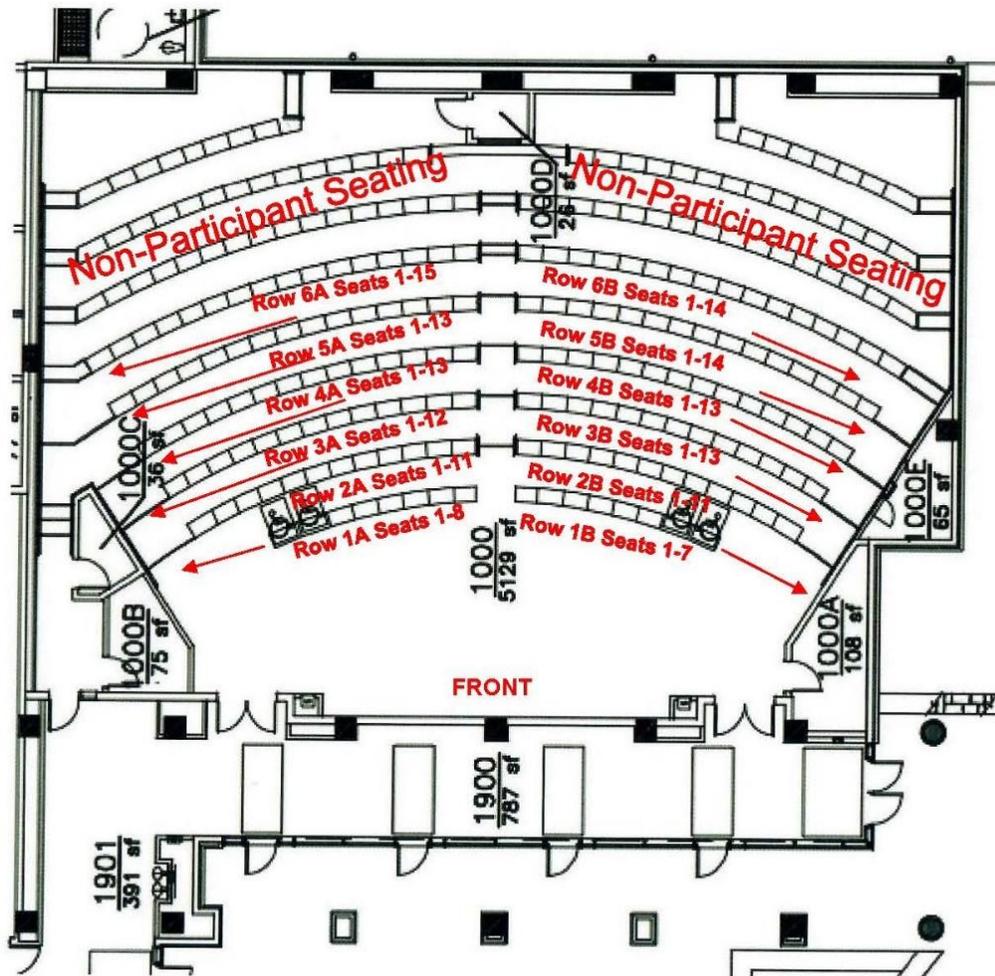
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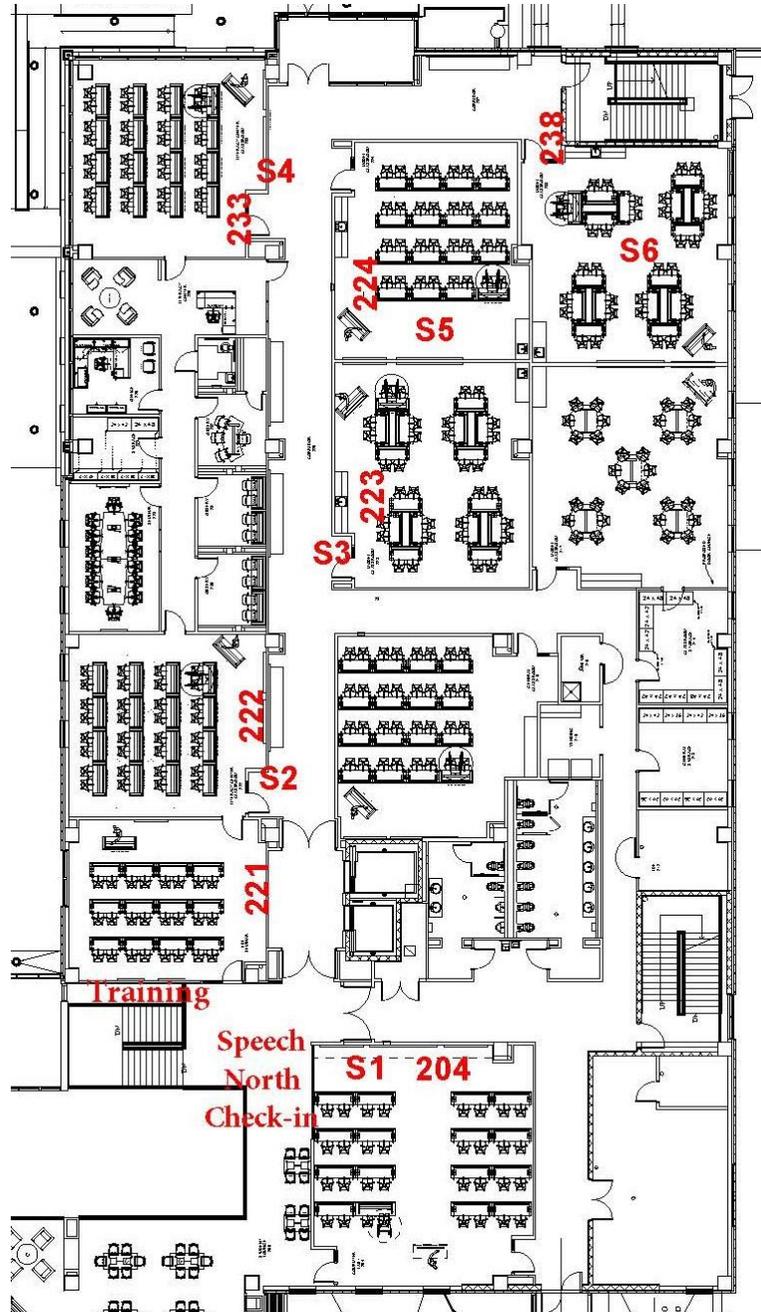
Testing Room Layout Prillaman Auditorium

Seating is assigned. You will sit in your assigned seat during General Assembly. Testing will begin immediately following General Assembly. Refer to the assigned row and seat printed on your namebadge. Look for your ID number on the table. Proctors will be available to assist you.



Speech Up Map 2nd Floor Bagwell

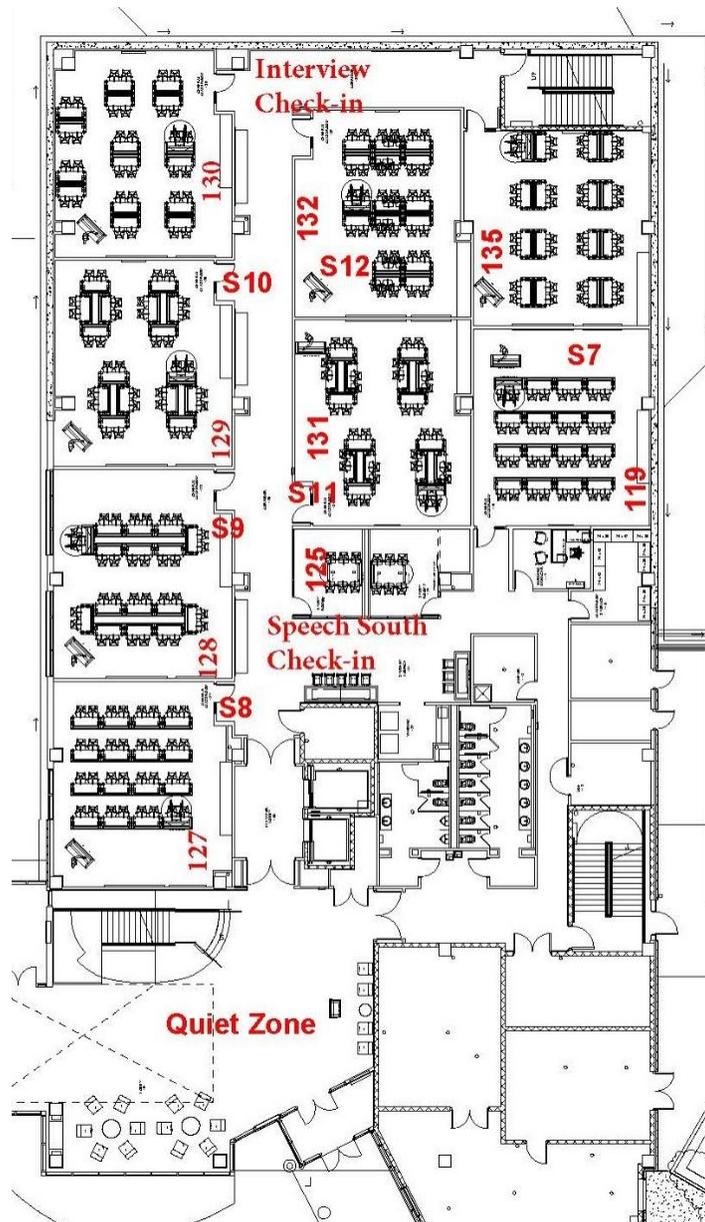
Speech Up: Check-in area in the 2nd floor lobby at the check-in time specified on the schedule on page 14. You will be directed to your Speech Room when it is time. Do NOT go directly to your speech room.



Interview and Speech Down Map 1st Floor Bagwell

Interview: Check in outside Room 130 at the check-in time specified on the Interview Schedule on pages 16-17.

Speech Down: Check-in area outside Room 125 at the check-in time specified on the schedule on page 15. You will be directed to your Speech Room when it is time. Do NOT go directly to your speech room.



Speech Up

<i>Decathlete Check-in Time</i>	Speech Time	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5	Room 6
9:05	9:15	1001	1002	1004	1005	1007	1008
9:16	9:26	1003	1101	1006	1104	1009	1107
9:27	9:37	1102	1103	1105	1106	1108	1109
9:38	9:48	1502	1302	1203	1204	1207	1208
9:49	9:59	1503	1402	1205	1206	1209	1307
10:00	10:10	1201	1202	1304	1306	1308	1309
10:09	10:21	1301	1303	1305			
BREAK							
10:46	10:56	1401		1404	1405	1407	1408
10:57	11:07		1403	1406	1504	1409	1507
11:08	11:18	1501		1505	1506	1508	1509
11:19	11:29	1602	1601	1604	1605	1607	1608
11:30	11:40		1603	1606		1609	

Speech Down

<i>Decathlete Check-in Time</i>	Speech Time	Room 7	Room 8	Room 9	Room 10	Room 11	Room 12
9:05	9:15	2001	2002	2004	2005	2007	2008
9:16	9:26	2003	2101	2006	2104	2009	2107
9:27	9:37	2102	2103	2105	2106	2108	2109
9:38	9:48	2202	2203	2204	2206	2207	2208
9:49	9:59	2302	2301	2305	2304	2209	2307
10:00	10:10		2303		2306	2308	2309
BREAK							
10:35	10:45	2401	2402	2404	2405	2407	2408
10:46	10:56	2403	2501	2406	2504	2409	2507
10:57	11:07	2502	2503	2505	2506	2508	
11:08	11:18	2601	2602	2604	2605	2607	2608
11:19	11:29	2603		2606			2609
11:30	11:40						

Interview A

<i>Decathlete Check-in Time</i>	Interview Time	Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4	Table 5	Table 6
9:05	9:15	1502	1302	1404	1405	1407	1408
9:16	9:26	1503	1402	1406	1504	1409	1507
9:27	9:37	1401	1403	1505	1506	1508	1509
9:38	9:48	1501	1601	1604	1605	1607	1608
9:49	9:59	1602	1603	1606		1609	
10:00	10:10						
		BREAK					
10:35	10:45	1001	1002	1004	1005	1007	1008
10:46	10:56	1003	1101	1006	1104	1009	1107
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11:30	11:40	1303		1305	1306	1308	1309

Interview B

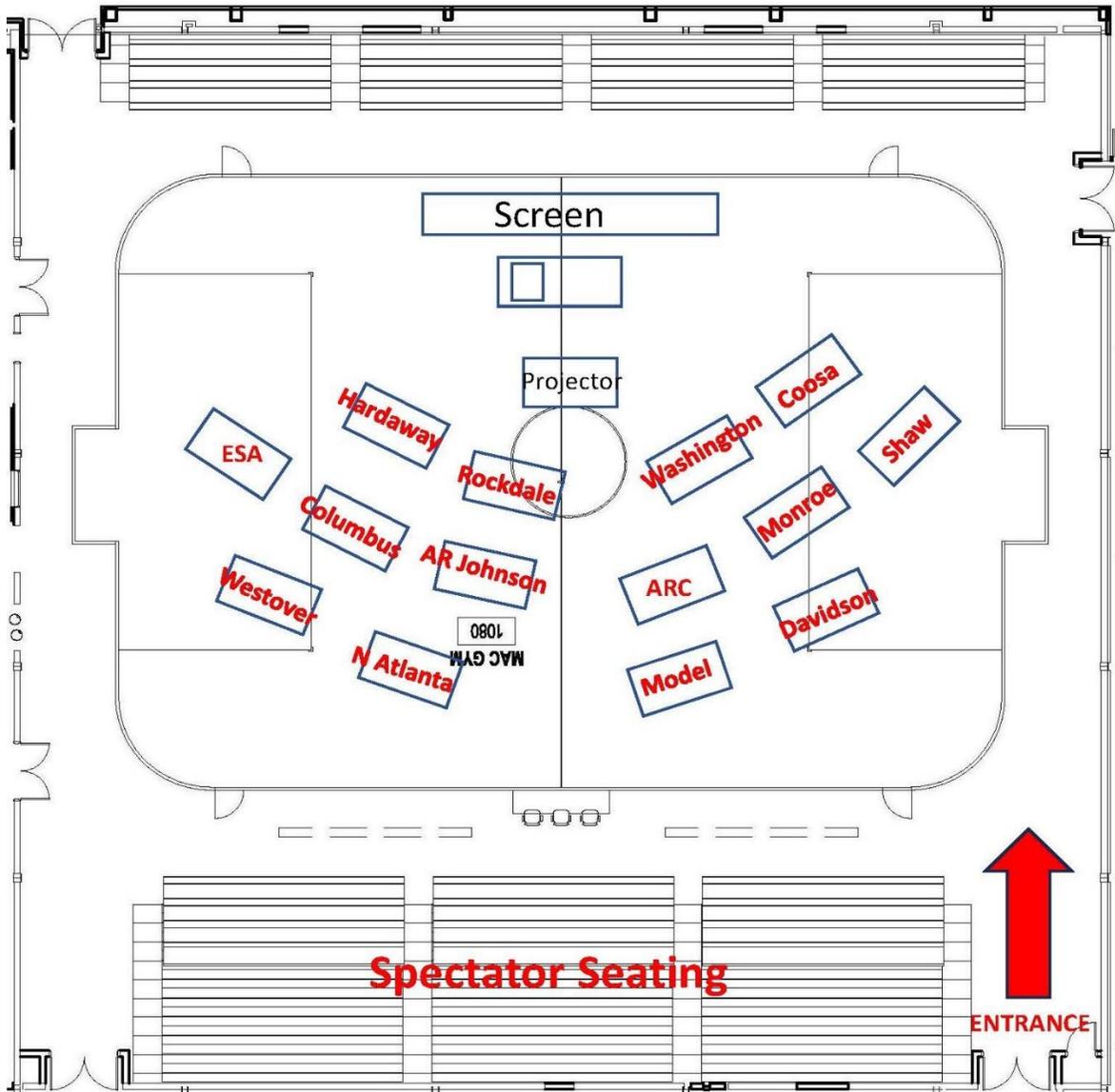
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9:27	9:37	2502	2503	2505	2506	2508	
9:38	9:48	2601	2002	2604	2605	2607	2608
9:49	9:59	2602	2603	2606		2609	
10:00	10:10						
		BREAK					
10:35	10:45	2001	2003	2004	2005	2007	2008
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11:08	11:18	2202	2203	2204		2207	2208
11:19	11:29	2301	2302	2206	2304	2209	2307
11:30	11:40	2303		2305	2306	2308	2309

Super Quiz Layout

When you enter the gym please find a place to sit together as a team on the bleachers. Students will be called down to the team tables by their assigned category (Varsity, Scholastic, Honor).

Please only use the stairs to move up and down the bleachers.

Everyone should remain seated and quiet while Super Quiz is in progress.



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