

2018-19 Student Events

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Academic Decathlon

English Language Arts Events

History/Social Science Events

Math/Science Events

Visual/Performing Arts Events

Event Questions

Event specific information is mailed to district superintendents and site principals.

Find more event specifics on our Web page located at:
www.kern.org

Look for:

Student Events Calendar

(located under "For Parents" in the pull-down menus)

Questions?

Contact Christine Goedhart-Humphrey
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Letter to Parents

(Please copy and distribute to all parents at your school.)

September 2018

Dear Parent:

We are thrilled that your child will be participating in one (or more) of the student events sponsored by the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office this year. Student events can be incredible motivators for students and enhance student creativity, character and knowledge. Competition is demanding, but offers rich and rewarding experiences, regardless of event ranking. And remember, events should be fun!

We offer 15 competitive student events. Talk to your child and select events that are appropriate for him/her and that fit into your schedules.

Remind your child that not everyone wins an award. Whether or not your student places in the county competition is not as important as the life lessons revealed through the competition process. The world is full of disappointment, and many times we learn more and develop greater character when life does not go the way we expect.

Thank you for supporting your child in his/her academic pursuits. We wish you both a year full of rich experiences through competition.

Thank you,

The Student Events Team

Student Event Etiquette

(Important things to remember when competing)

- ✓ Students are kids and they should have FUN when competing.
- ✓ Teachers, parents, and students should demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
- ✓ Things may not always go the way you and your child hope or expect, but make the best of the situation. Please remember that your student/child takes behavior cues from you.
- ✓ Talk to your child about disappointment and set an example of how to be gracious in disappointing situations.
- ✓ Judging is a subjective process and judges' decisions are final.
- ✓ Judges volunteer their time to make student events possible. Please do not express concerns or complaints to the volunteer judges. If you have a complaint, please find the event coordinator to express your concerns.
- ✓ We are guests at our event venues. Please be courteous and respect the property of others.
- ✓ Do not enter or leave a room during a presentation.
- ✓ Avoid unnecessary noise during a presentation.
- ✓ Turn off all cell phones and pagers when in a competition room.
- ✓ Ask permission of competitors before taking photos or videotaping them.

District/School Responsibilities

If your district/school decides to participate in student events, you may be asked to:

- ✓ Provide volunteers to help with various aspects of the event
- ✓ Furnish judges for the event
- ✓ Provide a liaison with an e-mail address, who will act as event point person and share all correspondence with students, parents and other teachers at your site/district
- ✓ Share the “Letter to Parents” and “Event Etiquette” with your students and their parents

Academic Decathlon

High school (grades 9-12) teams composed of nine students participate in a series of academically competitive events that include: writing an essay, participating in an oral interview, delivering prepared and impromptu speeches, taking tests in the academic areas of Music, Language and Literature, Art, Mathematics, Science, Economics and a Super Quiz.

Academic Decathlon Coaches Meeting

Thursday, October 11, 2018 • 3:30 p.m. • CITY CENTRE, Room 318 -- 1300 17th Street

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 • 3:30 p.m. • CITY CENTRE, 5th Floor Boardroom -- 1300 17th Street

Academic Decathlon Concert

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 • Highland High School, 2900 Royal Scots Way, Bakersfield

Academic Decathlon Preparation Day

TBA • California State University, Bakersfield

Academic Decathlon Speech, Interview & Essay

Thursday, January 10, 2019 • CITY CENTRE Building -- 1300 17th Street, Bakersfield

Academic Decathlon

Saturday, February 2, 2019 • Mira Monte High School, 1800 S. Fairfax Road, Bakersfield

For more information contact:
Gena Lieske, AVID Program Manager
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www.kern.org - Student Events

English Language Arts Events

Oral Language Festival

Grades 4-8

Regional Entry Deadline: Friday, December 14, 2018

Saturday, January 26, 2019 • 8:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m. • Stonecreek Junior High,
8000 Akers Road, Bakersfield

Students memorize and present their interpretation of a published literary work, written by a known author. Presentations are 3-5 minutes in length with grades 4-6 and grades 7-8 competing separately. Categories of competition are: Verse Choir, Humorous Interpretation Solo, Humorous Interpretation Duo, Serious Interpretation Solo and Serious Interpretation Duo.

Henry Greve Speech Contest

Grades 7-8

Regional Entry Deadline: Friday, February 22, 2019

Thursday, March 14, 2019 • 6:30 p.m. • CITY CENTRE, Room 1B -- 1300 17th Street, Bakersfield

This event was established in 1955 for 7th and 8th grade students by the Bakersfield Toastmasters Club and offers students the opportunity to participate in a speech event. Students prepare a 4-7 minute speech on a designated topic. Topic and scoring guidelines can be found at <http://ci.kern.org/StudentEvents/english>.

Young Authors' Fair

Grades K-12

Saturday, March 16, 2018 • 8:00 a.m.-noon • Larry E Reider Education Center, 2nd Floor --
2000 K Street, Bakersfield

The Young Authors' Fair, sponsored by the Kern Reading Association, is the culmination of a week of author visits to Kern County schools. Open to the public, students, teachers and parents participate in school displays of student-authored books, author presentations, and book sales and author autographing sessions. There is no charge for this event. Information can be found at www.kernreadingassociation.com.

English Language Arts Events

Kern Battle of the Books

Grades 4-6

School Team Entry Deadline: Wednesday, November 1, 2018

Registration: \$50 per school • Checks made payable to Kern Battle of the Books

4-6 Central County Competition • Monday, May 6, 2019 • 8:30 a.m.

4-6 North County Competition • Tuesday, May 7, 2019 • 8:30 a.m.

4-6 South County Competition • Friday, May 10, 2019 • 8:30 a.m.

Kern County Museum/Pioneer Village, Bakersfield

Grades 6-8

School Team Entry Deadline: Friday, November 30, 2018

Registration: \$40 per school • Checks made payable to Educational Services Foundation

6-8 County Competition • TBA • 8:30 a.m. • Valley Oaks Charter School, Bakersfield

Students participate at their school by reading at least 20 books from the 4-6 or 6-8 grade booklist found on the "America's Battle of the Books" website (www.battleofthebooks.org). Schools register teams of 4th-6th grade students with the Kern Reading Association (www.kernreadingassociation.org). Students are then put in mixed school groups for the Kern Battle of the Books where teams are asked to name a book title and author based on questions developed for competition.

Bank of America Essay/Speech Contest

Grades 4-6

Essays Due: Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Speech Competition: Thursday, May 9, 2019 • 6:30 p.m. • Larry E Reider Education Center --
2000 K Street, Bakersfield

Students entering this event must prepare an informative essay on a designated topic. Essays are nominated by schools. Each school may nominate a 4th, 5th and 6th grade essay. Essays are judged and ranked by an evaluation panel. Approximately 10 essay writers at each grade level are selected to participate in the speech contest. Topic and scoring guidelines can be found at <http://ci.kern.org/StudentEvents/english>.

For more information contact:
Teresa Twisselman, English Language Arts Coordinator
at (661) 636-4645 or tetwisselman@kern.org
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History/Social Science Events

Congressional Hearings Teachers/Coaches Meeting

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 • 3:30 p.m.

CITY CENTRE, 5th Floor Boardroom -- 1300 17th Street, Bakersfield

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 • Registration Deadline/Intent to Participate Due

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 • Judge Recruitment Due

Congressional Hearings (District & Regional)

“We the People. . .the Citizen and the Constitution”

Grades 11-12

Saturday, December 8, 2018 • Golden Valley High School, 801 Hosking Avenue, Bakersfield

The hearings consist of oral presentations by 11th and 12th grade government classes before simulated congressional committees. Following their presentations, students respond to judges' questions in a lively, open discussion format. Each competing class is divided into six expert teams, one team for each of the six hearing topics.

History Day Teachers/Coaches Meeting

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 • 3:30 p.m.

CITY CENTRE Room 1A -- 1300 17th Street, Bakersfield

Friday, January 25, 2019 • Registration Deadline

Friday, February 15, 2019 • Websites locked for judging

Friday, February 15, 2019 • Historical Papers Due

History Day

Grades 4-12

Saturday, March 9, 2019 • Larry E Reider Education Center -- 2000 K Street, Bakersfield

History Day is an interdisciplinary program that encourages students to research and prepare papers, exhibits, posters, performances, and documentaries on an annual historical theme. Students learn to be historical detectives and sharpen their skills as writers, artists and performers.



History/Social Science Events

Mock Trial Teachers/Coaches Meeting

Monday, September 24, 2018 • 3:30 p.m.

CITY CENTRE, 5th Floor Boardroom -- 1300 17th Street, Bakersfield

Monday, September 24, 2018 • Intent to Participate Due

Mock Trial Competition

Grades 9-12

Saturday, January 19, 2019 • Super Saturday & Awards Ceremony

Kern County Superior Courts

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 • Kern County Regional Round 1

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 • Kern County Regional Round 2

High school teams compete in a series of mock trial rounds where students have the opportunity to participate as prosecution attorneys, defense attorneys, defendants and witnesses in a simulated case developed by the Constitutional Rights Foundation. Students acquire skills in public speaking, critical analysis and deduction.

Open Doors to Federal Court

Grades 11-12

Wednesday, February 2, 2020 • Highland High School, 2900 Royal Scots Way, Bakersfield

High school seniors and their teachers are invited to "Open Doors to Federal Courts," a nationwide educational initiative. Students will participate in a mock trial, listen to presentations and ask questions of a variety of federal employees. The federal courts have a long-term commitment to civic education of high school seniors who are making the transition to adult citizenship.

For more information contact:
Christine Goedhart-Humphrey, Instructional Services Program Support Coordinator
at (661) 636-4330 or chumphrey@kern.org
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Math/Science Events

Mandatory Kern County Science Fair Teachers/Coaches Meeting

Teacher/Coaches must attend one of the following if they plan on entering restricted projects:

Thursday, September 13, 2018 • 4:00 p.m. • CITY CENTRE, Room 1B -- 1300 17th Street

Wednesday, October 3, 2018 • 4:00 p.m. • CITY CENTRE, Room 1B -- 1300 17th Street

Kern County Science Fair (Grades 4-12)

Monday & Tuesday, March 11 & 12, 2019 • Rabobank Convention Center

Monday, December 17, 2018 – School Intent to Participate and Restricted Project deadline

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 – Deadline for all projects

Monday, March 11, 2019 – Project Setup

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 – Project Judging and Awards

The Science Fair is an opportunity for students to learn about their world through experimentation and reasoning. The process challenges students to ask questions and try to find answers.

Math Field Day Teachers/Coaches Meeting

Monday, January 28, 2019 • 4:30 p.m. • CITY CENTRE, Room 1B -- 1300 17th Street, Bakersfield

Friday, March 15, 2019 • School Intent to Participate deadline

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 • School Entries/Fees deadline

Math Field Day (Grades 6-8)

Saturday, April 27, 2019 • Liberty High School, 925 Jewetta Avenue, Bakersfield

Math Field Day is a fun-filled day of learning and competing for middle school/junior high students. School Problem Solving, Circle Tic Tac Toe, Circuit Training, Leap Frog, Mad Hatter, Power Relay, Kalah and Sudoku are among the math games in which students vie for school or individual recognition.

For more information contact:

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Leeanne Stevens, Math Coordinator at (661) 636-4676 or lstevens@kern.org

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AVID Events

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

Middle School Portfolio Challenge

Grades 6-8

Submission deadline: Friday, May 3, 2019

CITY CENTRE, 5th Floor -- 1300 17th Street, Bakersfield

The AVID Middle School Portfolio Challenge is a portfolio reflection of student growth demonstrated by academic artifacts. All middle school students enrolled in an AVID program are eligible to participate. Electronic participation packets will be sent to eligible schools.

AVID -- Elementary Student Write-Off

Grades 3-6

Submission deadline: Friday, April 26, 2019

CITY CENTRE, 5th Floor -- 1300 17th Street, Bakersfield

The AVID -- Elementary Student Write-Off is a writing assignment designed to reflect on student growth in writing and metacognitive reflection of WICOR strategies. All elementary school students attending an AVID elementary school are eligible to participate. Electronic participation packets will be sent to eligible schools.

For more information contact:
Gena Lieske, AVID Program Manager
at (661) 636-4563 or gelieske@kern.org
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Visual/Performing Arts Events

Children's Art Display at the Kern County Fair

September 2018-19

Preschool through Grade 8

DISPLAY OF ENTRIES FOR 2018 FAIR: Art entries from May 2018 will be displayed by grade at the Kern County Fair from September 19 through September 30, 2018. All artwork will be returned to the district of submission following the conclusion of the Fair.

DELIVERY OF ENTRIES FOR 2019: All art entries must be submitted to the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office **on or before May 24, 2019**, to Christine Goedhart-Humphrey at 1300 17th Street--CITY CENTRE, 5th Floor. Each class or school must include an Art Entry List with the students' artwork. Art Entry Lists and a completed sample are available from the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office. A Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office "Art Entry" tag must be filled out and firmly attached to the front and to the back of each entry.

PREPARATION OF ENTRIES: Art entries need to be matted. Do not submit entries in frames. Submit matted works only. Do not use expensive or heavy mats; the entries will be stapled for display. Schools should submit their work in an art folder or in a carton, wrapped and marked with the school's name in ink. Three-dimensional or heavy art pieces (including papier-mâché) will not be accepted due to transportation, storage, and display constraints.

Young People's Concerts

Grades K-12

Thursday, October 4, 2018

Thursday, November 8, 2018

Thursday, January 31, 2019

Rabobank Convention Center

Young People's Concerts are presented by the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra.



Visual/Performing Arts Events

Nutcracker Concerts

Grades K-12

Thursday, December 6, 2018 • 9:30 a.m. & 11a.m. • Rabobank Convention Center

Friday, December 7, 2018 • 9:30 a.m. & 11a.m. • Rabobank Convention Center

Nutcracker Concerts are presented by the Civic Dance Center.

Grand Night for Music

Grades 9-12

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. • Rabobank Convention Center

A concert presented by Kern County High Schools' Honor Band, Choir and Orchestra. Students earn a place in this annual showcase of Kern County's finest high school musicians and singers through an audition process.

Honor Music Festival

Grades 6-8

Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. • Rabobank Convention Center

Junior high and middle school students earn a place in Honor Band, Chorus and Orchestra, after being selected through the audition process. Many hours of rehearsal prepare students for this incredible concert.

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2018-19 Chronological List of Events

Date	Event	Venue
September 10	KC College Night	Rabobank Convention Center
September 13	Science Fair Coaches Seminar	CITY CENTRE, Room 1B
September 18	Congressional Hearings Coaches Orientation Meeting	CITY CENTRE, 5th Floor Boardroom
September 24	Mock Trial Coaches Orientation Meeting	CITY CENTRE, 5th Floor Boardroom
September 25	History Day Coaches Orientation Meeting	CITY CENTRE, Room 1A
October 3	Science Fair Coaches Seminar	CITY CENTRE, Room 1B
October 4	Young People's Concerts	Rabobank Convention Center
October 11	Academic Decathlon Coaching Meeting	CITY CENTRE, Room 318
October 16	Academic Decathlon Concert	Highland High School
November 8	Young People's Concerts	Rabobank Convention Center
November TBA	Academic Decathlon Prep Day	California State University, Bakersfield
December 6 & 7	Nutcracker Performances	Rabobank Convention Center
December 8	Congressional Hearings (District & Regional)	Golden Valley High School
December 12	Mock Trial Regional Round 1	Kern County Court Buildings
January 9	Mock Trial Regional Round 2	Kern County Court Buildings
January 10	Academic Decathlon Essay, Interview, Speech	CITY CENTRE Building/Access Center
January 19	Mock Trial Super Saturday	Kern County Superior Court Building
January 26	Oral Language Festival	Stonecreek Junior High
January 28	Math Field Day Coaches Meeting	CITY CENTRE, Room 1B
January 29	Grand Night for Music Concert	Rabobank Convention Center
January 31	Young People's Concerts	Rabobank Convention Center
February 2	Academic Decathlon	Mira Monte High School
March 2	Honor Music Festival Concert	Rabobank Convention Center
March 9	History Day	Larry E Reider Education Center
March 11	KC Regional Science Fair Setup	Rabobank Convention Center
March 12	KC Regional Science Fair Judging and Awards	Rabobank Convention Center
March 14	Henry Greve Speech Contest	CITY CENTRE, Room 1B
March 15-17	State Mock Trial	Fresno, CA
March 21	Science Fair Prep-Night	CITY CENTRE, Rooms 1A & 1B
March 21-24	State Academic Decathlon	Sacramento, CA
April 18-20	National Academic Decathlon	Madison, WI
April 24	Academic Decathlon Coaching Meeting	CITY CENTRE, 5th Floor
April 26	AVID Elementary Student Write-Off	CITY CENTRE, 5th Floor
April 27	Math Field Day	Liberty High School
April 29-30	State Science Fair	California Science Center
May 3	AVID Middle School Portfolio Challenge	CITY CENTRE, 5th Floor
May 6-8	Kern Battle of the Books	Kern County Museum
May 9	Bank of America Speech/Essay Contest	Larry E Reider Education Center
May 9-12	National Mock Trial	Athens, Georgia
May 10-11	State History Day	William Jessup University, Placerville, CA
May TBA	National Science Fair	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
May 24	Fair Art Due	CITY CENTRE, 5th Floor
June 10-14	National History Day	University of Maryland