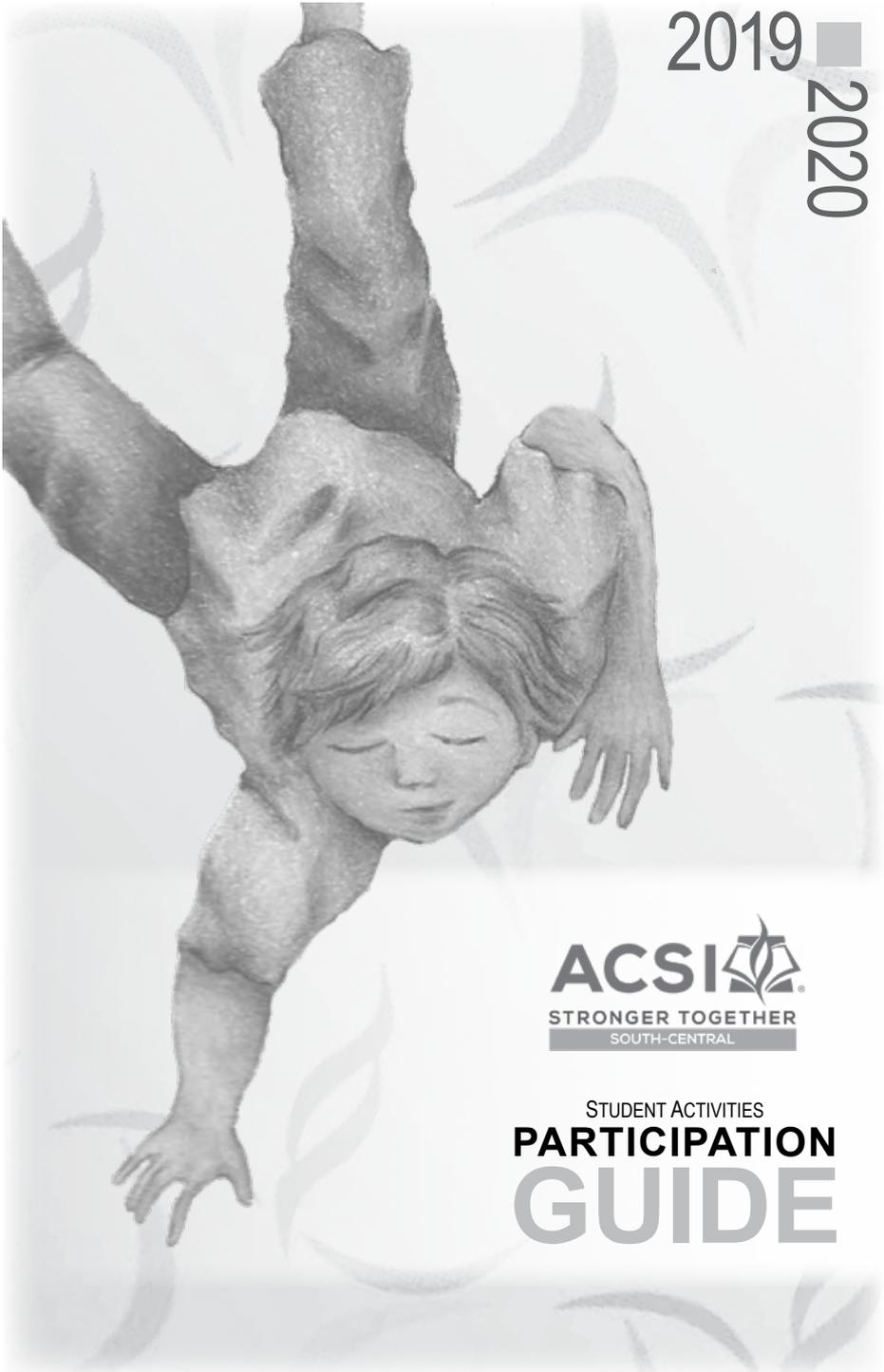


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STUDENT ACTIVITIES
**PARTICIPATION
GUIDE**



REGISTRATION & RESOURCES
for Student Activities are available at
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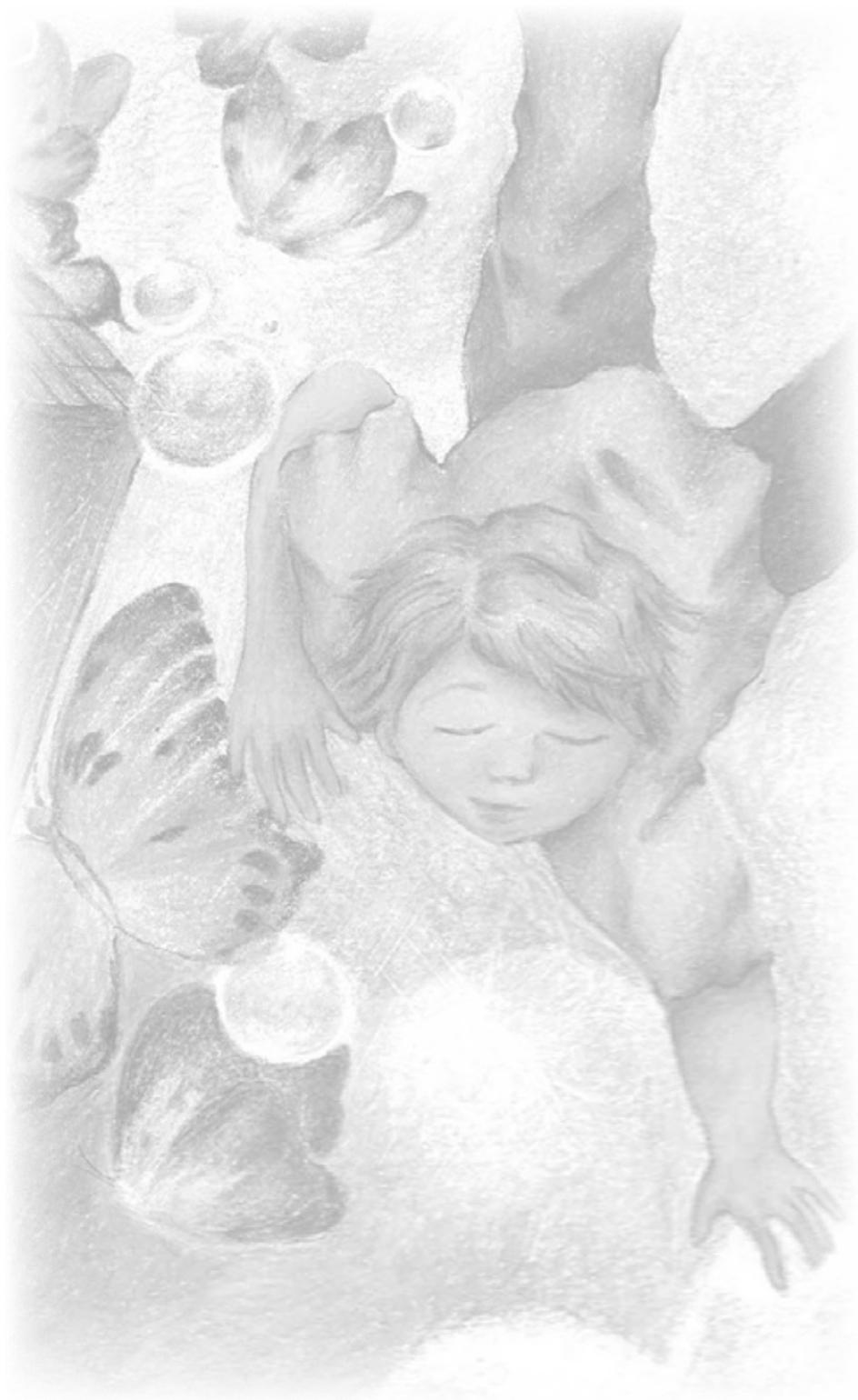


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ACSI
Student Activities
continues to strive
for excellence!

We are seeking to raise the bar of Student Activities and to increase the quality of our events. Currently, the ACSI Student Activities staff is working to produce additional resources to aid in judging our events. We are asking our host schools to continue to work toward providing high quality events. Participating schools, please approach each event with the highest level of excellence and quality to encourage excellence from students. We want to see the highest superiors from each school participate in the district events!

WELCOME TO THE 2019/2020 STUDENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Mission of the ACSI Student Activities Program

ACSI Student Activities enhance learning beyond the classroom by equipping Christian schools and educators while challenging students toward God-honoring applications of their leadership skills, fine art talents, and academic abilities.

The ACSI Student Activities program offers a variety of academic and fine art events that provide you, as an educator, an opportunity to intentionally enhance learning for ALL students in your classroom, not just the students that are selected to represent your school at the event.

ACSI Student Activities are chaired by Christian school administrators and teachers who volunteer their time and skills to make these academic and fine arts programs a success.

The “HOW TO” For ACSI Student Activities

This guide will assist the School Activities Coordinator or the individual within a school designated to oversee all ACSI Student Activities in which a school participates.

Read the Student Activities Participation Guide

This guide describes each of the events and expectations for participants. Discuss these events with your faculty and related staff members.

Choose Your Events

Select the date and location that works best with your school calendar. Calendar of host dates and location is available on the website www.acsi.org/studentactivities. Make sure the event date AND the event registration deadline appear on your master calendar.

Appoint a School Coordinator for Each Event for Which Your School Registers

This is the individual within your school that is responsible for the oversight of a particular ACSI event. Your event coordinator communicates with your school activities coordinator and the event chairperson—the individual responsible for organizing the ACSI Student Activity at the event site.

Online School Registration Form

Submit your online school registration form to register your school for Student Activity event. Go to www.acsi.org/studentactivities. Registration fees will be automatically calculated and you will be instructed to pay by credit card (preferred method), electronic check (also preferred), or by traditional check (made out to ACSI) and mailed to the regional office. ALL FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE.

No later than 30 days before the event, all student participation fees will be collected by the regional office. Submit a separate online student participation form for each event and pay with a credit card, electronic check, or traditional check. Mail all tra-

ditional checks to the regional office (not to the chairperson or to Headquarters in Colorado Springs!). Links to the online student participation form can be found on the student activities national page under resources.

www.acsi.org/studentactivities

Meet the Deadline

Submit the online registration form and payment by October 31 to qualify for the Early Bird Fee (\$60 per event). After October 31 the fee increases to \$90 per event. The final deadline for registration is November 15.

Distribute Confirmation Letters to Your Event Coordinators

You will receive an individual confirmation form, EVENT INFORMATION SUMMARY for each of your event coordinators detailing event information, chairperson contact info, and instructions on how to access handbooks/resources. Make sure they also understand anticipated deadlines and adult worker requirements for their event.

Have Your Event Coordinators Download the Handbooks

The handbooks for each event are available online at www.acsi.org/studentactivities. ACSI event participation and resources are available only to ACSI member schools, therefore, we ask that you keep the handbook passwords confidential. Passwords are provided with your confirmation.

Student Accident Insurance

All schools participating in an event with the Association of Christian Schools International should ensure that they have adequate insurance coverage for the school, students, and sponsors/teachers. ACSI does not assume responsibility for any insurance. The school's student accident insurance should cover most reasonable and customary medical expenses. Workers' Compensation coverage should cover employees/teachers.

Screening Requirements

By registering for Student Activities, you are agreeing to ensure that all staff and volunteers the school provides meet the school's internal policies and standards as well as state requirements for working with children in a K-12 private school setting.

TERMS TO KNOW

School Registration

ACSI Student Activities is open to ACSI member schools. Online registration will be open in mid-August at www.acsi.org/studentactivities. Registration payment can be made online with a credit card (preferred method) or by mailing a hard copy of the form and registration fees to the South-Central regional office. Do NOT mail checks to ACSI headquarters in Colorado. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Registrations will not be processed until payment is received. The fee covers the cost of the handbooks and office-related expenses.

Confirmation Email –EVENT INFORMATION SUMMARY

Once registered, an EVENT INFORMATION SUMMARY will be emailed to each school's school coordinator and will contain detailed instructions on how to participate in the events for which you have registered.

Handbooks

Within the confirmation email will be a password to download event handbooks at www.acsi.org/masa.

Participation Form & Fees

Approximately four weeks prior to the event date, each school's event coordinator will email a Student Participation form to the chairperson and at the same time, pay the student participation fee at www.acsi.org/masa. Late entries may not be accepted. This fee helps cover the cost of mailings, judges, awards, suppliers, rental equipment, and more.

Required Adult Volunteers and Screening Requirements

It is the school coordinator's responsibility to provide quality volunteers for chairpersons. If participating schools do not send helpers, we will not be able to sustain events. Each school needs to contribute or be precluded from participation. If a chairperson does not have enough volunteers, the event may be canceled. In addition, please be sure to plan for necessary chaperones and transportation to and from the event. By participating, schools are agreeing to ensure that all staff and volunteers provided by your school meet the school's internal policies and standards as well as state requirements for working with children in a K-12 private school setting.

School Coordinator

The school coordinator is the person within your school designated to oversee all ACSI student activities at your school. The school coordinator communicates directly with the ACSI regional office.

Event Coordinator

The event coordinator is the person within your school that coordinates all that needs to happen in order for your students to participate in a specific event, such as the Spelling Bee. The event coordinator communicates with the school coordinator and the event chairperson.

Event Chairperson

The event chairperson plans, sets up the facility, distributes awards, and communicates with the event coordinators about event-specific details. He/she is responsible for locating judges (with assistance from participating schools) for those events that require outside, additional experts. The chairperson also maintains expense receipts and finance reports. The chair receives an honorarium for their time invested in chairing the event. For questions specific to the host location, contact the event chairperson.

Host Site

This is usually a school that has offered the use of their facilities or the facilities of a related church or university for the purpose of hosting an ACSI event.

School Event

This is held within each school for the purpose of selecting students to attend the ACSI district event. School events should be scheduled 6-8 weeks before the ACSI district event.

Scheduling

Schools should schedule in-school events well ahead of the corresponding district events. For example, if a school will be participating in a district spelling bee in January, they should have their in-school spelling bee sometime in November to be ready to submit the Student Participation form and fees by the deadline. Also, be sure to list all ACSI event activities for which you registered on your school calendar to avoid conflicts later.

Accident Insurance

All schools participating in an event with the Association of Christian Schools International are required to have adequate insurance coverage for students and sponsors/teachers. ACSI does not assume responsibility for those coverages. The school's student accident insurance should cover most reasonable and customary medical expenses. Workman's Compensation coverage should cover employees/teachers.



Student today, Architect tomorrow.

That's the potential of enhanced learning through ACSI Student Activities. Sparking and nurturing early interests—like participation in an ACSI Art Festival—can help students grow into who God intends for them to be in the future. Membership in ACSI affords those opportunities.



Art Festivals

This is a DISTRICT EVENT.

Objectives

- To encourage art education and promote artistic creativity and expression.
- To provide an opportunity to recognize and exhibit outstanding student artwork.
- To encourage students to glorify our Lord Jesus Christ through the use of artistic talent and personal expression in the art media of their choice.

Description

Students will display artwork of various artistic media. All entries must be comprised of original student work; kit projects do not qualify. All projects must be prepared according to the established guidelines and will be judged by grade divisions and category. The students will have the opportunity to view the artwork of other students and meet fellow artists.

Eligibility

ACSI Member Schools

This event includes the following grade divisions: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-12. Each school is limited to 39 entries maximum. Schools should conduct their own art festival and advance only the top rated projects to the ACSI Art Festival. There is a limit of two pieces of work from any one student, and they must be in different categories.

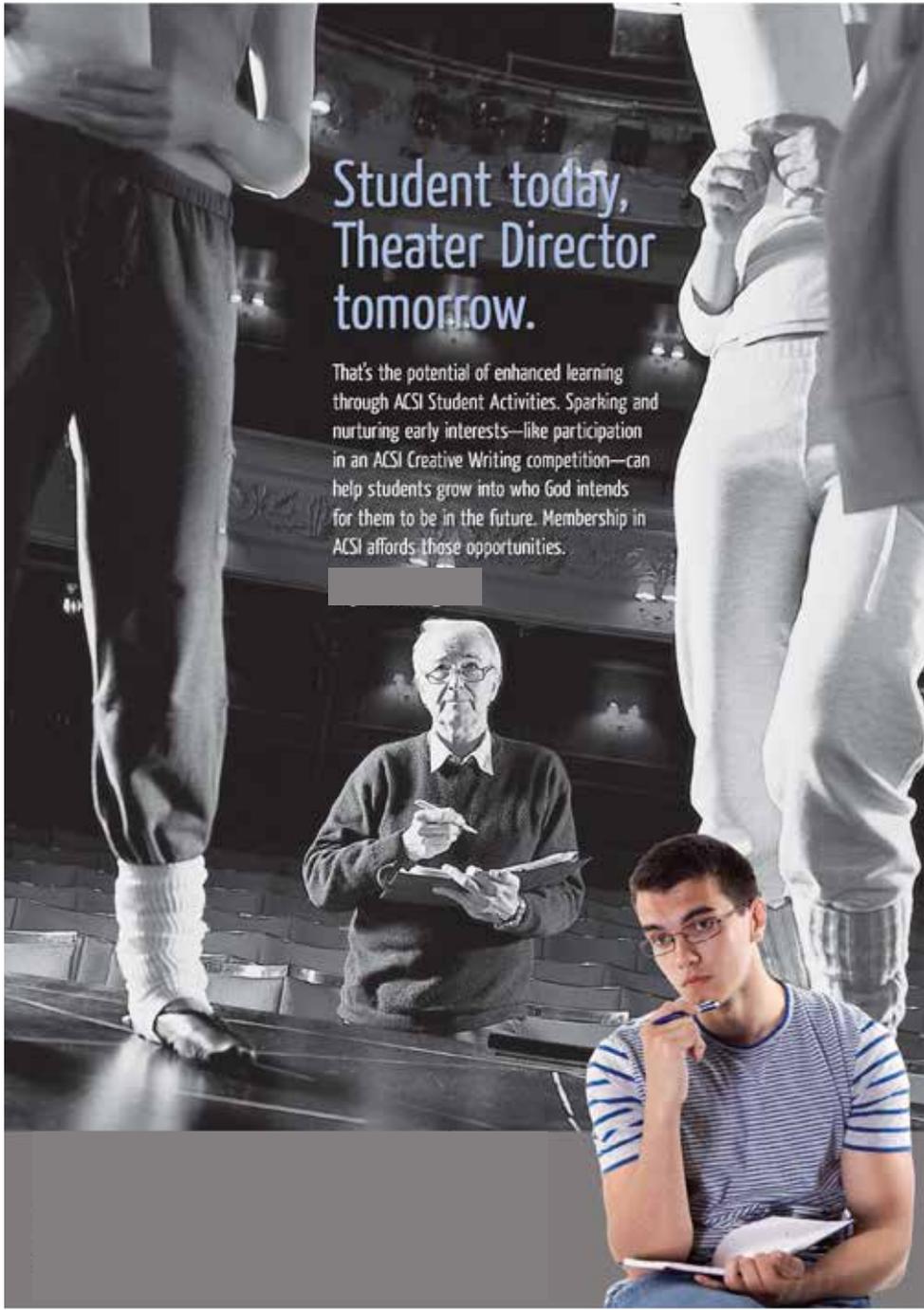
Categories – See handbook for category details.

- Painting
- Drawing – Black & White
- Drawing – Color
- Printmaking
- Graphic Design/Calligraphy
- Sculpture – 3 Dimensional, Shaped by the Student
- Relief Sculpture
- Film Photography
- Digital Photography
- Fabric Art
- Fiber Art
- Paper Art
- Miscellaneous Art
- Mixed Media
- Computer-Produced/Enhanced Art (grades 7-12 only)
- Pottery

Fees

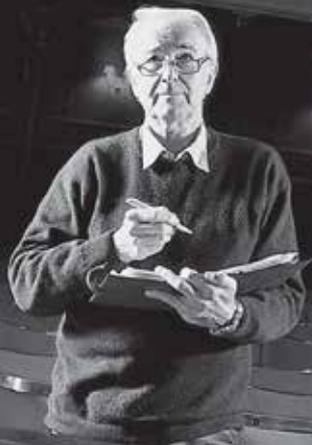
School Entry Fee: \$60.00

Student Participation Fee (per entry): \$10.00



Student today, Theater Director tomorrow.

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Creative Writing Festivals

District Creative Writing Festival

Objectives

- To provide an opportunity for students to develop creative writing skills.
- Through the use of evaluative criteria, the students will receive encouragement and instruction regarding their submitted creative writings.
- To give students the opportunity to share their gift of writing with others.

Description

This is a mail-in activity; no travel is required. Students will submit creative writing pieces for evaluation on a district level.

Eligibility

ACSI Member Schools

This event includes the following grade divisions: 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

Categories

- Rhymed Poetry
- Free Verse Poetry
- Essay
- Short Story

Fees

School Entry Fee: \$60.00

Student Participation Fee (per entry): \$10.00

Math League

This is a DIVISIONAL EVENT.

Divisional Math League Event

Objectives

- To provide an opportunity for Christian school students with an aptitude in mathematics to be further challenged.
- To offer students an opportunity to glorify God in the use of their mathematical abilities beyond the classroom.
- To provide Christian schools with a resource to expand their curricula offerings in mathematics.

Description

This is an email activity; no travel is required. The Math League involves four separate timed tests taken by the students and scored by participating schools. These tests are administered between the 1st Monday of March and the 2nd Friday of April.

Eligibility

ACSI Member School

Students must be enrolled in the subject area in which they are participating. There is no limit to the number of students that may participate per category. Only the top 5 scores will be reported per category. At the regional level, schools will compete in divisions based on school size.

Categories

- Pre-Algebra
- Algebra I
- Algebra II
- Geometry
- Pre-Calculus
- Calculus

Fees

Category Participation Fee: \$60

(There is no individual student participation entry fee.)



Student today, Astronaut tomorrow.

That's the potential of enhanced learning through ACSI Student Activities. Sparking and nurturing early interests—like participation in ACSI's Math Olympics—can help students grow into who God intends for them to be in the future. Membership in ACSI affords those opportunities.

Math Olympics

District Event – Math by Mail Event

Objectives

- To stimulate an interest and recognize the achievements of students in mathematics.
- To provide an opportunity to meet and fellowship with other students who have an interest in mathematics.
- To offer students an opportunity to glorify God in the use of their mathematical abilities beyond the classroom setting.

Description for Math Olympics–District Event

The Math Olympics is a series of timed tests that are given in a series of rounds. Each student competes against other students in his or her grade. Each school may submit three entries per category and grade for grades 3–8. Each student is permitted to enter only one category. The regional office sends the district tests directly to the schools to administer during the month of November. The student Answer Sheets and a copy of the participation forms are sent to the regional office, postmarked by November 30. The Regional office assembles a team to score the tests and record the scores the second Saturday of December. Schools are notified of qualifiers who are eligible to participate at the Area Math Olympics. Awards are sent the beginning of January.

Eligibility

ACSI Member Schools
Grades 3–8

Categories

Computation: Problems are of the paper/pencil computational variety (example: fundamental operations).

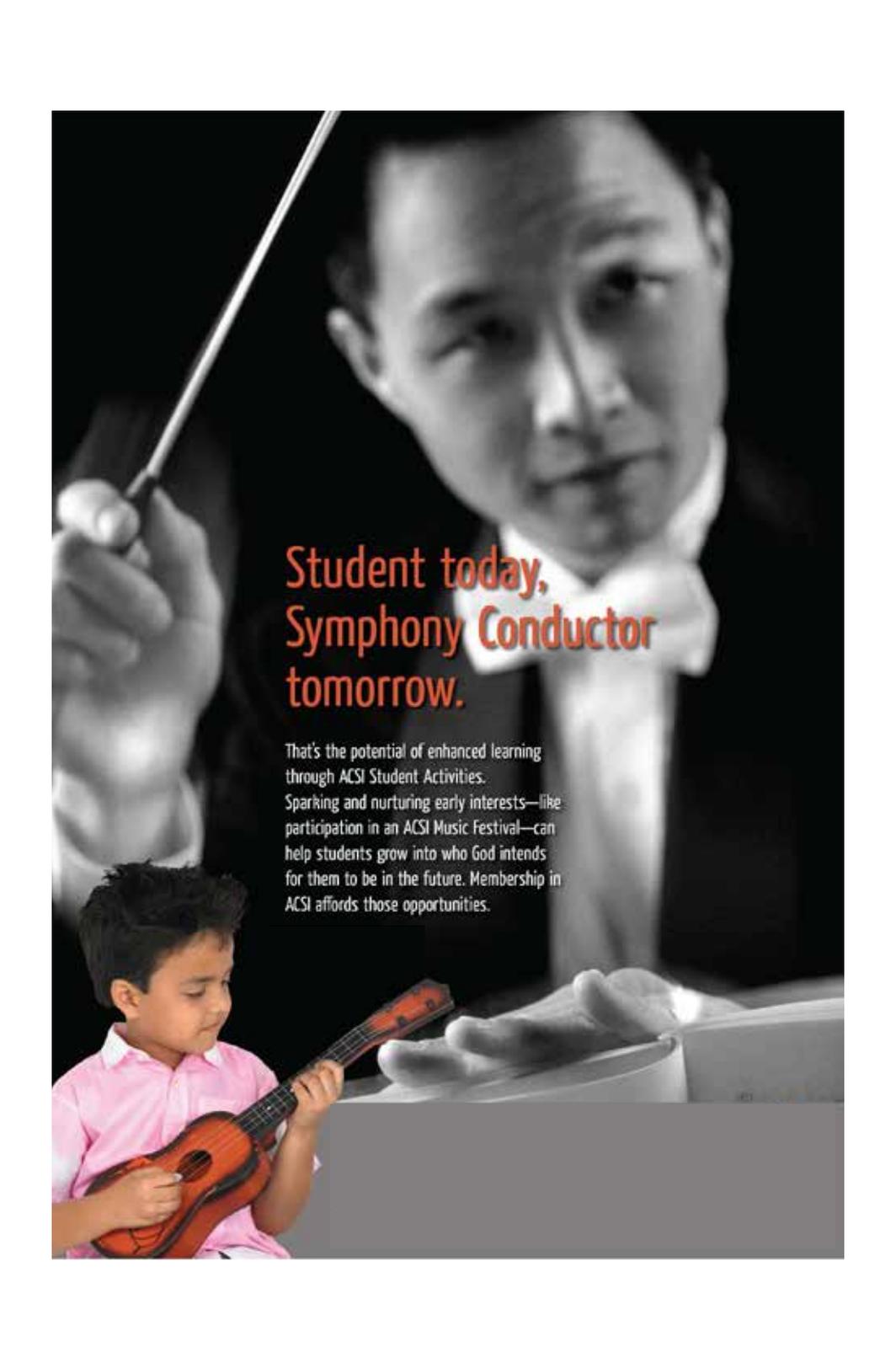
Reasoning: These paper/pencil problems are more difficult than the daily mathematical assignments of the student's grade level. These problems involve more than one operation and/or concept and may require a high level of reasoning (example: story problems, patterns, puzzles).

Description for Math Olympics–Area Event – Host School Event

The district qualifiers participate at a host site in the area level event which consists of a series of four timed tests in the two categories of Computation and Reasoning with the fourth test being a tie-breaker.

Fees

School Entry Fee: \$60
District Student Participation Fee: \$10.00
Area Student Participation Fee: \$10.00



Student today, Symphony Conductor tomorrow.

That's the potential of enhanced learning through ACSI Student Activities. Sparking and nurturing early interests—like participation in an ACSI Music Festival—can help students grow into who God intends for them to be in the future. Membership in ACSI affords those opportunities.

Music Festivals

District Event

Objectives

- To exalt our Lord Jesus Christ in the use of musical talent.
- To encourage students to share in the ministry of music.
- To encourage fellowship with students from other Christian schools.
- To provide an opportunity for Christian school students to benefit from the evaluation of a qualified adjudicator.

Description

District events range from including all categories in one event to separate events for each category. The district events can also have varying grade division participation such as grades 1–6 or 7–12. The ensembles are open for observation, space permitting.

Categories

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| • Solo | One Selection |
| • Small Ensemble: Duet/Trio | One Selection |
| • Small Ensemble: Quartet | One Selection |
| • Small Ensemble: (5-8 members) | One Selection |
| • Medium Ensemble (9-20 members) | Two Selections |
| • Large Ensemble (13 and up members) | Three Selections |

Group Divisions

- Large Ensembles – three selections for three judges
- Solos, Small/Sacred/Medium Ensembles – one/two selection(s) for one judge

Eligibility/Grade Divisions

- ACSI Member Schools
- 1–6: Elementary Vocal, Elementary Instrumental
- 6–8: Middle School/Junior High Vocal, Middle School/Junior High Instrumental
- 9–12: High School Vocal, High School Instrumental

Fees

- School Entry Fee per event: \$60
- Student Participation Entry Fees:
 - \$10-solo
 - \$10 per member-small duet/trio ensembles (2-3)
 - \$40-small quartet ensembles (4)
 - \$60-small ensemble (5-8)
 - \$75-medium ensembles (9-20)
 - \$120-large ensembles (13+)



Student today, Biochemist tomorrow.

That's the potential of enhanced learning through ACSI Student Activities. Sparking and nurturing early interests—like participation in an ACSI Science Fair—can help students grow into who God intends for them to be in the future. Membership in ACSI affords those opportunities.

Science Fairs

District Event

Objectives

- To encourage students to apply creativity, skill, and logical thinking to the solutions of science, engineering, and mathematical problems through further scientific study.
- To encourage students to increase in knowledge, interest, and understanding of God's universe and all His creation.
- To provide opportunity for students to display their science projects and to observe the work of other Christian school students in the field of science.

Description

Students display exhibits that demonstrate a scientific principle or show original research and creativity of a scientific problem with supporting data. A project includes systematic observations derived from the use of the scientific method. It is expected that each project is the work of the participating student.

Categories

- Physical Science (grades 3–12)
- Life Science (grades 3–12)
- Engineering (grades 7–12)

All projects must comply with display requirements, project safety standards, and the Rules of the International Science and Engineering Fair (as stated in the preparation materials provided by ACSI).

Grade Divisions

- Grades 3–4
- Grades 5–6
- Grades 7–8
- Grades 9–10
- Grades 11–12

Eligibility

ACSI Member School

Students in grades 3 – 12 are eligible to participate in the science fairs. Schools are to conduct a preliminary science fair and send only the top projects to the ACSI event. Projects may be entered as an individual or as a team (up to three members). Each participant/team enters only one project, and the project must be the work of the individual student/team. Two projects (individual or team) may be entered per grade division and category.

Fees

School Entry Fee: \$60

Student Participation Entry Fee: \$10.00 (fee applies to each individual on a team)

Speech Meets

District Event

Objectives

- To encourage effective speech in an audience situation.
- To help students develop techniques to speak audibly, articulately, expressively, and with poise and confidence.
- To encourage students to glorify the Lord through the use of their speaking skills.

Description

A student demonstrates ability by verbally presenting speeches before evaluators and an audience. Contestants do not compete against one another, rather, they are judged against established criteria. The winning entries from the local school speech meet participate at the district level. The district event may consist of grades 1-6, 7-8, 9-12, or a combination of divisions. The length of the event varies with the number of entries, judging teams, and facility space. No microphones permitted.

Elementary Division – Grades 1–6

Eligibility

ACSI Member Schools

Participation is based on the number of classrooms per grade which determines the number of entrants per category per grade. (I.e. when a school has 3 fourth grade classrooms, select 3 students from among the entire fourth grade for each category.)

Categories

- Bible Memorization
- Dramatic Bible Prose
- Fable and Folklore
- Original Speech
- Patriotic Oration
- Poetry

Speech selections may be chosen from the Elementary Speech Materials Notebook.

Junior High Division – Grades 7–8

Eligibility

ACSI Member Schools

Schools may enter three students/entries per category with a limit of one category per student.

Categories

- Dramatic Poetry
- Humorous Poetry
- Dramatic Reading

- Humorous Reading
- Dramatic Costumed Monologue
- Humorous Costumed Monologue
- Original Speech
- Visual Aid
- Puppet Team (2 or more students)
- Bible Memorization and Application

A recommended resource list is provided or selections may be approved by the Event Chairperson. Scripture selections are listed in the handbook.

Senior High Division – Grades 9–12

Eligibility

ACSI Member Schools

Schools may enter three students/entries per category with a limit of two categories per student.

Categories

- Bible Memorization and Application
- Devotional
- Homiletics
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Dual Acting (2 students)
- Expository Speaking
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Humorous Interpretation
- Impromptu
- Individual Acting
- Interpretation of Children’s Literature
- Original Oratory
- Reader’s Theater (3–6 students)
- TV News Team (3 students 11-12 grade)

Student presentations are in the form of interpretations and readings. Interpretation is defined as “theater of the mind” and is not acting or moving about as in a stage play but “come alive” through the use of voice, facial expressions, and limited gestures. All presentations are timed. Selections may be from published works that reflect a proper Christian spirit and taste of high literary quality.

Fees

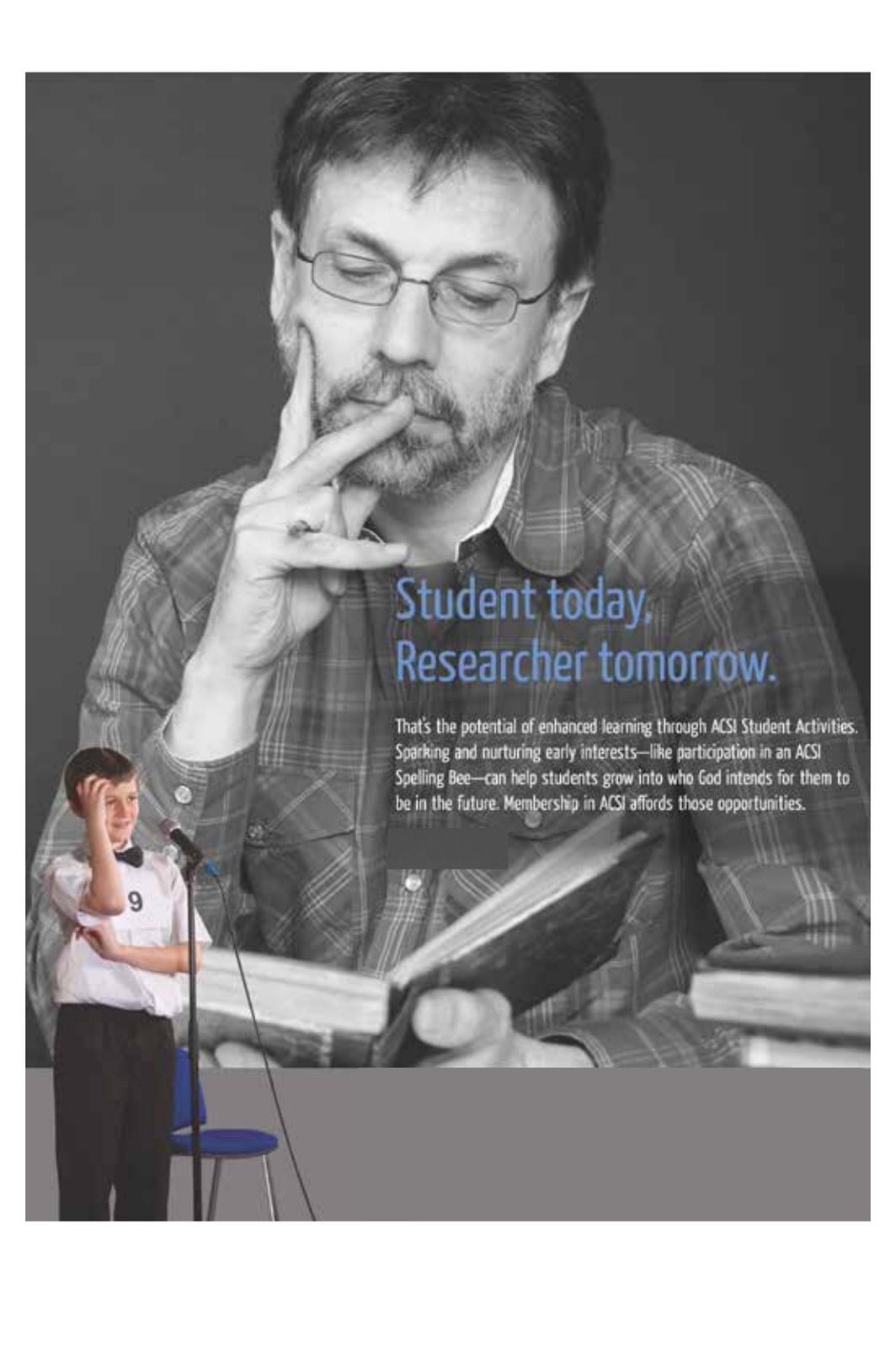
School Entry Fee: \$60

Student Participation Entry Fee: \$10.00 (fee applies to each individual on a team)



Student today, Senator tomorrow.

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Student today, Researcher tomorrow.

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Spelling Bees

This is a MULTILEVEL competition.

Objectives

- To develop effective spelling skills.
- To expand the students' ability to express themselves in all areas of communication.
- To develop within the student the awareness of accurate usage of words and vocabulary by encouraging proper communication.

Word Lists

The Published Word Lists are new each year and the same words are used at the school, district, regional and national bees.

Description

School Level

Spelling Bee winners from grades 3–8 qualify to participate at a district bee. Students only spell words from their grade level.

District Event

Students in grades 3–8 participate in their respective grade levels. The number of classrooms per grade determines the number of spellers entered per grade. (i.e. when a school has 3 fourth grade classrooms, select 3 students from among the entire fourth grade.) The first through fifth place winners at each of the 5th–8th grade levels advance to the final spell-off which uses words from grades 5–8. The top five-winners of the final spell-off qualify for the regional bee.

Regional Event

Winners of the final spell-offs at district bees qualify to participate at the Regional Spelling Bee held in mid-March in the Dallas, Texas area. At the regional level all participants spell as one group. The regional qualifiers need to study all of the grades 5 – 8 words from the current year's word list. The top five spellers advance to the National Spelling Bee held in May.

National Event

The top five regional spellers qualify to participate at the National Spelling Bee held in Washington, D.C. The national qualifiers need to study all of the grades 5 – 8 words from the current year's word list. Friday evening includes registration, reception, and fellowship. Saturday includes the competition, awards, lunch, and sightseeing tour.

Eligibility

ACSI Member Schools

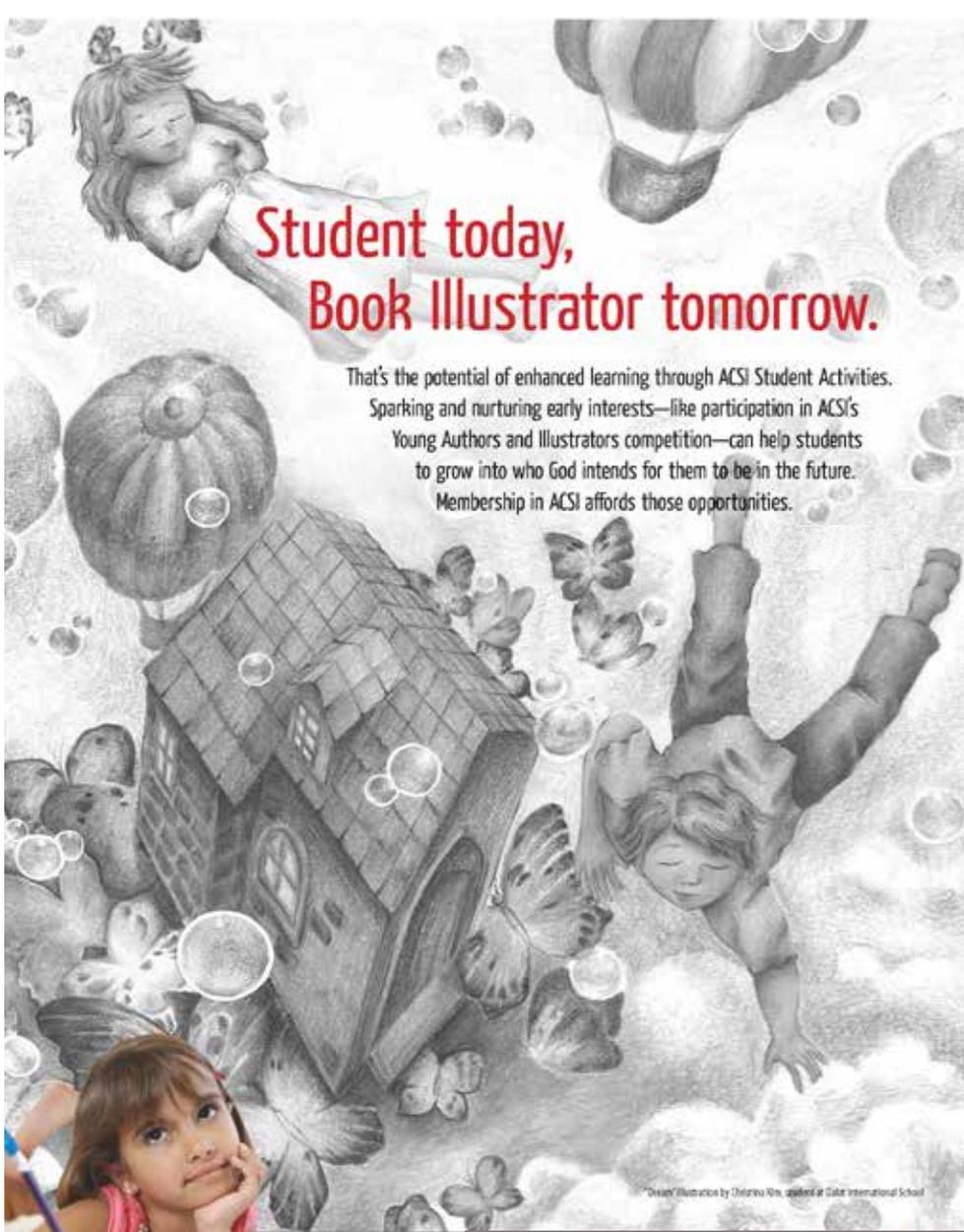
Grades 3–8 (School Level and District Events)

Grades 5–8 (Regional and National Events)

Fees

- School Entry Fee: \$60
- District Student Participation Entry Fee: \$10.00
- Regional Student Participation Entry Fee: \$75
- National Student Participation Entry Fee: Information will be given to the top spellers at the Regional Spelling Bee.

School and/or parents are responsible for speller's expenses for the Regional and National Bee.



Student today, Book Illustrator tomorrow.

That's the potential of enhanced learning through ACSI Student Activities. Sparking and nurturing early interests—like participation in ACSI's Young Authors and Illustrators competition—can help students to grow into who God intends for them to be in the future. Membership in ACSI affords those opportunities.

*Dream illustration by Chelvia Kim, student at Gate International School



STUDENT ACTIVITES BUILDS STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Participating in Student Activites helps each learner develop essential cognitive and social skills as they compete, present, perform, and interact. Those particular skills help students gain confidence and competence in the arts, sciences, and communication which, in turn, will afford them the potential to become leaders in those areas. Consider including Student Activity events as part of your overall curriculum and as part of vital training for student leadership.