

YPSILANTI-WILLOW RUN BRANCH
NAACP

ACT-SO

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS

WHAT IS ACT-SO?

AFRO-ACADEMIC, CULTURAL, TECHNOLOGICAL, SCIENTIFIC OLYMPICS
of the mind!

ACT-SO, a program for students, grades 9 - 12

- promotes self-confidence and self-esteem;
- supports students in developing their skills and talents;
- provides students with opportunities to build upon school-based projects and interests;
- provides students with opportunities to display their talents;
- offers mentoring experiences;
- challenges students to compete against their peers in academic arenas.

WHAT AND WHEN IS THE COMPETITION?

The local competition will be SATURDAY, April 29, 1995
9:00 - 12:00, Ypsilanti High School

Rehearsal will be SATURDAY, April 8, 1995

Students submit written work or perform before a panel of judges. Students may be asked to respond to questions on an individual basis. Students receive written feedback from the judges. The winners are announced the week following the competition during the awards program. The awards ceremony will occur Tuesday, May 2, 1995 at Washtenaw Community College Career and Job Skills Center.

The national competition will be announced. First place winners represent the branch. They are given an all-expense paid trip to the competition. The procedure is similar to the local competition.

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

- Encourage your child to participate;
- Encourage your child to work with a mentor—self-selected or from the ACT-SO program;
- Encourage your school to participate;
- Call us if you have questions or concerns:

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WHAT KINDS OF PROJECTS/PRESENTATIONS CAN STUDENTS DO?

Students may enter/compete in four areas. See below.

HUMANITIES

Music composition
Original essay
Playwriting
Poetry

PERFORMING ARTS

Dance
Dramatics
Music Instrumental/Classical
Music Instrumental/Contemporary
Music Vocal/Classical
Music Vocal/Contemporary
Oratory

SCIENCES

Architecture
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Physics/Electronics
Physics/Energy
Physics (General)
Mathematics

VISUAL ARTS

Drawing
Painting
Photography
Sculpture
Filmmaking/Video

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ACT-SO SUPPORTIVE ROLES

SUPERINTENDENT

1. Approve ACT-SO as an extracurricular high school activity.
2. Approve student participation as an extracurricular activity.

PRINCIPAL

1. Identify a coordinator in each high school.
2. Attend local competition (Saturday, April 29, 1994. 9:00 a.m.-12 noon).
3. Attend awards ceremony (Tuesday, May 2, 1995).

SCHOOL COORDINATOR

1. Publicize program and encourage student participation.
2. Attend student orientation/motivation sessions, October 1994-March 1995.
3. Attend local competition (Saturday, April 29, 1994. 9:00 a.m.-12 noon).
4. Attend awards ceremony (Tuesday, May 2, 1995).
5. Be a liaison with Ypsilanti-Willow Run Chapter NAACP ACT-SO Committee.

MENTOR

1. Advise and guide students through project.
2. Maintain contact with students at least once a month.
3. Help student sustain interest in project/performance.

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