

2023 JAPAN ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

Date:	Saturday, March 4, 2023 12:00pm – 4:00pm (registration begins at 11:30am)
Place:	Kennesaw State University (Kennesaw Campus)
Levels: Level 1: Level 2: Level 3: Level 4:	Contestants will be divided into four levels. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Students enrolled in 1st year high school-level Japanese language study▪ Students enrolled in 2nd year high school-level Japanese language study▪ Students enrolled in 3rd year high school-level Japanese language study▪ Students enrolled in 4th year high school-level Japanese language study
Number of students in each JAC level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 2-3 students per team▪ Students from the Georgia Virtual School may team-up with other virtual school students but are asked to participate in-person at the event▪ Each school may submit 3 teams for each level
Topics:	Japanese language, business/economics, current events, geography, history, politics, and traditional, modern, and popular culture
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Each school may submit up to 3 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">▪ JAC Judges will judge and moderate the event during the competition.▪ An emcee will read questions throughout the competition▪ For privacy and security reasons, preliminary competition rounds will be closed to the public. Only the Final Round, Opening/Closing Ceremony and the Cultural Demonstrations/Performances are 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, we ask 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, 2 and 3, that teacher must provide three Level 1 questions, three questions for Level 2, and three Level 3 questions. We would also welcome questions from each of your participating students as well.</p> <p><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 valued at 10 points, and Bonus Questions valued at 5 points • 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 answers to questions. • The 3 teams with the highest scores in the preliminary round go on to the Final Round of competition. <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 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 person 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.
<p>Causes for Disqualification:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use of offensive language or any inappropriate behavior (please conduct yourself in a professional manner as if you are at school as this is a family-friendly event to promote Japan in a fun way) ▪ Students deliberately breaking event rules, guidelines, and/or leaving the online competition platform intentionally to gain an advantage. ▪ Challenging or showing a lack of respect to the emcee, moderators, judges, special guests, or event staff
<p>Prizes:</p>	<p>Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place winning teams</p>
<p>Registration:</p>	<p>The deadline for registration is Friday, January 20th, 2023</p> <p>Teachers, register at www.bit.ly/JAC2023-REGISTRATION</p>

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