



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: April 14, 2026

TITLE: Recognition of 2026 Odyssey of the Mind World Teams

BACKGROUND:

Odyssey of the Mind is an international competition that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Amphitheater Public Schools continues to be the top district in participation and achievement in the Arizona Odyssey of the Mind program.

Team members apply their creativity to solve long term problems. They spend months preparing and 8 minutes presenting and they also compete in a “spontaneous” competition where they are given the problem right before they present their solution.

This year, 10 teams earned the right to compete during World Finals being held at Iowa State University, May 27-30, 2026. The following students and their coaches are to be commended for their dedication and high level of accomplishment in this academic competition.

Innovation Academy

Technical Team

1st Place, Division 1

Coaches: Megan Davenport &
Christina Garcia Seminario

Team:

Caroline Barrett
Blake Davenport
Livia Fendrick
Drew Garcia Seminario
Milana Jackson
Wyatt Michaelsen
Kathryn Parker

Innovation Academy

Classics Team

1st Place, Division 1

Coaches: Melissa Crown
& Biancha Infante

Team:

Sofia Calienes
Alezandra Crown
Josephine Fendrick
Ellie Hobbins
Ella Hollen
Antonio Infante
Kansas Mellen

Innovation Academy

Structure Team

4th Place, Division I

Ranatra Fusca Winners
Coaches: Patricia Patchin &
Colin Cordell

Team:

Mackenzie Cordell
Zara Laing
Dominic Lococo
Onesimus Lopez
Mason Rehm
Camille Rhoads

Painted Sky Elementary

Vehicle Team

2nd Place, Division 1

Coach: Ann Branders

Team:

Sepp Branders
Mats Branders
Ole Graf
Camden Lerman
Dillon Lerman
Ricardo Romero Aguirre
Mateo Vaglio

Painted Sky Elementary

Technical Team

2nd Place, Division 1

Coaches: Nina Brown
& Joanne Carlson

Team:

Harrison Brown
Paige Carlson
Ellie Drew
Seneca Herman
Grace Shutey
Mary Sobey
Stella Swett

Painted Sky Elementary

Structure Team

2nd Place, Division 1

Coaches: Heidy Quill

Team:

Colin Braddy
Lorenzo Calderon
Beckett Delp
Ben Martinez
Tristan Skarsfeldt

Donaldson Elementary

Classics Team

2nd Place, Division 1

Coaches: Harriet Matiatos &
Jennifer Iadevaia

Team:

Henry Belgarde
Mackenzie Hawk
Hadley Lee
Zoe Payne
Natalie Peterson
Luna Pichevin
Sadie Scott

Cross Middle School

Classics Team

2nd Place, Division 2

Coach: Marc Taylor

Team:

Eloise Breitengross
Sabrina Gallardo
Sophia Hollen
David Stine
Samuel Stine
Ace Taylor
Alexander Wiechert

Cross Middle School

Structure Team

2nd Place, Division 2

Coaches: Amanda Campion &
Carol Kuropatkin-Cone

Team:

Brandon Campion
Aurora Payne
Billy Rodrigues
Raziel Shirley
Stella Webb

Cross Middle School

Technical Team

3rd Place, Division 2

Coaches: Becky Fendrick &
Robert Wacker

Team:

Aaron Eagar
Ella Fendrick
Avery Grembowski-Wacker
Desmond Hopper
Giana Romano
Everett Standish

Canyon del Oro High School

Structure Team

2nd Place, Division 3

Coaches: Lisa DaDeppo &
Karissa Weiler

Team:

Bennett Curran
Sofia Garcia
Andrew Garza
Lola Grembowski-Wacker
Jadyn Kraus
Sam Weiler

Canyon del Oro High School

Performance Team

1st Place, Division 3

Coaches: Lisa DaDeppo &
Scott Lassiter

Team:

Hailey Collins
Carter DaDeppo
Cal Hipps
Jade Kogovsek
Jess Lassiter
Siria Martinez
Kyndel Smith

RECOMMENDATION:

This is presented for the Board's information and recognition.

INITIATED BY:

Jen Anderson

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Governing Board

Date: April 2, 2026

Todd A. Jaeger

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