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Plano ISD to Host 2008 State Academic Decathlon February 29 - March 2



Plano West Senior High School will be the site of the 2008 State Academic Decathlon competition to be held the last weekend in February. During the three-day meet (Feb. 29 - March 2), 360 students, representing 40 academic decathlon teams from across the state of Texas, will compete for individual and team awards in several events. An awards ceremony will be held on March 2 at the host hotel Marriott at Legacy Town Center in Plano.

All three Plano senior high schools, which recently advanced from the regional contest, will compete at the state meet. At an early gathering of the state planning committee, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Doug Otto said, "The last time that Plano ISD hosted the state event was in the early 1990s. We once again look forward to this exciting opportunity to extend our hospitality and to showcase our school district. This is sure to be a first class tournament."

Benny Smith, recently retired Plano ISD administrator, is chairing the planning committee, which comprises Plano ISD administrators and members of the state academic decathlon office. Committee members are coordinating event details, including registration, individual and team events, testing, scoring, awards ceremony, volunteers, catering, transportation and photography.

2008 Texas Academic Decathlon Planning Committee

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