

Western Region Conference
February 28th, 2025
Alex, OK

We will be hosting the annual Western Region Conference February 28th, 2025 at the Alex High School. We will have the six state qualifying events as well as multiple middle school and high school events. 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 have 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.

Registration will be \$10 and a full concession for breakfast and lunch will be available for students. Hospitality room will be available for advisors and judges.

Registration Links

MS: <https://forms.gle/UDoayaJXJarUboqH7>

HS: <https://forms.gle/TJ1j4xogAeWQDCzm9>

Registration will close February 21st, 2025

Middle School Events

Career Prep (2 entries per school)

Submit resume and cover letter

Catapult (3 entries per school)

Catapult only

Challenging Tech Issues (5 teams per school) *State Qualifier

Children's Stories (2 per school)

(Book Only)

Coding (5 entries per school)

(Test Only) Team of 2

Creed (5 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

Forensic Technology (5 entries per school)

(Test Only) Team of 2

Inventions and Innovations (2 entries per school)

Product and display

Leadership Strategies (5 teams per school) * State Qualifier

Oklahoma T-Shirt Design (5 entries per school)

Oklahoma Pin Design (5 entries per school)

Prepared Speech (5 entries per school)* State Qualifier

Problem Solving (2 teams per school)

Supplies will be provided, 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 (2 entries per school)

Podcast only (Please bring on a USB flash drive)

Board Game Design (2 entries per school)

Game and Portfolio

Career Prep (2 entries per school)

Catapult (3 entries per school)

Catapult only

Children's Stories (2 entries per school)

(Book Only)

Dragster (5 entries per school)

Dragster only, no drawings

Debating Technology Issues (5 entries per school) *State Qualifier

Extemporaneous (5 entries per school) * State Qualifier

Forensic Science (5 entries per school)

(Test Only) Team of 2

Oklahoma T-Shirt Design (5 entries per school)

Oklahoma Pin Design (5 entries per school)

Photographic Technology (2 entries per school)

Printed portfolio

Prepared Presentation (5 entries per school) * State Qualifier

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, do not need a kit

Technology Bowl (5 entries per school)

(Test Only) Team of 3

Western Region Conference Schedule of Events

- 8:00-8:30 Registration
 Officer booth set up

- 8:30-9:00 Opening Session
 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, 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

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

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	<p>1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank. ALEX PUBLIC SCHOOLS</p> <p>2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above ALEX PUBLIC SCHOOLS</p> <p>3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____</p> <p>Note: 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.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION</p> <p>4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):</p> <p>Exempt payee code (if any) _____</p> <p>Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____</p> <p><small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small></p> <p>5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions. PO BOX 188/207 S. 2ND</p> <p>6 City, state, and ZIP code ALEX, OK 73002</p> <p>7 List account number(s) here (optional)</p> <p>Requester's name and address (optional) if _____</p>
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<p>Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)</p> <p>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 <i>How to get a TIN</i>, later.</p> <p>Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see <i>What Name and Number To Give the Requester</i> for guidelines on whose number to enter.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th colspan="10" style="text-align: center;">Social security number</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;"> </td><td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;"> </td><td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;"> </td><td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;"> </td><td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;"> </td><td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;"> </td><td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;"> </td><td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;"> </td><td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;"> </td><td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="10" style="text-align: center;">or</td> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="10" style="text-align: center;">Employer identification number</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;">7</td><td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;">3</td><td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;">-</td><td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;">6</td><td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;">0</td><td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;">8</td><td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;">8</td><td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;">0</td><td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;">2</td><td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;">2</td> </tr> </table>	Social security number																				or										Employer identification number										7	3	-	6	0	8	8	0	2	2
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Part II Certification	
Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:	
1. 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	
2. 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	
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and	
4. 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.	
Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶ Date ▶ 1/10/25

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.

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.