2012 Polk County Middle School E-Team Tournament Information
READ CAREFULLY & SHARE AS APPROPRIATE

1. Use the information found on the Middle School E-Team page of the Polk County Schools website by visiting: www.polk-fl.net, Keyword: ***Academic Competitions*** to prepare team members. Written "tests" for team selection are not recommended as the tournament format uses oral questioning. The Academic Competitions Coordinator is available to discuss team selection recommendations.

2. The 2012 Polk County Middle School E-Team Tournament consists of one semifinal competition round on Wednesday, March 21 at the Lakeland Center, and one final competition round on Thursday, March 22, at Polk State College in Winter Haven.

3. All competing secondary students must meet the eligibility requirements for extra-curricular activities as set forth by the School Board of Polk County.

4. ***All*** teams compete on Wednesday, March 21. **Coaches will be paid stipends only if their teams participate in the tournament on March 21, 2012.**

5. Schools not attending the semifinal competition round will be automatically removed from the tournament.

6. **Audience interference during competitions will not be allowed.** *The APPROXIMATE times for both days of competition are given here.* ***Please share with parents that admission IS NOT PERMITTED EXCEPT DURING BREAKS IN COMPETITION. THIS APPLIES TO ALL SCHOOL PERSONNEL INCLUDING COACHES AND E-TEAM MEMBERS.*** *This policy is implemented to insure student concentration. Breaks occur after each 10 questions—approximately every 10-15 minutes.*
   4:00 PM to 4:15 PM – Introduction of all team members
   4:15 PM to 5:00 PM -- 6th grade competition
   5:00 PM to 5:45 PM – 7th grade competition
   5:45 PM to 6:30 PM – 8th grade competition

7. **Videotaping and/or cassette recording are not permitted during the semifinal competitions. Please share this with E-Team parents.**

8. The six schools with the highest scores from the March 21 competition will compete on March 22 in the County Championship round.

9. Parents and other interested parties may attend the competitions on March 21 and 22, BUT ENTRY IS ALLOWED ONLY DURING BREAKS. ***Seating will be limited during the March 22 competition.***

10. For further information, contact: Lisa W. Rawls, Academic Competitions Coordinator
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