



# WINNER'S PACKET STATE MEET 2026



***Congratulations!** As a State Qualifier, you have earned a place to compete in the PSIA State Academic Meet.*

**Location** **Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas, 78666**

**Dates:**           **“A” State Meet – Saturday, April 18**  
                          **“AA” State Meet – Saturday, May 2**

If you are an ALTERNATE, please see the section in this packet for more information.

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ENCLOSED FOR ADVANCING STUDENTS!

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### HOW DO I REGISTER MY STUDENTS FOR THE STATE MEET?

Student entry names come directly from the District Meet to the State Meet through Academic Meet Companion as results are posted as final. Entry fees for the State Meet are \$18 per entry per event, payable to PSIA and sent to the state office (PO Box 1225, Lampasas, TX 76550). Entry fees **MUST** be paid prior to 7 days before the meet. Your school will notify you if these funds are required for your entries. **ONE CHECK FROM YOUR SCHOOL THAT INCLUDES ALL ENTRIES IS REQUIRED.** You may pay by credit card. A 2% convenience fee applies to credit card payments. The invoice for your state meet entry fees can be found on Members Plus. No certification by your school is required. Results from your District Meet serve as your entry certification. Entry fees should be collected by your campus PSIA Director. Schools and individuals with unpaid invoices will not be permitted to participate. All invoices must be paid no later than one week before your State Meet. Your school may use fundraisers or activity funds to provide the fees. Entry fees pay for you and your child's health and accident insurance while visiting the Texas State University campus, and they defray rental costs and other expenses of the tournament, including 1600+ awards and judges for several events.

### WHERE DO I REGISTER? WHERE DO THOSE FILLING POSITIONS RECEIVE THEIR NAME BADGES?

#### Contestants

Contestants do **NOT** register anywhere. On meet day, contestants **REPORT DIRECTLY TO THEIR CONTEST ROOM** for roll call. There is no check-in station for Contestants.

#### Volunteer Personnel

Each personnel schedule contains directions for your first assignment. All name badges are issued from the school's campus. A small hospitality room will be available for persons with an official badge only. Persons filling positions should check in with their campus representative to receive their name badges either at their campus or at the tournament **BEFORE** going to serve in their positions. Then each person filling a position must check in with Contest Director **OR** the person designated as the director for the position.

#### Contest Directors

Check in and pick up your packet no later than 30 minutes before your contest. The TAB Room will start giving out packets at 7:15am. Contest packets may not be distributed to anyone other than the Contest Director. Contest Directors must be present for all aspects of the contest, including the contest, grading, and verification/evaluation return. CDs serve as graders as well.

#### Assistant Directors

Report directly to the Contest Room. There are no packets for Assistants to obtain. Assistant Directors are expected to remain present and assist in all aspects of the contest, including the contest, grading, and verification/evaluation return. ADs serve as graders as well. Do **NOT** check-in at the TAB room—go directly to your contest room approximately 15 minutes before the contest is to begin.

#### Speech Judges

Report to the **TAB Room** to pick up your judging packets. Then, report to your contest room.

**Graders** for Objective Contests **and Judges** for Subjective Contests (Ready and Creative Writing, On-Site Drawing)

Report to the Grading or Judging Room on your schedule at the grading/judging time. Do **NOT** check-in at the TAB room.

#### Hall Monitors

Report to the Contest Director in the classroom if you have been assigned to a contest. Report to the Meet Director in the TAB Room if you are a general hall monitor.

#### Important Rooms:

TAB Room – *Derrick 326*

Hospitality – *Derrick 229*

T-shirts and Other  
Promotional Items –  
*Derrick 235*

## Other Positions

Report to the room listed on your personnel schedule for your duty.

## Summary

Report to TAB Room to Check-in	Do NOT report to TAB room to Check-in
Contest Directors Speech Judges	Assistant Directors Graders Judges for Creative Writing, Ready Writing, On-site Drawing Hall Monitors

## WHAT IF I CANNOT COME TO STATE MEET?

Notify your PSIA Campus Coordinator OR your principal immediately if you are unable to attend the State Meet. Your Campus Coordinator and principal are the only people authorized to submit a withdrawal from the State Meet. Please submit withdrawal information by email. The format for withdrawal is District Meet (Number and Classification), Contest Name and Grade Level, Student Name, School, and City.

An example withdraw email would state:

**“From District 18A, in Dictionary Skills 4-5, Doug Ray from Ray Academy, Lampasas, has withdrawn from the State Meet.”**

Remember that no substitutions may be made at State Meet. Rather, when a regular State Qualifier withdraws from the State Meet, the alternate from the District takes his or her place. This alternate may or may not be from the same school. Schools will be notified via email when an alternate has been seated up to the week before the State Meet. Schools are encouraged to send the alternate, if possible, to each contest. The alternate will participate in the contest only if the regular State Qualifier from the same district is absent. Contest Directors will have the list of alternates and who they may replace on their rosters.

## WHAT IF I HAVE A CONFLICT WITH ANOTHER CONTEST?

**CONFLICT WITH VERIFICATION:** Please have one adult from your school attend the verification or evaluation return period if your student has a conflict. Speech evaluations are exempt from this rule.

**CONFLICT WITH SPEECH (Dual Entry):** Contestants may receive a dual entry if they are participating in a speech contest plus any other contest concurrently. Please notify the State Office of a dual entry no later than **March 27th** by sending an email to Doug with the State Meet (“A” or “AA”), name of school, name of contestant, and the contests that the Dual Entry is requested for. Failure to request the Dual Entry by the deadline will forfeit the right to Dual Entry. Be sure to include conflicts with Finals rounds of speech contests as well as Prelims. You may not request a Dual Entry on the day of the meet for either round.



## WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Be comfortable, but remember that appearance matters in speech contests. Pictures may be taken of individuals and groups, so please notify PSIA if you or your child does not wish to be included in a photograph that may be published on the PSIA website or other promotional media. In Speech events, regular nice clothing should be worn, but no clothing that identifies the school represented. Uniforms may be worn in all other events. The PSIA State Championship 2026 T-shirt will be available for advance purchase online, or on campus (Derrick 235) at the meet. School uniforms may be worn by participants in all contests, except Speech contests. Anyone may wear a PSIA State Champion t-shirt at the State Meet.

## SCHEDULES

Schedules for both contestants and personnel will be available for printing by your school's Campus Coordinator beginning early in the week of your meet.

## DO THE STUDY MATERIALS CHANGES FROM DISTRICT TO STATE?

No. The State Meet Spelling lists are the same lists used for District. The same Vocabulary list is used in both District and State. The Art Memory art, Music Memory music, and Modern Oratory topics are all the same in both District and State.

## PARKING

My contacts at Texas State are looking into whether UPD will be ticketing on campus on the Saturday of our events. Unfortunately, parking is something out of the control of PSIA. I will update you on the parking situation when a decision has been made.

*The general rule was the following: Handicapped parking—must display your handicap tag or license plate. Red Permit (faculty) and Green Permit (students) areas are fine.*

The closest parking to our buildings will be the Matthews Street Garage and the Pleasant Street Garage.

Please display one of our special parking permits in your windshield. This is not required by the university, but in case something happens, it will help UPD identify your car has belonging to our group.

There is also paid parking in the LBJ Student Center Garage.

## TENTS?

Yes. You may pitch your tent in the area between Derrick Hall and Evans Liberal Arts Building, aka, the Quad. Just leave plenty of room for people to get by and please clean up after yourself.

## FOOD

- Commons Dining Hall – 10am to 2pm
- Harris Dining Hall – 10am to 2pm
- Jones Dining Hall – Noon to late (includes Panda, Create & Wing It)
- LBJ Student Center Chik-fil-A – 10:30am to 5:00pm
- LBJ Marketplace – 10:30am to 5:00pm
- Alkek Library Starbucks – 10:00am to 6:00pm

## HOTELS

- La Quinta Inn by Wyndham, San Marcos, 512-392-8800
- Embassy Suites by Hilton, San Marcos, 512-392-6450
- Hilton Garden Inn, San Marcos, 512-878-4411
- Hampton Inn and Suites, San Marcos
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites South, San Marcos, 512-392-6355
- Homewood Suites by Hilton, San Marcos, 512-667-7011

## MORE QUESTIONS

Contact Doug in the PSIA State Office at [doug@academicmeet.com](mailto:doug@academicmeet.com) or call at (512)797-2158.



## CODE OF CONDUCT

All administrators, students, teachers, coaches, parents, and volunteers must abide by the PSIA Code of Conduct at all times when conducting PSIA business and when attending PSIA academic competition. This mandate specifically includes prompt and courteous acceptance of the decisions of contest officials and the executives and staff of PSIA. PSIA reserves the right to adjudicate, determine, and communicate all rules, all decisions, and all activities of PSIA.

Participants will —

1. Participate in contests in the spirit of fairness and sportsmanship, observing rules—both in letter and spirit;
2. Sponsor and advise individuals and teams without resorting to unethical tactics, attempting to skirt the rules, or any other unfair tactics which detract from sound educational principles;
3. Accept decisions of officials and judges without protest and extend protection and courtesy to officials;
4. Accept decisions of officials in matters not related directly to competition;
5. Regard opponents as guests or hosts while placing personal and/or team integrity above victory at any cost. Maintain grace and poise in both victory and defeat;
6. At all times, ensure that competition is relative to a more important overall educational effort, using competition as a tool in the preparation of students for good citizenship and successful adulthood.
7. Comply with all stipulated actions and deadlines, including applying, ordering, paying of invoices or fees, providing volunteers (names), attendance at district and state meet related meetings, reading and understanding contest rules prior to contest, so that all members have equal opportunity to participate and have a fulfilling experience on a level playing field.

# Private Schools Interscholastic Association 2025-2026 District and State Meet Contest & Room



## Conflict Pattern/Time Schedule One-Day, Grades 1-8 Tournament

Contestants may enter only one contest during any given block, except for dual entry between a speech contest and another contest. (E) = speak early; (L) = speak late; **Contest in boldface** = Dual with Finals

SPEECH EVENT	DUAL ENTRY
Impromptu Speaking 7/8	Oral Int. [Finals] (L), Spelling (L), <b>Science (L), Vocabulary (L)</b>
Modern Oratory	Ready Writing (L), Spelling (E), <b>Dict (L), Math 7-8 (L), Science (E), Vocabulary (E)</b>
Oral Interpretation 4 & 5	Spelling (L), Music Memory (E), Maps (E), <b>Vocabulary (E)</b>
Oral Interpretation 6 & 7/8	On-Site (L), Listening (L), Calc'r (E); Ready Writing (E); Art Mem (E), <b>Spelling (L); Impromptu (E)</b>
Storytelling	Spelling (E)

**REMINDERS:** No extra time is given in any contest. **Notification of dual entry (including Finals possibilities) MUST be given to your District Director by 30 days prior to the meet / To State Director, by 14 days prior to the meet.**

**THIS SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE MUST BE FOLLOWED AT BOTH DISTRICT & STATE MEETS.**

**Shaded Blocks** = Time Allotted for Contest, inclusive of roll call and test distribution, etc.

X = Verification or Viewing of Tests & Awards     ◆ = Evaluation Return

Contests / Grades Offered	TIME									
	↓8am	↓9:00	↓10:00	↓11:00	↓12:00	↓1:00	↓2:00	↓3:00	↓4:00	↓5pm
Number Sense 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8					X					
On-Site Drawing 6, 7 & 8					X					
Listening Skills 4/5 & 6-8					X					
Oral Interpretation 6 & 7/8				◆	Finals		X			
Creative Writing 1 & 2					X					
Calculator Applications 6-8						X				
Ready Writing 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8								X		
Art Memory 4/5 & 6-8						X				
Storytelling 1, 2, & 3					◆		Finals		X	
Modern Oratory 7/8					◆		Finals		X	
Spelling 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7/8								X		
Impromptu Speaking 7/8							◆	Finals		X
Oral Interpretation 4 & 5							◆	Finals		X
Music Memory 3/4, 5/6, & 7/8									X	
Maps, Graphs, & Charts 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8								X		
Dictionary Skills 4/5 & 6-8									X	
Mathematics 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8									X	
Mathematics 2 & 3										X
Science 6, 7 & 8										X
Vocabulary 5, 6 & 7/8										X
# Rooms with a capacity of 20 to 36 needed to conduct a full 8-school meet	13	17	14	26*	18	13	22	15	14	

\*combine rooms as needed



# PSIA 2026 State Meet Alphabetical Schedule

(Rooms have not been assigned yet.)

EVENT	GR	SECTION	TESTING TIME/ROOM	GRADING TIME/ROOM	VERIFICATION TIME/ROOM
Art Memory	4,5   6,7,8		9:00am --	10:00am --	12:30pm --
Calculator Apps	6,7,8		9:00am --	10:00am --	12:30pm --
Dictionary Skills	4,5   6,7,8		1:30pm --	2:30pm --	4:00pm --
Listening Skills	4,5   6,7,8		8:30am --	9:00am --	12:00pm --
Maps	4 - 8		12:30pm --	1:30pm --	3:00pm --
Mathematics	2, 3		2:30pm --	3:15pm --	4:30pm --
Mathematics	4 - 8		1:30pm --	2:30pm --	4:00pm --
Music Memory	3,4   5,6   7,8		12:30pm --	1:30pm --	4:00pm --
Number Sense	2 - 8		8:00am --	8:30am --	11:30am --
Science	6 - 8		2:30pm --	3:30pm --	4:30pm --
Spelling	2 - 8		11:00am --	12:00pm --	2:30pm --
Vocabulary	5 - 8		2:30pm --	3:30pm --	4:30pm --

EVENT	GR	SECTION	TESTING TIME/ROOM	CRITIQUE WRITING/DRAWING TIME/ROOM	EVALUATIONS TIME/ROOM
Creative Writing	1, 2		8:30am --	9:30am --	12:00pm --
On-site Drawing	6 - 8		8:00am --	9:00am --	11:30am --
Ready Writing	3 - 8		9:00am --	10:15am --	2:30pm --
Impromptu Sp	7,8	Prelims	11:30am --	11:30am --	2:00pm --
		Finals	3:00pm --	3:00pm --	4:30pm --
Modern Oratory	7,8	Prelims	10:00am --	10:00am --	12:00pm --
		Finals	2:00pm --	2:00pm --	4:00pm --
Oral Interpretation	4, 5	Prelims	11:30am --	11:30am --	1:30pm --
		Finals	3:00pm --	3:00pm --	4:30pm --
Oral Interpretation	6, 7, 8	Prelims	8:30am --	8:30am --	10:30am --
		Finals	11:30am --	11:30am --	1:30pm --
Storytelling	1, 2, 3	Prelims	10:00am --	10:00am --	12:00pm --
		Finals	1:30pm --	1:30pm --	4:00pm --



**STATE MEETS  
2026**

**Our Buildings:  
DERR  
Derrick Hall (G4)**

**ELA  
Evans Liberal  
Arts Building  
(G5)**

**T-shirt Sales:  
Derrick 235**

**Food:  
LBJ Student Center  
Jones Dining Center**



## ALTERNATES INFORMATION

Here are the Frequently Asked Questions alternates have about their role in the State Meet.

### HOW SOON WILL I KNOW IF I CAN COMPETE? WHO WILL NOTIFY ME?

State Qualifiers should notify their campus coordinator or principal who is responsible for notifying the PSIA State Office. The State Office will send an email promoting the Alternate to State Qualifier. Your campus coordinator will notify you if you have been promoted. If you do not receive a notification from your campus coordinator, it means that you have not been promoted.

In most contests, the 3rd place contestant at District is the only alternate and can replace the 1st place or 2nd place contestant. If there is a tie at 3rd place, all contestants involved in the tie are promoted to State Qualifier. In Creative Writing, Math 2, Math 3, and Storytelling, only the 1st place winner is a State Qualifier. The 2nd place contestant is the 1st alternate and will take the place of the State Qualifier if they withdraw. If the 1st alternate is unable to attend, the 2nd alternate (3rd place contestant from district) will be promoted.

### IF I HAVEN'T HEARD ABOUT BEING PROMOTED, SHOULD I CALL THE PSIA STATE OFFICE?

No. Please consult your campus coordinator to see if he or she was notified of your promotion. If the campus coordinator does not receive information about your promotion, it means that the regular State Qualifiers did not withdraw.

### AM I ELIGIBLE TO FILL ANY VACANT POSITION IN THE CONTEST AT STATE?

No. As the alternate from a particular district, you are only eligible to fill the vacancies from your district in your contest for which you are the alternate.

### SHOULD I ATTEND THE STATE MEET ANYWAY?

This is up to you, your parents, and your school to decide. It's not unheard of that a contestant had to drop out at the last minute; had the alternate been present, they would have been seated in the contest.

### IF I SHOW UP TO STATE, CAN I TAKE THE TEST ANYWAY?

No. Only actual State Qualifiers may take the tests or participate in the State Meet.

**Congratulations on doing so well at the District Meet. We hope that your experience was worthwhile and that you can reflect on your year with pride and pleasure.**