



Criteria for Participation of Home Schooled Students in Chemistry Olympiad

1. The Chemistry Olympiad competition in Orange County will be open to home schooled students under the conditions listed below, as long as a student qualifies under national American Chemical Society (ACS) rules.
2. No plaque will be awarded to a home schooled group, but if a student qualifies for the second round of competition (top 11 or 12 students in the county), s/he will be invited to be the guest of OCACS at the awards banquet in May.
3. A subcommittee appointed by the Education Committee of OCACS will decide if a student is qualified to participate in the local section's program. The total number of home-schooled students will be capped at 4 for the county.
4. The committee will meet briefly after the third meeting of the year (usually in late January) to determine which if any students make good candidates for the program.
5. A potential candidate should submit as much of the following as is pertinent to help the committee decide eligibility.
 - a. Transcripts
 - b. SAT II score in Chemistry
 - c. AP score in Chemistry
 - d. Chemistry lab experience
 - e. College chemistry courses completed
 - f. Attendance at summer science institutes related to chemistry
 - g. Letters of recommendation, maximum of two of one page each.
6. The above material should be submitted to the chair of the Education Committee of OCACS at the address below by the ***third Saturday in January***. Please submit hard copies of the information; use the email address below for questions only. A decision will be made in late January, when our committee meets, about the students who may take the exam in March.

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