

A. **ORGANIZATION.**

1. State Meet.
 - a. Students advancing to the state meet are determined by Section 205A.
 - b. The State Academic Meet is held annually at a university campus, Concordia University in Austin.
 - c. All academic contests are co-ed.
 - d. A tentative schedule of contests, events, and information regarding lodging will be posted on the TAPPS website.
 - e. All guidelines for district meets are in effect at the state meet.
 - f. All participating schools are expected to be familiar with and abide by the TAPPS Constitution, By-Laws, and Academic Meet Code.
2. *School Responsibility.* Each coach/sponsor is ultimately responsible for ascertaining the dates of the meet and scheduled times for each contest or event.

B. **ENTRIES**

1. Individuals qualify for the state meet by competition in the appropriate district meet. The district director's report, sent to the TAPPS State Office constitutes a school's official State Academic Meet entry in all contests.
2. **There will be a \$5.00 fee per student, per event for the state meet. There is also a \$10.00 fee for participating yearbooks and a \$10.00 fee for participating student newspapers. An example would be: Student A is entered in number sense, calculator and advanced math, the state meet fee would be \$15.00.** (See TAPPS Contest Roster Form).
3. The TAPPS Contest Roster Form and money will be turned in at the time of registration at the state meet. Additional fees for State speech events can be approved by the Executive Board.

C. **JUDGES**

EACH DISTRICT WILL PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE QUALIFIED JUDGE FOR EACH SPEAKING EVENT. There are 30 judges needed for Block 2 and Block 3 on Friday, while Block 1 and Block 4 require 60 judges in order to have full panels for each preliminary event.

D. **PROCTOR/GRADERS**

Each district will provide at least one qualified proctor/grader for each academic contest. The same person may be assigned more than one block, but cannot serve in two consecutive events or blocks.

E. **REGISTRATION**

Schools must be registered and fees paid prior to students participating in the TAPPS State Competition.