



ARLINGTON CLASSICS ACADEMY

PSIA Permission Form

The following PSIA teams will be available to students of Arlington Classics Academy in accordance with the following policy/guidelines:

1. Students may not participate in more than one activity per day.
2. Students must maintain passing grades and "S" in citizenship at all times.
3. Parent **and** teacher approval is required to participate.
4. Students with more than three absences from the PSIA team practice may, at the discretion of the PSIA coach, be ineligible to continue the program.

The following PSIA teams will meet on the days listed below. The district meet is on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Liberty Christian School in Argyle, TX. The state meet is on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX.

<u>Contest (Grades)</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Meeting Days/Times</u>	<u>Meeting Location</u>	<u>First Meeting</u>
Art Memory (4-8)	Steward	Tues. 7:45 – 8:05	Bowen-Steward's room	11/17/15
Calculator Applications (6-8)	Flood	3 rd Thurs. 4:00-5:00	TBA	10/22/15
Creative Writing (1-2)	Earl	2 nd & 4 th Thurs. 4:00 - 4:45	Bowen-Earl's room	10/29/15
Dictionary Skills (4-5)	Holder	Wed. 4:15 – 5:15	Bowen – Holder's room	10/21/15
Maps, Graphs, & Charts (4-8)	Mr. & Mrs. Hofer	Tues. 4:00 – 5:00	Bowen – Mr. Hofer's room	10/20/15
Mathematics (3-5)	Stuer	1 st & 3 rd Wed. 4:00 – 5:00	Bowen-Stuer's room	10/21/15
Mathematics (6-8)	Flood	3 rd Thurs. 4:00-5:00	TBA	10/22/15
Modern Oratory (7-8)	Gerecke	Thurs. 4:15 – 6:00	Bowen-Gerecke's room	10/22/15
Number Sense (4-5)	Stuer	2 nd & 4 th Wed. 4:00 – 5:00	Bowen-Stuer's room	10/28/15
Number Sense (6-8)	Standard, Lamb	Fri. 7:45 – 8:15	Bowen-Standard's room	10/23/15
Music Memory (3-8)	Ulmer	Thurs. 4:15 – 5:15	Arkansas-Ulmer's room	10/1/15
On-Site Drawing (6-8)	Boyd	Fri. 7:45 – 8:15	Bowen-Boyd's room	11/20/15
One-Act Play (6-8)	Gerecke	Tues. 4:15 – 6:00	Bowen-Gerecke's room	10/20/15
Ready Writing (3-8)	Barksdale/Martindale	Tues. (alt.) 4:00 - 4:45	Bowen-Barksdale's room	10/22/15
Spelling (3-8)	Mogk/Kempken	Wed. 7:30 – 8:05	Bowen-Kempken's room	10/21/15
Storytelling (1-3)	Devorak	1 st & 3 rd Thurs. 4:00 - 4:30	Arkansas-Devorak's room	10/22/15

Please detach this bottom portion and return it your PSIA Coach or school secretary by **Friday, September 25th, 2015.**

Student name _____ Grade _____

PSIA Event(s) _____

Homeroom teacher signature _____

Parent/Guardian signature

Phone number

Email address

By signing above, you as the parent give permission for your child to participate in ACA's PSIA program. You also acknowledge that if your child is not picked up within 10 minutes after the team's dismissal, your child may not be able to continue in PSIA.

Event descriptions on reverse**



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The following is a short description of each event.

Art Memory

This activity provides a panoramic picture of international cultural arts history through the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C., as well as Texas art history through museums located across the state. All prints are reproductions of paintings from these galleries. Students are challenged to identify the artist and the work and answer questions about the art and the artists found in the *Art Smart Bulletin*.

Calculator Applications

A thinker's delight, this 30-minute contest develops mathematical reasoning and knowledge and requires application of problem solving skills toward realistic problems. Any calculator may be used in competition.

Creative Writing

This event is designed to promote creativity and encourage writing skills at an early age. Using a prompt of several pictures, students have 30 minutes to create an original story based on the pictures.

Dictionary Skills

Students use all elements of the dictionary (*Merriam Webster Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th edition) in the contest room, as they learn practical techniques for extracting and applying resource information.

Maps, Graphs, & Charts

This event is designed to provide students with experience in obtaining information from visual sources. The test include maps, graphs & charts needed to answer multiple choice questions derived from the 2008 or newer editions of the [Nystrom Desk Atlas](#), which students bring to the contest. The grade 6-8 test includes additional questions from general geography and the adopted atlas.

Mathematics

In a comprehensive, multiple choice, 30-minute math test, students are challenged beyond their grade levels in a variety of general math questions, including algebraic equations introduced in grades 6-8.

Modern Oratory

A challenge in writing and speaking, students prepare a short speech to examine the pros and cons of an issue (choice of 5 topics) and defend their points of view, incorporating a variety of speech and language arts skills.

Music Memory

Students compete as individuals, awarded by grade level, to identify composers and selections from some of the world's best-known classics. Contestants have approximately 30 seconds to write answers as they hear 15-second segments of the music in competition. Students also take a 20-item multiple choice/true-false test.

Number Sense

Contestants find high-speed solutions to math problems in this exciting and challenging 10-minute contest in mental mathematics.

On-Site Drawing

Using a display still life model consisting of from 4 to 7 objects, contestants produce a rendering on regular drawing paper using any drawing media. Contestants have 45 minutes at the contest site to produce their work of art to be judged by qualified artists and displayed in an art show during the remainder of the tournament day.

One-Act Play

Students draw upon a wide range of skills as they work together to perform an original or published drama under time and set limitations.

Ready Writing

This event brings challenge for the gifted writer. Students are given a choice between two prompts. Each prompt defines the audience and provides the purpose for writing. Time limits vary by grade level.

Spelling

As spelling words are pronounced at approximately five words per minute, contestants may either write or print each word. While 20% of the test words come from outside sources, 80% come from the PSIA Spelling List.

Storytelling

Contestants hear a story that they retell for their audience in their own words. This activity encourages the use of recall and also allows young students to bring their own expression and insight to the story.