

**St. Patrick School Academic Fair**  
**9635 Ferndale Road**  
**Dallas, TX 75238**  
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**General Rules**

1. Each student is limited to entering 3 events in their grade level. Check the schedule when making the selection of events because in some grades, more than one event is scheduled at the same time. Please note Poetry Interpretation is scheduled in a 90-minute block for grades 1-3 and two hours for grades 4-8. No Poetry Interpretation contestant may be scheduled for another event during this time.
2. There is a fee of \$5.00 per event. (This money is collected at each local school.) All money is due when names are submitted to St. Patrick School.
3. In grades 1-2, a test monitor will announce the test in the auditorium and escort the students to the contest room. In grades 3-8, students will be allowed to move to the contest room 10 minutes prior to the beginning of the scheduled test.
4. Participants must be on time for the event. Contestants late for Mental Math and Spelling will be disqualified. For other contests, contestants arriving late will have only as much time to complete the test as is left in the contest from the point they arrive.
5. Substitutions are allowed. **Students who are the substitute contestant should bring a completed Substitution Form with them to give to the Contest Director. Without a substitution form a student will not be allowed to participate.** Substitution forms will be made available to participating schools prior to the AF and on the day of the contest from the SPS school office.
6. No spectators are allowed in the testing rooms during contests. No one is allowed in the corridors or outside the contest rooms while the contests are administered. Monitors will be available to guide contestants as needed.
7. Students whose behavior is unruly will be removed from the contest room and returned to the auditorium. His or her test will be disqualified.
8. All student electronic devices, including phones, are to be turned off while in the contest room. Failure to abide by this standard will result in disqualification of the contestant.
9. Once a test paper is collected by a monitor, a student may not alter or modify it in any way.
10. Contestants may not leave the contest room until dismissed by the monitor. In grades 3-8, the monitor will dismiss the contestants once all students have completed the contest. In grades 1-2, an announcement will be made in the auditorium for parents to proceed to the contest room to pick up their child.
11. Silence must be observed during all contests.

12. **Math, Algebra and Geography papers are not returned to contestants, parents, or teachers.** Artwork, spelling papers and score sheets for Poetry will be given to each school to distribute to individual students.
13. Algebra 1 is open to Algebra students. **No** calculators will be allowed for any math contest including Algebra 1.
14. Please prepare contestants for the use of Scantron sheets, as these are used for some tests.
15. No contestants will be allowed to use the St. Patrick Library or technology for the purpose of looking up and printing documentation.
16. Winners will be posted throughout the day in the auditorium. Winners will also be published at the SPS website, [spsdallas.org](http://spsdallas.org), under the Student Activities tab. Awards will be placed in boxes in the tabulation room provided for each school. **These boxes will be picked up at the end of the day by each school's Academic Fair coordinator.** These boxes will not be delivered to participating schools. Please be patient while waiting for the results since it may take several hours to complete some events from start to finish.
17. Awards will be given to the top six place winners and honorable mention will be recognized for the next four places. Any awards not collected by the student at the time of the result's announcement will be given to the school coordinator at the end of the day when all the grading is complete.
18. Please see rules for specific contests for further information.
19. Failure to comply with Academic Fair rules may result in disqualification of student from the contest.