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Dear Ridgewood Elementary and Middle School families,

We are excited to invite Ridgewood Public Schools students in grades four through eight **to participate in the annual National History Bee, National Science Bee, and/or National Geography Bee.** This activity is completely optional, however, those students who choose to participate can take the initial qualifying rounds at school or from their home computers. Currently, more than 100,000 students in more than 50 countries compete in the annual competitions.

Founder and Executive Director of the International Academic Competitions (IAC) David Madden is a 1999 Ridgewood High School alumni and former captain of the Ridgewood High School quiz bowl team.

The first stage of each competition is a free grade-appropriate online exam for each subject in which your student wishes to compete. Each exam takes approximately 20 minutes to finish.

Beginning next week, these exams will be offered on several dates at locations throughout the district. During morning sessions, students can complete one exam. During afternoon sessions, students can complete one, two, three exams. Students can complete the exams at any location, at multiple locations, or from home.

[Sign up to register for one or more of the Bees and select the associated date\(s\) and location\(s\).](#) Dates and locations are listed below and on the registration form.

Date	AM	PM (3:00pm to - end)
Friday, 12/15	Hawes (8-8:30)	Willard
Monday, 12/18	BFMS (7:25-7:55)	BFMS
Tuesday, 12/19	Orchard (8-8:30)	Somerville
Wednesday, 12/20	GWMS (7:25-7:55)	GWMS
Thursday, 12/21	Travell (8-8:30)	Ridge

Students learn their score immediately upon completion of the online exam. Approximately 50-60% of students who take the preliminary exam qualify for the Regional Finals. Ridgewood High School will host two Regional Final exam dates: January 15 and April 13, 2024. Qualified students can also compete online or at other in-person tournament sites in the area.



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[For more information, sample questions, and practice tests, visit the IAC website.](#)

For informational brochures: [National Science Bee](#) and [National History and Geography Bees](#).

Questions? Contact Mark Ferreri, Supervisor of Humanities, at mferreri@ridgewood.k12.nj.us.

Sincerely,

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