

Competition

All rules for Competition may be found online at www.vaodacs.com

What can my child do at Competition?

The competition is divided according to grade.

If your child is Level I, they are in the **4th -6th grades**. Third grade students may be involved in the group singing category..

If your child is Level II, they are in the **7th -9th grades**.

****If your child is a 9th grader, they will be competing on Level II unless there is an area that the staff find them to be especially gifted.*** They may then compete on Level III in that area alone. It is now optional for a 9th grader to compete on Level III. Only Level III may compete at Nationals but 9th graders competing on Level II have the advantage.

If your child is Level III, they are in the **10th - 12th grades**.

Is there only a Regional Competition?

That depends on the age of your child. Level I can only compete on a regional level.

Level II and Level III can go on to compete at the State level if they win first place at Regionals.

Level III can go on to compete at the National level if they win first place at State.

Is my child required to compete at ODACS?

Yes. All students in the 4th - 12th grades are required to compete although third grade does go to compete in the Elementary choir. We believe that this not only promotes good school spirit but more importantly it refines areas of skill to be used for the Lord's service.

How does my child sign up?

You and your child should go over the rules and categories listed at the website listed above and then fill out the bottom of this paper. Each student should choose at least three areas they would be willing to compete in and the competition coordinator will put them in at least one of those categories. We have quite a few students and without fail, they will all want to sign up for the same thing. They can only compete in one event in each area. (i.e. Bible, Academic, etc. = area)

What happens after they are signed up in an area to compete?

Each child will be assigned to a staff member to whom they will be accountable. They should begin working on their piece (whether it be a speech, music selection, art project, etc.), as soon as possible. Much of the preparation will fall to the parents. They will need to meet deadlines in their preparation and you will be receiving periodic letters and/or e-mails about upcoming deadlines.

Who do I contact if I have a question?

Mrs. Kerns is overseeing Competition this year and all questions should go to her.

Name of child: _____ Grade: _____

Event(s) they wish to compete in:

All sign-up sheets should be returned no later than September 11th. ***If your child does not return this paper with their preferences listed, then the staff will find areas for them to compete.***