



TEXAS
ACADEMIC DECATHLON

Frisco State Finals

February 22-25, 2024

Material & Registration Packet

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Registration Checklist

Congratulations! In this packet, you will find all the materials you need to take your next step in competing in the Texas Academic Decathlon, scheduled for February 22-25, 2024, in Frisco, Texas.

Information to Be Completed/Returned

Registration Information-Rick Hopkins (In Hand by **February 1, 2024**)

All registration forms can be found in the State Coach's Handbook

- _____ Registration Forms and Student Eligibility Information
- _____ Student Registration and Parent Release Form
(Check with Regional Director to ensure above information has been forwarded)
- _____ Request for Student Replacement
- _____ Special Request Form
- _____ Observer Registration Form for Students and Additional Coaches

Competition Order Forms-Catherine Duke (In Hand by **February 21, 2024**)

- _____ Awards Banquet Reservation Form
- _____ Awards Banquet Presenter Form

Purchasing and Payments Directly to the Vendor

- _____ T-shirt Order through EPI by **February 4**
- _____ Photography Order Form to Kelling Photography

Contact Information

Hotels

Embassy Suites-Frisco
7600 John Q Hammons Dr.
Frisco, TX 75034

Contest Coordinator

Catherine Duke
COLLIN COLLEGE – Frisco
Campus
9700 Wade Blvd.
Office J150E
Frisco, TX 75035
Phone – 972-377-1763
cduke@collin.edu

State Director

Rick Hopkins
Executive Director
Texas Academic Decathlon
Univ. of the Incarnate Word
4301 Broadway, CPO 479
San Antonio, TX 78209
www.txacadec.org

Contest Venues

Testing

Speech and Interview

Collin College-Frisco Campus
Conference Center
J Building
9700 Wade Blvd.
Frisco, TX 75035

Super Quiz

Score Verification

Lebanon Trail High
5151 Ohio Dr
Frisco, TX 75035

Awards Banquet Score Verification

The Embassy Suites
7600 John Q Hammons Dr.
Frisco, TX 75034

State Essay Information

Texas Academic Decathlon Competitors:

ESSAY – ONLINE - URGENT

The essays will be written online using a secure server managed by Enlyght (the same company USAD uses). **Rick Hopkins MUST have your roster sent to him electronically by February 1 at 2:00 p.m. (hard copies to follow).** Coaches will need to secure a computer lab for their exclusive use for practice AND for the actual writing of the essays. A school administrator (or designees) MUST proctor the exam. Detailed instructions will be sent to coaches as soon as I have received all team/student information.

Electronic Submission: <https://forms.gle/aNF6TwpU5Er4NB2x7>

ORDER	FIRST	LAST	PRONUNCIATION	COACH FIRST	COACH LAST	COACH EMAIL
H1						
H2						
H3						
S4						
S5						
S6						
V7						
V8						
V9						

Host Hotel Information

The host hotel is the Embassy Suites Frisco: 7600 John Q Hammons Dr. Frisco, TX 75034. The Embassy Suites will also host the banquet on Sunday morning. If we run out of rooms, an alternate option is the Drury Inn and Suites which is a significant walk “across the parking lot” from the Embassy Suites. Frisco is about a 25-minute drive from either the Dallas-Ft. Worth International Airport or Dallas Love Field. The hotel is about 4 miles from the Frisco Campus of Collin College. **You can book your rooms at the Embassy Suites over the phone or on-line.** Families, administrators, teachers, and other guests are offered the same rates; however, all room reservations will need to be made directly with the hotel by **February 5, 2024.**



Welcome to Embassy Suites by Hilton Dallas Frisco Hotel Convention Center & Spa, located in the north Dallas suburb of Frisco, Texas. Our all-suite Frisco hotel is connected to the Frisco Conference Center, adjacent to the Dr. Pepper Ballpark, and less than a mile from The Ford Center at The Star, home of the Dallas Cowboys World Headquarters and Training Facility. Our rate is \$169 including a free breakfast.

[Booking Link-Click Here](#)

Please make your reservations by **Monday, February 5, 2024** to receive your group rate. Reservations made after this date will be subject to prevailing rate and availability. Reservations may also be made by calling **1-972-712-7200**, press 1 for reservations and refer to your group code: **TAD**.

NOTE: The success of our competition depends on schools staying at the contracted host hotel to offset the sizable costs of producing the banquet. We risk financial penalties if we cannot meet our contracted room obligations. Meeting our financial obligations ensures that the teams will have a quality, meaningful competition that will reap benefits for Texas Academic Decathlon for years to come.

Registration Forms & Information

Registration before Competition

Please note that all credentials and team lists must be sent to **Rick Hopkins** by **February 1, 2024**. We recommend using an overnight express mail service to ensure your documents arrive by the due date.

All coaches should plan to arrive at the hotel Thursday evening or Friday morning for registration. Registration will be open from 6pm to 8pm Thursday evening and from 9am to 10:30 am on Friday. The registration table will be in the hallway of the Conference Center attached to the hotel. Teams should plan to arrive at Collin College by 11:30 a.m., Friday. The first event of the competition, the Art test, will begin at 12:00 pm in the Conference Center. The first Coach's Meeting will be Friday, February 23th at 1:20pm in room F 249 on campus.

Team Meals

No meals will be provided on Friday or Saturday. There are no dining options on Collin College Frisco campus during the times we will be there. Water and snacks will be available during the competition. There are dozens of restaurants within 10 minutes of the contest venue. Please plan for lunch Saturday off-campus.

Super Quiz

Super Quiz will be held at Lebanon Trail High School, which is just south of Collin College. We ask that at least one coach volunteer to serve as a proctor during the event.

We also ask that your team create and bring a poster with your school name and decoration to march in with. We will have some extra poster board at registration. Posters are limited to 3ft by 3ft and can be carried or placed on a stick.

Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. at the Embassy Suites hotel. Doors will open at 7:45 a.m. Up to 11 team tickets (9 students and 2 coaches) will be purchased for you by Texas Academic Decathlon.

Guest tickets for the Awards Banquet will cost \$35 per person. Guests who would prefer audience-style seating will be charged \$20 for non-table open seating (no food). No one will be let into the banquet venue without a ticket of some kind. *All guest and observation tickets MUST be ordered through the school so the coach can keep track of those attending.*

Indicate the number of banquet tickets that your team will require (including all guests and observers) on the enclosed **Awards Banquet Reservation Form**. Return this form as soon as possible so we can get a count. Payments can be mailed or completed through the Collin College Storefront by **February 18, 2024**. No Purchase Orders will be accepted. Tickets for the

Awards Banquet are on a first come-first served basis. There will be **NO** refunds after February 21, 2024. Guest banquet tickets will be numbered for seating at specific tables based on team affiliation. Tickets purchased after February 21st may not be seated near their group. If there are seats remaining, tickets may be available for cash-only purchase at the door.

Banquet presenters will receive a complimentary guest ticket but must provide his or her own hotel accommodations if necessary. These attendees will be recognized and then assist in handing out the medals during the ceremony. Please complete the Awards Banquet Presenter form if your administrator is interested and include his or her title.

Vegetarian meals need to be arranged in advance. Please indicate the number requested on the ticket form for both team members and guests. Special vegetarian meal cards will be included with your tickets. Attendees will use the card to inform the servers.

Appropriate attire for this event would be the same as your students wore for the interview/speech events. Please remember there are school administrators, Texas and USAD board members, and parents present.

Transportation

We are unable to provide transportation for teams to any venues.

Team Rooms

Unfortunately, Collin College does not have the facilities to allow for team rooms. Unused classrooms surrounding our event will be locked and all teams will be asked to find a spot in the hallways of the Conference Center or the J Building to set up camp. Campus Facilitators will be around to help locate the necessary seating and help you be as comfortable as possible. Feel free to bring tent chairs if you would like.

Coaches Meetings & Hospitality Room

All coaches' meetings, whether at Collin College or at the Embassy Suites Hotel, are currently being scheduled for rooms that have a capacity of close to 90 people. We therefore require that a maximum of 2 coaches or representatives of each team attend the various coaches' meetings. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Snacks and drinks will be available in the J building on Friday and Saturday during the competition. You're welcome to use this room to relax or find volunteers if you need assistance during the meet.

Payment Information

We are only able to accept checks and credit cards for payment. **The only items you will pay the Collin College coordinator for are guest or observer banquet tickets.** *You will be purchasing through the hotel, T-shirt vendor, and the photographer directly.*

The checks can ONLY be from the schools, the district, or a coach. They need to be made out to Collin College and received by us by February 18th.

If you choose to pay by credit/debit card, the payment can be processed through a Collin College On-line Storefront. The payment needs to be processed on or before February 18th. To access the Storefront, click on the following link:

[Link to Collin EPay](#)

Instructions for On-line Storefront:

1. Click the link to open the storefront.
2. Select Banquet Tickets.
3. Select item type.
4. Enter quantity and add to cart.
5. Select Add More Payment Items to return to the product selection screen.
6. When checking out, please enter your email address and affiliated school name.

Dress Code & Code of Conduct

Student Dress Code

The following student dress code will apply to all Texas Academic Decathlon contests. Team uniforms for both boys and girls are optional.

- Boys: Shirt and slacks; preferably a suit.
- Girls: Dress, suit, skirt/slacks and blouse.

Distracting apparel, including hats or any kind (except those worn for religious reasons), excessively baggy, torn or ragged denim and/or jeans, shall be considered inappropriate. If a test proctor, meet official, or coach observes violations of the dress code, the student should be given the opportunity to comply with the dress code prior to competition in an event. Once a student has been allowed to compete in an event, he or she may NOT be disqualified because of dress code violations.

Failure to comply with dress standards may result in disqualification from the event, the entire competition, and/or the awards' ceremony. The decision of the competition coordinator is final.

Code of Student Conduct

The Texas Academic Decathlon competition expects all team members to conduct themselves in a proper manner while attending the Texas Academic Decathlon event. This includes all of the travel, hotel, and sightseeing associated with their participation in the event.

Appropriate conduct of team members is the sole responsibility of the team coach/school administrator who has the legal responsibility of chaperone for his/her team members at all times. Students should be under the supervision of the coach/school administrator during all activities.

Inappropriate conduct includes but is not limited to:

1. Being in possession of any weapon
2. Damage to or vandalism of any property
3. Appropriation of memorabilia from the competition site premises
4. Use of alcohol or illegal drugs by students regardless of age
5. Use of water pistols, water balloons or other creative missiles at the competition site
6. Fighting, loud noise, or any other behavior which is disruptive to others at the competition site

Financial liability for all damage incurred by actions of a team member shall be the sole responsibility of that team member and his/her parents. Failure to comply with the Code of Student Conduct may result in disqualification from the event, the entire competition, and the awards ceremony.

In case of any incident, the Executive Director of the Texas Academic Decathlon shall convene a panel of three board members to discuss the matter and determine the appropriate action. Appropriate action may include individual and/or team disqualification.

Competition Schedule

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

6:00pm—8:00pm Team Registration Embassy Suites

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

9:00am-10:30am	Team Registration	Embassy Suites
12:00pm	Arena Test Doors Open	Conference Center
12:10pm-12:25pm	Clicker and Art Test Instructions	Conference Center
12:30pm-2:15pm	Speech & Interview Judge Training	J105 and J107
12:30pm-1:00pm	TEST #1 – ART	Conference Center
1:20pm	Coaches' Meeting	F249
1:00pm-1:10pm	Economics Test Instructions	Conference Center
1:15pm-1:45pm	TEST #2 – ECONOMICS	Conference Center
2:30pm-7:00pm	Speeches	J Building
2:30pm-7:00pm	Interviews/Team Photos	Conference Center

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

8:50am	Arena Test Doors Open	Conference Center
9:00am-9:10am	Literature Test Instructions	Conference Center
9:10am-9:40am	TEST #3 – LITERATURE	Conference Center
9:30am	Coaches' Meeting	F249
9:40am-9:50am	Math Test Instructions	Conference Center
9:50am-10:20am	TEST #4 – MATH	Conference Center
10:20am-10:50am	Break	
10:50am-11:00am	Music Test Instructions	Conference Center
11:00am-11:30am	TEST #5 – MUSIC	Conference Center
11:30am-11:40am	Science Test Instructions	Conference Center
11:40am-12:10pm	TEST #6 – SCIENCE	Conference Center
12:10pm-12:20pm	Social Science Test Instructions	Conference Center
12:20pm-12:50pm	TEST #7 – SOCIAL SCIENCE	
1:00pm	Lunch Break	
2:30pm	Gym Opens for SQ Audience	Lebanon Trail High Gym
2:45pm	Team Processional Begins	Lebanon Trail High Auxiliary Gym
3:00pm	SUPER QUIZ BEGINS	Lebanon Trail High Gym
4:30pm (approx.)	Score Verification	Lebanon Trail High Gym
5:30pm (approx.)	Score Verification and Coaches' Meeting (if needed)	Embassy Suites

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

7:45am	Banquet Room Doors Open	Embassy Suites
8:00am	Awards Breakfast-Frisco State Finals	Embassy Suites

Competition Forms Photography Information & Form

TEXAS ACADEMIC DECATHLON 2024 FRISCO STATE FINALS PHOTOGRAPHY INFORMATION

Congratulations on making the State Finals! Team Photos will once again be offered by Kelling Photography. The photos will be taken on Friday during the Speech and Interview times. You will be scheduled so that the photo times will not interfere with your competition times. IF the time that you are assigned does not work for you, please stop by the photo area and we will be glad to find a time slot that is convenient.

You and your students may place their orders prior to the state meet by mail, during your photo time on Friday, or Sunday morning at the awards ceremony. The photos will be on display for students and parents to see prior to and after the awards ceremony.

An order form is included in this packet. Please print and distribute it to your students so that they and their parents can have the opportunity to order if they wish.

PLEASE NOTE: **SHIPPING COSTS** to deliver the plaques and photos to the school is the MAIN REASON prices have had to be raised!!! This is why combining orders and purchasing a Plaque Team Pack or a Photo Team Pack is more economical for all of us. Since all orders are shipped to the schools at once, orders received after March 15 will have an additional \$25/plaque added for shipping. PLEASE have all orders submitted by March 15.

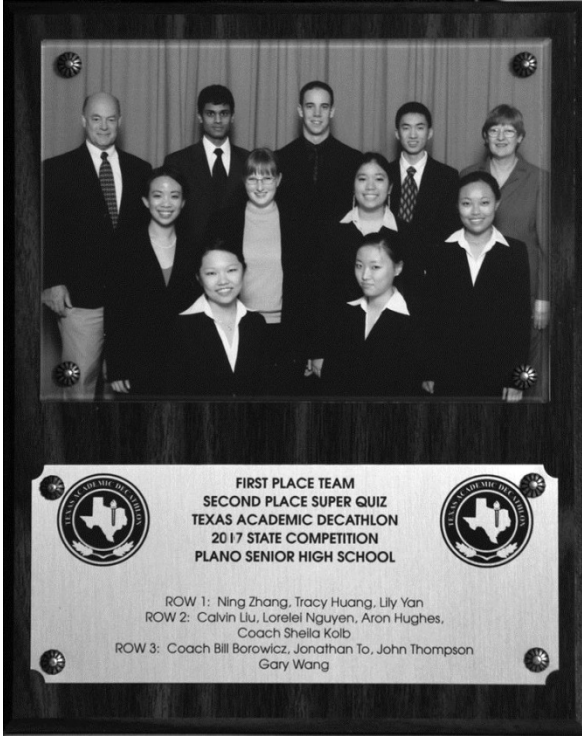
Photo orders should be sent directly to Kelling Photograph. You can submit the orders prior to the meet or the orders can be placed on Friday as we take the team photos as well as at the awards banquet on Sunday morning.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kelling Photography by phone or email.

Michael Kelling
Kelling Photography
1997 Tonckawa Hills Lane
Brenham, TX 77833
979-277-0411
michael@kellingphotography.com

TEXAS ACADEMIC DECATHLON

Frisco State Finals Competition



All teams participating in the Academic Decathlon meet will have a picture made of their team with coaches. These pictures will be used for publicity purposes and also as a memento to participants.

Plaques and photos may be purchased by the school or by individuals. **Small Plaques** are 8 X 10 in size and will have a 5 X 7 photo mounted under acrylic. At the bottom is a plate stating team and members' names as well as the Decathlon logo. The cost of the Small Plaque is \$55. The **Large Plaque** is 11 X 17 in size with an 8 X 10 photo and is \$80.

Photos will be 5 X 7 in size and will be enclosed in a protective folder that will also serve as a frame and stand for the photo. Cost of the photo and folder is \$25.

Orders placed after March 15 will be \$30 for the unmounted photo and \$75 for the Small Plaque and require a \$25 shipping fee.

Schools may purchase a **"Plaque Team Pack"** for \$575. This includes 12 Small Plaques: one for each team member, one for each of two coaches, and one for the school. Or you may purchase a **"Photo Team Pack"** for \$325. This includes 11 Photos and one Small Plaque: one photo for each team member, one photo for each of two coaches, and one Small

Plaque for the school. A school check is required for these options.

Orders may be mailed prior to the meet and will also be accepted at the meet. Photos and plaques will be mailed to the schools within eight weeks.

School Name _____

Student Name _____

_____ Large Plaques @ \$80.

_____ Small Plaques @ \$55.

_____ Team Photos @ \$25.

_____ "Fun" Photos @ \$25.

_____ Plaque Team Pack @ \$575.

_____ Photo Team Pack @ \$325.

\$ _____ Sub Total + tax \$ _____ (for individual purchasers)

\$ _____ Total Due

For further information:

Michael Kelling
Kelling Photography
1997 Tonckawa Hills Lane
Brenham, Texas 77833

(979) 277-0411

michael@kellingphotography.com

Awards Banquet Reservation Form

Electronic Submission: <https://forms.office.com/r/MybBZuQ237>

The Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, February 25th, 2024, at **8:00 a.m.** at the Embassy Suites Conference Center room *Frisco 1-5*. **Tickets must be purchased in advance for each attendee.** A team table with 11 seats (9 students and 2 coaches) has been pre-purchased for you by Texas Academic Decathlon. Any guests who would like to attend the banquet **must** make reservations on this form. Please indicate below the names of every guest who will attend the banquet, either as a guest or in open seating (non-table and no food). \$35 guest tickets will be assigned with the goal of placing guests as close to their team as possible. **All seats are pre-reserved AND on a first come-first served basis. Open seating tickets are limited. A small number of open seating tickets may be sold at the door on a space available basis.**

SCHOOL: _____

Total number of vegetarian meals you will need: _____

TEAM RESERVATIONS

Each team will be assigned a Team Table for 9 students and 2 coaches. These have been purchased for you by TAD and are to be used for team members.

GUEST RESERVATIONS

Indicate the guests attending by listing their names and type of ticket. **Please use back of sheet if necessary.**

_____	G or O	_____	G or O
_____	G or O	_____	G or O
_____	G or O	_____	G or O
_____	G or O	_____	G or O
_____	G or O	_____	G or O
_____	G or O	_____	G or O
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BANQUET INVOICE

<u> 11 </u> Team Tickets	= \$ <u> 0 </u> (Paid for by TAD)
<u> </u> Guest w/ Breakfast Tickets @ \$35 per person	= \$ <u> </u>
<u> </u> Observer Tickets @ \$20 per person	= \$ <u> </u>

Total Amount = \$
(Make checks payable to Collin College)
(Checks MUST BE from school or coach only)
(Or use Collin Storefront for card payments)

Please e-mail this form ASAP and complete your **payment** by **FEBRUARY 21, 2024**, to:

Catherine Duke
Collin College
9700 Wade Blvd. Office J150E
Frisco, TX 75035
cduke@collin.edu

Awards Banquet Presenter Form

Coach:

Please extend this invitation to your school administrator to serve as a presenter at the Awards Banquet being held at the Embassy Suites Conference Center on Sunday, February 25, 2024. In exchange for administrators serving as an awards' presenter, he/she will receive one **complimentary** banquet admission per school.

_____, _____ from _____
(Name) (Position) (School or ISD)

will serve as a presenter at the Award's Banquet on Sunday, February 25, 2024. The administrator's mailing and email address is as follows:

(Email address)

Please return this form by **FEBRUARY 8, 2024**, to:

Catherine Duke
Collin College
9700 Wade Blvd. Office J 216
Frisco, TX 75035
cduke@collin.edu

T-Shirt Order Form

All T-shirt purchases are to be made directly through EPI.

Purchases must be made no later than **February 4** and will be delivered to teams at registration.

When ordering, you must include campus (school) name!

<https://stores.inksoft.com/COL364>

Collin County College

Spiritwear Sale



FRONT LEFT CHEST/FULL BACK DESIGN
Youth & Adult Cotton T-Shirt...\$12.99
(Sport Grey)



<https://stores.inksoft.com/COL364>

Items will be shipped to Catherine Duke 2-3 weeks after our sale end date.
Email will be sent out with delivery instructions.
*** ALL ORDERS ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS, RETURNS OR EXCHANGES WILL BE OFFERED ***
Please Note: There will be an extra charge of \$2.00 for 2-4XL items.

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