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The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Science Bowl® is a nationwide academic competition that tests students' knowledge in all areas of science and mathematics. Middle and high school student teams are comprised of five students and a teacher who serves as an advisor and coach, and face-off in a fast-paced question-and-answer quiz show format, being tested on a range of science disciplines including biology, chemistry, Earth and space science, physics, energy, and math. DOE launched the National Science Bowl® competition in 1991 to encourage students to excel in science and mathematics activities of importance to the Department and the Nation.

Any public, private, or home school is welcome to participate in a regional event—please visit the NSB website (science.osti.gov/wdts/nsb/) for the latest information or to register a team. The High School Science Bowl is for students in grades nine through twelve and the Middle School Science Bowl is for students in grades six through eight.

Interested teams may compete at one of 115 planned regional competitions (50 or 65 for middle school and high school teams, respectively) held in January-March.

Winners of the regional competitions will be awarded all-expenses paid trips to the National Finals in Washington, D.C., scheduled for April 30 – May 4, 2020. Last year about 9,200 high school students from some 1,800 teams participated in the 64 high school regional events, and 5,400 middle school students from 1,100 teams participated in the 48 middle school regional events. These 14,600 students competing in 112 regional events were from schools in 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. The regional competitions, which generally host 15–65 teams, are sponsored by federal agencies, DOE laboratories, institutions of education, and non-profit organizations.

The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science manages the National Science Bowl®, and sponsors the NSB finals competition. The Department of Energy's Office of Science is the single largest supporter of basic research in the physical sciences in the United States, and is working to address some of the most pressing challenges of our time. For more information, please visit the Office of Science website at science.osti.gov/.



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