



PSIA: AN AL-HADI SCHOOL LEGACY

HISTORY OF PSIA AT AL-HADI SCHOOL



Based in Texas, PSIA is among the Most Comprehensive Extracurricular Academic Programs in the Nation. It holds competitions annually in districts throughout the state of Texas. District winners proceed to participate in the State Level competition in Fort Worth, TX. Since 2005, Al-Hadi School has participated in this rigorous competition, and our students have won multiple awards at both district and state level.

ABOUT PSIA

With 19 contest categories covering a wide range of disciplines, PSIA is an exciting opportunity for students in grades 1 through 8 to engage in academic competition with their peers throughout the state of Texas.

The academic competitive programs of Private Schools Interscholastic Association (PSIA) primarily motivate students to:

- find new excitement in learning;
- achieve a higher mastery level; and
- receive recognition and awards for academic excellence.

PSIA programs are designed to support the basic academic curricula and are easily implemented into daily studies to enrich academic skills.



PSIA CLASSES

To coach and prepare our students well for this competition, Al-Hadi School organizes classes after school for all participants.

The following slides have information about programs for each grade. Please review the classes for your child's grade level. After reviewing the choices, please fill out the registration/participation forms (sent through email) and submit them before ____.

There is a \$00 fee for each competition category your child signs up for. Please note that your child may not be able to participate in all categories due to scheduling conflict at the competition (some competitions taking place simultaneously).

Two days after the registration deadline, class schedules will be sent out to all families.

PSIA CONTESTS

Here's a list of all contest categories, according to grade level. Up to three students can enter per grade level in each category.

Please note that Al-Hadi does not participate in the Music Memory.

The next few slides share more information on each competition category.

Event	Grades in Which Events are Offered							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Art Memory				✓			✓	
Calculator Applications							✓	
Creative Writing	✓	✓						
Dictionary Skills				✓			✓	
Impromptu Speaking								✓
Information Skills					✓		✓	
Listening Skills				✓			✓	
Maps, Graphs & Charts				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mathematics		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Modern Oratory								✓
Music Memory			✓		✓		✓	
Number Sense		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
One-Act Play							✓	
On-Site Drawing						✓	✓	✓
PROSE Interpretation				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ready Writing			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Science						✓	✓	✓
Spelling		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Storytelling	✓	✓	✓					
Vocabulary					✓	✓	✓	

CLASSES AT A GLANCE

GRADE 1

Creative Writing: This event is designed to promote creativity and encourage writing skills at an early age. Using a prompt of 5 pictures, students have 30 minutes to create an original story based on the pictures.

Storytelling: Contestants hear a story that they retell before an audience. Presentations are evaluated on aspects of performance and overall effectiveness.



CLASSES AT A GLANCE

GRADE 2

Creative Writing: This event is designed to promote creativity and encourage writing skills at an early age. Using a prompt of 5 pictures, students have 30 minutes to create an original story based on the pictures.

Storytelling: Contestants hear a story that they retell before an audience. Presentations are evaluated on aspects of performance and overall effectiveness.

Mathematics: In a comprehensive, multiple choice, 30-minute math test, students are challenged beyond their grade levels in a variety of general math questions.

Number Sense: Contestants find high-speed solutions to math problems in this exciting and challenging 10-minute contest in mental mathematics.

Spelling: As spelling words are pronounced on an audio device, contestants may write or print each word. 25% of the test words come from the outside source dictionary; 75% come from the Spelling List.



CLASSES AT A GLANCE

GRADE 3

Storytelling: Contestants hear a story that they retell before an audience. Presentations are evaluated on aspects of performance and overall effectiveness.

Mathematics: In a comprehensive, multiple choice, 30-minute math test, students are challenged beyond their grade levels in a variety of general math questions.

Number Sense: Contestants find high-speed solutions to math problems in this exciting and challenging 10-minute contest in mental mathematics.

Spelling: As spelling words are pronounced on an audio device, contestants may write or print each word. 25% of the test words come from the outside source dictionary; 75% come from the Spelling List.

Ready Writing: This event brings challenge for the gifted writer. Students are given a choice between two prompts. Each prompt defines the audience and provides or implies the purpose for writing.

CLASSES AT A GLANCE

GRADE 4

Mathematics: In a comprehensive, multiple choice, 30-minute math test, students are challenged beyond their grade levels in a variety of general math questions.

Number Sense: Contestants find high-speed solutions to math problems in this exciting and challenging 10-minute contest in mental mathematics.

Spelling: As spelling words are pronounced on an audio device, contestants may write or print each word. 25% of the test words come from the outside source dictionary; 75% come from the Spelling List.

Ready Writing: This event brings challenge for the gifted writer. Students are given a choice between two prompts. Each prompt defines the audience and provides or implies the purpose for writing.

Art Memory: Students are challenged to identify the artist and the work and answer questions about the art and the artists found in the Art Smart Bulletin, published every other year by TuneIn.

Dictionary Skills: Students use all elements of the dictionary (Merriam Webster Collegiate Dictionary, 11th edition) in the contest room, as they learn practical techniques for extracting and applying resource information.

Listening Skills: Good listening skills enhance any academic area, and the study materials are useful for all students. Contestants may take notes as they listen to the contest script on CD, and then use these notes as they answer objective test questions in 7 minutes.

Maps, Graphs & Charts: Tests include maps, graphs & charts and multiple-choice questions derived from 2018 or newer editions of the Nystrom Desk Atlas, which students bring to the contest. The grade 6-8 test includes additional atlas, geography, and Texas history questions.

Poetry Interpretation: Contestants select, prepare and read a literary PROSE selection within a six-minute time limit. Presentations are evaluated on aspects of performance and overall effectiveness.

CLASSES AT A GLANCE

GRADE 5

Mathematics: In a comprehensive, multiple choice, 30-minute math test, students are challenged beyond their grade levels in a variety of general math questions.

Number Sense: Contestants find high-speed solutions to math problems in this exciting and challenging 10-minute contest in mental mathematics.

Spelling: As spelling words are pronounced on an audio device, contestants may write or print each word. 25% of the test words come from the outside source dictionary; 75% come from the Spelling List.

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Poetry Interpretation: Contestants select, prepare and read a literary PROSE selection within a six-minute time limit. Presentations are evaluated on aspects of performance and overall effectiveness.

Information Skills: Students use their internet devices to find answers on the internet for 24 questions in this 30-minute online research contest. 2

Vocabulary: SAT/PSAT preparation skills, including word usage, reading comprehension, and analogies, are honed through this challenging 30-item multiple-choice, 30-minute contest.

CLASSES AT A GLANCE

GRADE 6

Mathematics: In a comprehensive, multiple choice, 30-minute math test, students are challenged beyond their grade levels in a variety of general math questions.

Number Sense: Contestants find high-speed solutions to math problems in this exciting and challenging 10-minute contest in mental mathematics.

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Ready Writing: This event brings challenge for the gifted writer. Students are given a choice between two prompts. Each prompt defines the audience and provides or implies the purpose for writing.

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Poetry Interpretation: Contestants select, prepare and read a literary PROSE selection within a six-minute time limit. Presentations are evaluated on aspects of performance and overall effectiveness.

Information Skills: Students use their internet devices to find answers on the internet for 24 questions in this 30-minute online research contest.

Vocabulary: SAT/PSAT preparation skills, including word usage, reading comprehension, and analogies, are honed through this challenging 30-item multiple-choice, 30-minute contest.

Calculator Applications: This 30-minute contest develops mathematical reasoning and requires application of problem-solving skills toward realistic problems. Any calculator may be used in competition.

Science: Earth, Life and Physical Science information found in current textbooks, plus items from current science publications list, are tested in this 30-minute, multiple choice contest, which usually consists of 50 test questions.

On-Site Drawing: Contestants have 45 minutes to produce a rendering of a still life display (4 to 7 objects) on multi-use drawing paper using any media. Art works are judged by qualified artists and displayed in an art show.

GRADES 7 & 8

Mathematics: In a comprehensive, multiple choice, 30-minute math test, students are challenged beyond their grade levels in a variety of general math questions.

Number Sense: Contestants find high-speed solutions to math problems in this exciting and challenging 10-minute contest in mental mathematics.

Spelling: As spelling words are pronounced on an audio device, contestants may write or print each word. 25% of the test words come from the outside source dictionary; 75% come from the Spelling List.

Ready Writing: This event brings challenge for the gifted writer. Students are given a choice between two prompts. Each prompt defines the audience and provides or implies the purpose for writing.

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Impromptu Speaking: Students in grades 7 and 8 combined are challenged to think quickly and communicate effectively. They organize their thoughts on a topic for three minutes, then speak for five or fewer minutes without notes.

Modern Oratory: A challenge in writing and speaking, grade 7 & 8 students prepare a short original speech to examine the pros/cons of an issue and defend their points of view, incorporating a variety of skills. Contestants take a stand on only one side of the issue.

CONTEST SCHEDULE

All PSIA competitions are held in a single day.

Since some contests take place simultaneously, students will be asked to choose between subjects while registering for the competition.

Private Schools Interscholastic Association
2022-2023 District and State Meet Contest & Room

Conflict Pattern/Time Schedule
One-Day, Grades 1-8 Tournament

Contestants may enter only one contest during any given block, except for dual entry between a speech contest and another contest. (E) = speak early; (L) = speak late; **Contest** = Dual with Finals

Speech Event	Dual Entry
Impromptu Speaking 7/8	Music Mem (L), Listening (L), Info Skills (L), Math (E), Dictionary (E), Vocab (L)
Modern Oratory	Science (E), Art Memory (E), Spelling (E), Maps (E)
Poetry 4 and 5	Spelling (L), Listening (E), Music Mem (E), Info Skills (E), Maps (E)
Poetry 6 and 7/8	On-Site Drawing (L), NS (L), Calculator (E); Ready Writing (E); Spelling (L)
Storytelling	Ready Writing (L), Spelling (E), Math (E)

REMINDERS: No extra time is given in any contest. Notification of dual entry (including Finals possibilities) **MUST** be given to your District Director by 30 days prior to the meet / To State Director, by 14 days prior to the meet.
THIS SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE MUST BE FOLLOWED AT BOTH DISTRICT & STATE MEETS.
Shaded Blocks = Time Allotted for Contest, inclusive of roll call and test distribution, etc.
X Blocks = Verification or Viewing of Tests & Awards

Contests / Grades Offered	TIME																
	7:48 am	7:50	7:55	8:00	8:05	8:10	8:15	8:20	8:25	8:30	8:35	8:40	8:45	8:50	8:55	9:00	
On-Site Drawing 6, 7 & 8																	
Number Sense 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8																	
POETRY Interpretation 6 & 7/8																	
Creative Writing 1 & 2																	
Calculator Applications 6-8																	
Ready Writing 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8																	
Science 6, 7 & 8																	
Storytelling 1 & 2																	
Storytelling 3																	
Art Memory 4/5 & 6-8																	
Modern Oratory 7/8																	
Spelling 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7/8																	
POETRY Interpretation 4 & 5																	
Listening Skills 4/5 & 6-8																	
Music Memory 3/4, 5/6, & 7/8																	
Information Skills 5/6 & 7/8																	
Impromptu Speaking 7/8																	
Mathematics 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8																	
Mathematics 2 & 3																	
Dictionary Skills 4/5 & 6-8																	
Maps, Graphs & Charts 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8																	
Vocabulary 5, 6 & 7/8																	

Rooms with a capacity of 20 to 36 needed to conduct a full 8-school meet

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COMPETITION LEVELS



SCHOOL: PSIA Classes for all registered students will begin in the month of September at Al-Hadi School. In mid February, competitions will be held among students at school. Top three-four students in each grade/category will advance to the District Level competition. Please note that regular attendance, homework completion and enthusiasm to learn will contribute a lot in the students getting selected for the next level.

DISTRICT: On March 4 2023, top selected students from Al-Hadi will participate in a District Level competition at Lutheran South Academy (12555 Ryewater Dr, Houston TX 77089).

STATE: Winners at District Level will advance to the State Level competition held on April 29, 2023 at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Your help is needed at District and State contests.

Please consider volunteering for any of these positions listed below:

Register as a Contest Director

Register as an Assistant Contest Director

Help with Grading papers at the Competition

Hall Monitor (making sure the hallways are quiet during contests)

Contest Monitor

Arranging snacks & food for our student contestants. It's a full day of contests.

Overseeing/monitoring students while their parents volunteer at other contests.

Escorting students to contests from a central location within the premises.

Carpooling students (who have permission to participate but have difficulty in reaching the campus).

Judge for speech contests

Judge writing contests

Thank you for making a difference!





The PSIA Mission

To inspire private, parochial, charter, and homeschool student achievement through academic competition.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.psiaacademics.org/>

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