

2018 JAPAN ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

Date:	<p>Saturday, March 3, 2018</p> <p>Registration begins at 11:30am.</p> <p>*Participants may bring in light snacks, but please have lunch before the contest starts (refreshments will NOT be served this year)</p>
Place:	Mercer University Atlanta Campus, Cecil B. Day Hall
Levels:	<p>Contestants will be divided into four levels.</p> <p>Level 1: • Students enrolled in first year high school-level Japanese language study</p> <p>Level 2: • Students enrolled in second year high school-level Japanese language study</p> <p>Level 3: • Students enrolled in third year high school-level Japanese language study</p> <p>Level 4: • Students enrolled in fourth year high school-level Japanese language study</p>
Number of students in each level.	<p>2-3 students per team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The students of virtual schools may pair up with the students from other virtual schools • Each school may submit two teams for each level.
Topic:	Japanese history, geography, language, current events, and other cultural aspects
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each school may submit up to two teams for each level. • Contestants must be current high school students. • Contestants have not lived in Japan for more than 3 months. • Contestants come from homes where Japanese is not spoken regularly.
Format of the competition:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The three Judges will judge throughout the competition. • An emcee will read the questions throughout the competition • Only the Final Round is open to audiences. <p>We recognize that you, the teachers, are the foremost experts in teaching and testing Japanese language, culture, history, and current events. <u>Thus, to ensure that the event retains the highest level of quality, the eligibility will require that each team's registration be accompanied by a minimum of 3 suggested questions (and answers).</u> For example, if a teacher plans to register teams for Level 1 and 3, that teacher must provide 3 Level 1 questions and 3 Level 3 questions. We would also welcome questions from each of your participating students as well. <u>All questions should be submitted with the online registration.</u></p>

	<p><u>Preliminary Round</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each level will have one preliminary round. • Preliminary Round will have 15 Questions and 2 Bonus Questions. • 15 Questions value at 10 points, and Bonus Questions value at 5 points each. • Questions are read only once. • During the preliminary round, each team has 30 seconds to write an answer on a provided answer sheet. Conferring is allowed between team members. Any member of the team may write the answer(s) to the question. • The 3 teams with the highest scores in the preliminary round go on to the Final Round. <p><u>Final Round</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the Final Round, there will be 10 Toss-up questions valued at 10 points each, and 2 Bonus Questions valued at 5 points each. • Teams will have 30 seconds to “ring-in” to signal their answer. The answer must be given immediately without delay, so ring in only when you are prepared to answer. The team member who “rings-in” must answer the question. • NO CONFERRING IS ALLOWED IN THE FINAL ROUND. • During the Final Round, teams responding before a question has been read completely will not have the benefit of having the question re-read. • In the event that there is a tie "ring-in" on a question, all teams signaling will be asked to write their answer on the paper provided. • After a team “rings-in,” the team members who rang-in must wait to be recognized by the Moderator’s Aid. • In case of a tie-breaker, all teams should remain in the area. Students who leave the competition area may be disqualified.
Causes for Disqualification:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students leaving the competition site • Use of offensive language • Challenging or showing a lack of respect to the moderators, judges, or staff
Prizes:	Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place
Registration:	<p>The deadline for registration is February 19, 2018. JAC: https://goo.gl/forms/7wsYrYeuJ6E9wxRF2</p>

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