



Old Dominion Association of Church Schools

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Memo to Administrators and Fine Arts Directors:

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. Our first-place finish at the last in-person national competition is evidence of that diligent effort. I know that you have already begun preparing for the spring competition. Get your students involved; challenge them to participate in this exciting opportunity.

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 to recruit your staff to help in these areas. This will help us much toward providing the staff needed for a successful competition.

Use the attached form and indicate the people you have available to help in the various areas. Fill out the form stating your intent to participate, and then list your judges on the attached form. Submit the participation form **BY FEBRUARY 20** and the judge nomination form **BY FEBRUARY 23** to your regional coordinator (address is on the form). I know this is quick turn around, but your help is greatly appreciated. Please do not put this on your desk and forget it; take time right now to list your staff and others that can volunteer! Your response will help us to know how to plan.

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 Competition Manual.
4. Any exception must be approved by the regional coordinator prior to competition.

I cannot stress too much the importance of your assistance. **Volunteering at ODACS competition offers a great opportunity to minister to young people as they develop their God-given talents; you can have a part in encouraging them to use their abilities to serve Jesus Christ!** We are looking forward to your participation!

Sincerely,

Dan Zacharias
Executive Director