

THE ACADEMIC DECATHLON

The Academic Decathlon® is a ten-event scholastic competition for teams of high school students. Each high school enters a team of nine students: 3 “A” or Honor students, 3 “B” or Scholastic students, and 3 “C” or Varsity students.

The theme for the 2010–2011 Academic Decathlon® season was The Great Depression.

SHS sends a team of twelve seniors to compete in six different tests, ending with quiz bowl on the theme of the decathlon. The students all take the same test but only compete with students with the same grade point average. Awards are given to the top three places in each division at the end of the tourney.

The students are invited to participate based on grade point averages and nominated by the HS counselors.

Students interested should contact Clark Kolterman, Academic Decathlon coach early in the school year. The event takes place the third Saturday in January in Omaha.

The Seward Optimist Club sponsors the team tee shirts every year and the area Optimist Clubs volunteer to assist the day of the regional decathlon. The top 25% of the teams at regional go on to the State level.