



Middle Grades Knowledge Bowl 2009 - 2010

Knowledge Bowl® is a sport for the mind. It provides a format for student growth centered on academics. It generates the kind of attention for bright students that is normally reserved for star athletes. For those who participate, it sends the message "It is cool to be smart".

Success Beyond the Classroom (SBC) coordinates the metro area 2009 -2010 Minnesota Service Cooperatives' Knowledge Bowl® program for middle grades. All students in grades 6-8 are invited to participate. Described below are the regional activities and costs. A service agreement (contract) and meet schedule can be accessed on this website. To indicate your participation, please send to SBC **(1) the signed contract and (2) the KB schedule** by no later than October 19, 2009. Prompt response is very important for scheduling purposes.

Regional Activities

SBC in collaboration with Metro ECSU will provide the following activities or services for those schools participating in Middle Grades Knowledge Bowl®:

1. Formalize Knowledge Bowl procedures in the metro area.
2. Communicate information pertaining to Knowledge Bowl procedures to all Knowledge Bowl coaches.
3. Provide a KB Handbook and 20+ sets of practice questions to all Knowledge Bowl coaches.
4. Publish a directory of metro Knowledge Bowl schools and coaches.
5. Facilitate a meeting for all coaches. The date for this year's coach clinic is October 19, 2009. An informative flyer and map can be accessed on this website.
6. Conduct two regular season meets for every Knowledge Bowl team that participates.
7. Conduct one all-metro meet and provide awards.

COSTS

\$180 per team (non-member)

\$90 per team (Metro ECSU member districts)

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Schools may register as many teams as they like but FOR EVERY THREE REGISTERED TEAMS must also bring at least:

- One adult to act as a reader or judge.
- One complete set of working Knowledge Bowl equipment (including computer or Pocket Box). Don't have access to equipment? Contact me.
- One equipment operator (can be a student). If you do not have an equipment operator, your adult should plan on serving as a reader/judge and equipment operator.

If a school registers 1-3 teams, they must bring at least one of each of the above. If a school registers 4-6 teams, bring two of each. 7-9 teams ? Bring 3 of each, etc. If your school does not have KB equipment, please contact me. Purchase of KB equipment is highly recommended (price list can be accessed on our website)

Note: A Middle Grades Knowledge Bowl team is made up of six members, including the alternate. 6 students per team participate in the written round. 5 students per team compete during oral rounds. Substitution is permitted between rounds. Team members can be in grades 6 - 8 or any combination thereof. Meets run from 3:15 (registration) until approximately 6:45 p.m.

If you have questions about the program, you may contact Julie at (612) 638-1540 or (email) julie.schaal@metroecsu.org