

# Western Region Conference

## February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### Alex, OK

We will be hosting the annual Western Region Conference on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at Alex High School. We will have 22 middle school events and 17 high school. If you would like to help judge an event, please contact Valerie McCauley or Paul Wollenberg as soon as possible.

For all events, we will not be having the semi-finalist portion, and any modifications will be posted under the event description. We ask that all events that are normally submitted digitally be printed out to make judging easier. For testing events, team tests will be taken together. Please make sure your students come together to take the test and clearly mark their school, name, and team number on the answer key. (For example, Alex Team-2) We opened up the number of testing entries to allow for more participation but, we will only allow the top two from each school to place. For example, If Alex Middle School had the top five scores, we would only take two, then move on to the school with the next highest scores.

For all of the speaking events, we ask that you please be as accurate as possible when registering. Last year we had a lot of school register 5 students but only 1-2 students actually show up. This makes it very difficult for us to find judges and time the events correctly. Our hope is to always wrap judging up and get schools out in a timely manner. If you must leave before the awards, please make arrangements with another school to pick up your medals. We will not be shipping them to you after the conference.

Registration will be \$10, and a full concession for breakfast and lunch will be available for students. A hospitality room will be available for advisors and judges. Registration will close February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### Registration Links

**MS:** <https://forms.gle/ji8ixHGxypSSxb8n9>

**HS:** <https://forms.gle/tj3NS88TYufyUgR78>

## **Middle School Events**

### **Audio Podcasting (3 entries per school)**

Podcast only (Please bring on a USB flash drive)

### **Career Prep (3 entries per school)**

Submit resume and cover letter

### **Challenging Tech Issues (2 teams per school)**

### **Children's Stories (2 per school)**

(Book Only)

### **Coding (5 entries per school)**

(Test Only) Team of 2

### **Creed (3 entries per school)**

Oral presentation only

### **Cybersecurity (5 entries per school)**

(Test Only) Individual

### **Digital Photography (3 entries per school)**

Submit **printed** portfolio

### **Dragster (5 entries per school)**

Dragster only, no drawings

### **Electrical Application (5 entries per school)**

(Test Only) Team of 2

### **Flight (2 entries per school)**

Plane only

### **Forensic Technology (5 entries per school)**

(Test Only) Team of 2

### **Inventions and Innovations (2 entries per school)**

Product and display

**Leadership Strategies (2 teams per school)**

**Mechanical Engineering (2 teams per school)**

Catapult Only

**Oklahoma T-Shirt Design (5 entries per school)**

Printed out copy of design

**Oklahoma Pin Design (5 entries per school)**

Printed out copy of design

**Prepared Speech (2 entries per school)**

**Problem Solving (2 teams per school)**

Supplies will be provided; you do not need a kit

**Promotional Marketing (2 entries per school)**

Printed portfolio and copy of video on usb drive.

**Structural Engineering (2 entries per school)**

Structure Only, no drawings

**Technology Bowl (5 entries per school)**

(Test Only) Team of 3

## **High School Events**

### **Audio Podcasting (3 entries per school)**

Podcast only (Please bring on a USB flash drive)

### **Board Game Design (2 entries per school)**

Game and Portfolio

### **Career Prep (3 entries per school)**

### **Catapult (2 entries per school)**

Catapult only

### **Children's Stories (3 entries per school)**

(Book Only)

### **Dragster (5 entries per school)**

Dragster only, no drawings

### **Debating Technology Issues (2 entries per school)**

### **Extemporaneous (2 entries per school)**

### **Forensic Science (5 entries per school)**

(Test Only) Team of 2

### **Oklahoma T-Shirt Design (5 entries per school)**

Printed out copy of design

### **Oklahoma Pin Design (5 entries per school)**

Printed out copy of design

### **Photographic Technology (2 entries per school)**

Printed portfolio

### **Prepared Presentation (2 entries per school)**

**Promotional Design (3 entries per school)**

Printed folder with included documents

**Structural Design (2 entries per school)**

Structure only, no drawings

**Technology Problem Solving (2 teams per school)**

Supplies will be provided; you do not need a kit

**Technology Bowl (5 entries per school)**

(Test Only) Team of 3

## **Western Region Conference Schedule of Events**

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| 8:00-8:30  | Registration<br>Officer booth set up   |
| 8:30-9:00  | Opening Session<br>Officer introductions and speeches  |
| 9:00-9:30  | Audio Podcasting, Career Prep, Children's Stories, Digital Photography, Inventions and Innovations, T-shirt Design, Pin Design, Promotional Marketing, Board Game Design, Photographic Technology and Promotional Design                                 |
| 9:00-12:00 | Challenging Tech Issues, Coding, Creed, Cybersecurity, Debating Technology Issues, Electrical Applications, Forensic Technology, Leadership Strategies, Prepared Speech, Structural Engineering, Extemporaneous Speech, Prepared Presentation, Tech Bowl |
| 10:00-1:00 | Catapult, Dragsters, Flight, Mechanical Engineering and Problem Solving  |
| 12:30-1:00 | Officer Elections  |
| 1:00-2:00  | Finalize Competitions and Results  |
| 2:00       | Awards Session   |

We will begin the Awards Session early if competitions have completed early.

**Request for Taxpayer  
Identification Number and Certification**

► Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

**Give Form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.**

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	<b>1</b> Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank. <b>ALEX PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>	
	<b>2</b> Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above <b>ALEX PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>	
	<b>3</b> Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes. <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ► <b>Note:</b> Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ► <b>EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION</b>	
	<b>4</b> Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small>	
	<b>5</b> Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions. <b>PO BOX 188/207 S. 2ND</b> <b>6</b> City, state, and ZIP code <b>ALEX, OK 73002</b> <b>7</b> List account number(s) here (optional)	
Requester's name and address (optional) if _____		

**Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

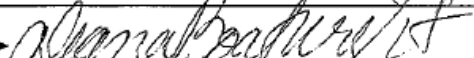
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**Part II Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ► 	Date ► 1/10/26
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**General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9).

**Purpose of Form**

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)  
Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.