

# The K-5 Academic Bowl: A Blueprint for Competition

From Classroom Curiosity to District Champion



# Engaging Young Minds Through Spirited, Standards-Aligned Competition

The purpose of the K-5 Academic Bowl is to engage students in collaborative problem-solving through a fun, competitive event that aligns with academic standards. The entire program is structured as a **three-phase journey**, taking students from their own classrooms to a district-wide championship.



# Phase 1: The Classroom Competition

## Identifying Your School's Brightest Sparks



### Goal

To find the top two representatives from every K–5 classroom.



### Questions

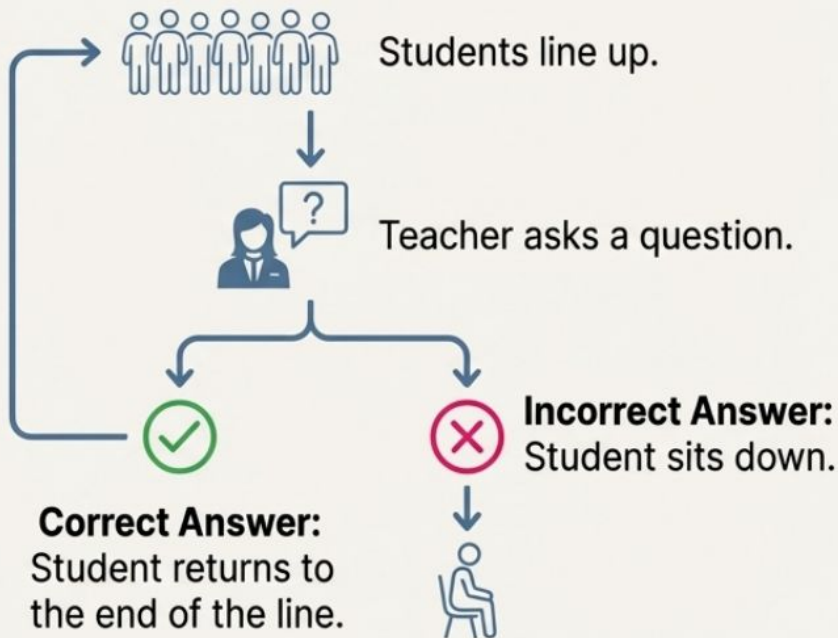
Grade-level Tier 1 questions, directly aligned with classroom standards.



### Outcome

The process will continue until the top 2 or 4 students remain based on location.

### Procedure



## Phase 2: The School Academic Bowl



### **Participants**

Winners from all classroom competitions.



### **Equipment**

Buzzers (or digital system), a score recorder, and a timer.



### **Structure**

3 rounds, featuring 10 questions per round.



### **Question Design**

Questions cover a mixture of subjects and are designed to increase in complexity, measured by Depth of Knowledge (DOK) levels.



# School Bowl: Rules of Engagement

## Round 1

DOK 1-2 Questions

**1 Point**

per question

## Round 2

DOK 1-2 Questions

**1 Point**

per question

## Round 3

DOK 3 Questions

**2 Points**

per question

- ✓ **Answering:** The first student to buzz in gets the first chance to answer.
- ✓ **Incorrect Answers:** If the answer is incorrect, the next student who buzzed in may answer.

- ✓ **Tie-Breaker:** A pre-planned, application-based challenge (either hands-on or a problem-solving task) is used to determine a definitive winner.

# The Winners' Circle and The Path Forward

## K-4 Grade Champions



### Outcome

The competition concludes at this stage, recognizing a **1st Place Winner** and a **Runner-Up** for each grade.

## 5th Grade Advancement



### Outcome

The journey continues.  
5th-grade students advance to form their school's team for the district championship.

# Phase 3: The District Academic Bowl

## The 5th Grade Team Championship



### Team-Based Model

Students compete as a single, collaborative team.



### Collaborative Answering

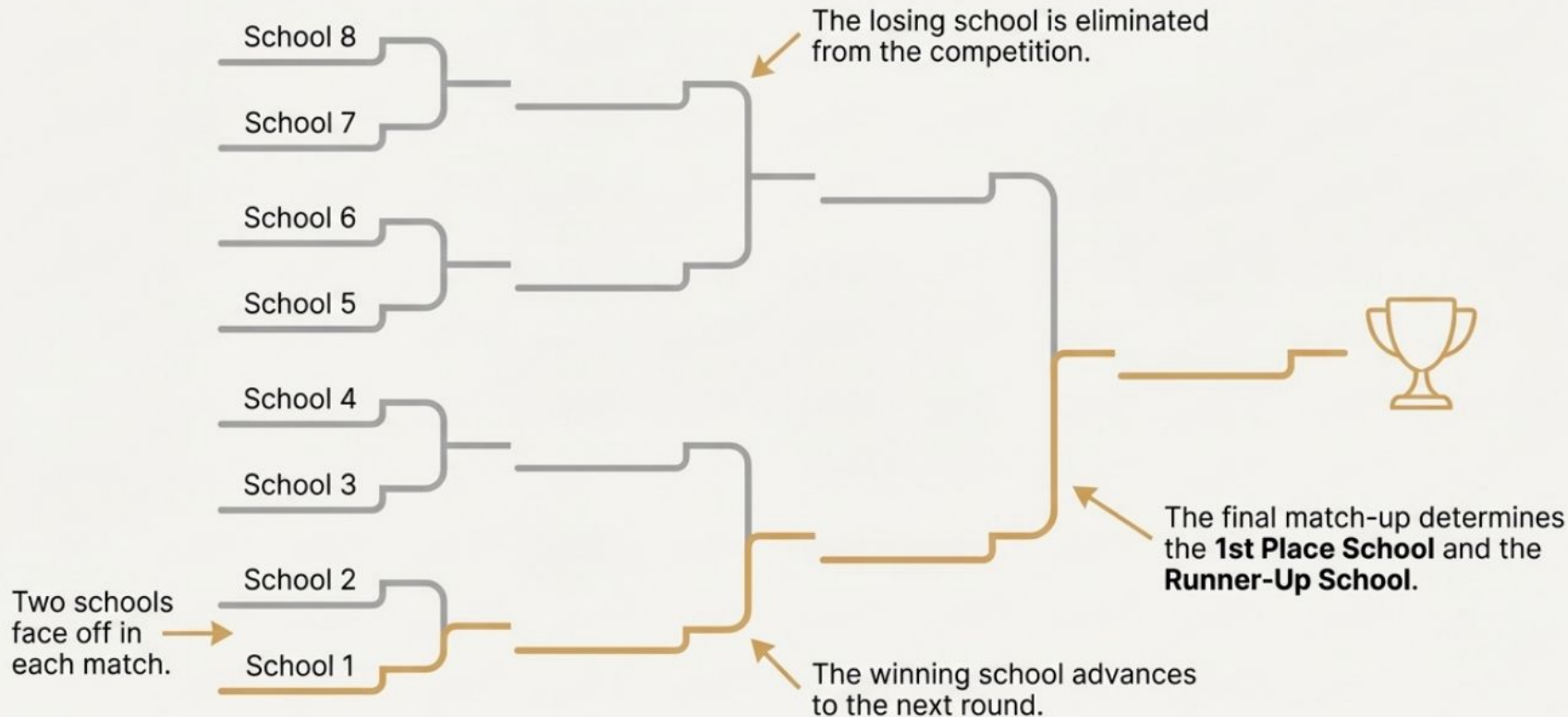
Students are encouraged to confer with their teammates before buzzing in to provide an answer.



### Consistent Structure

The competition maintains the familiar **3-round structure** and scoring system from the School Bowl, ensuring continuity and fairness.

# The Path to the Championship: A Head-to-Head Tournament





# Your Implementation Toolkit:

## Assembling the Team and Materials

### The Event Team (Roles Needed)



**Moderator:** Reads questions, manages the flow.



**Scorekeeper:** Records points each round.



**Timekeeper:** Ensures pacing and time limits.



**Judges (Optional):** Resolve disputes or clarify answers.

### Essential Equipment (Materials Needed)



Buzzers (Physical or Digital)



Score Sheets / Digital Scoreboard



Tie-Breaker Challenge Materials



Question Sets

# Fueling the Competition: A Breakdown of the Question Sets

## Phase 1: Classroom Competitions

**450**

Questions per grade-level set to allow for rotation.

## Phase 2: School Bowl

**900**

Questions (in four complete sets) to rotate through grade-level competitions.

## Phase 3: District Bowl

**1770**

Questions are needed to support the full 14-match tournament bracket.

Important Note: School bowl question sets may serve as a backup for the district competition. A total of 645+ questions are available across the program.

# From a Single Classroom Question to a District Trophy



*Fostering Academic Excellence and School Spirit.*



## STAGE 3: DISTRICT

**\*\*Key Fact\*\*:** 1 Champion School Team

## STAGE 2: SCHOOL

**\*\*Key Fact\*\*:** 3 Rounds, Increasing DOK Levels



## STAGE 1: CLASSROOM

**\*\*Key Fact\*\*:** Top 2 Students Per Class Advance