



Old Dominion Association of Church Schools

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Dear Principal,

The season of Bible, Fine Arts, and Academic competitions is fast approaching! The great job by our Virginia students at the regional, state, and national competitions represents much hard work on the part of their principals, teachers, and parents as well. Our first-place finish at the national competition last year is evidence of that diligent effort. I know you have already begun preparing for our spring competition. Involve your students; challenge students to participate this year in this exciting time for everyone.

We need your help! We not only need your students to participate, but we also need you and your staff to help us in the judging and in other areas. Each year we have hundreds of adult volunteers who give their time and talents to serve as judges. These people are essential to the success of our competitions. I would like to challenge you again to close your school for the day of your regional competition and for the state competition and require your staff to help in these areas. This will help us much toward providing the staff needed for a successful competition.

Use the enclosed form and indicate the people you have available to help in the various areas. Fill out the form stating your intent to participate and your judges form and mail those **BY FEBRUARY 3** to your regional coordinator (address is on the form). I know this is quick turn around, but we need you HELP. Please do not put this on your desk and forget it; take time right now to list your staff that can help! This will help us know how to plan. We appreciate your help very much!

All judges must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be a born again, fundamental Bible-believing Christian.
2. Must have a major or minor in the field they will judge or be presently serving, or have served in the area they will judge.
3. Must conform to the dress and conduct code of the National Manual.
4. Any exception must be approved by the regional coordinator prior to competition.

I cannot stress too much the importance of **YOUR ASSISTANCE**. We need so many to help judge and to assist in other areas such as timing, tallying, test grading, and others. We are looking forward to your participation!

Sincerely,

Dan Zacharias
Executive Director