

PHYSICSBOWL 2026

2026 PhysicsBowl Results

Dear Physics Teachers,

Thank you for encouraging and supporting your students' participation in the AAPT PhysicsBowl contest! This year there were 11,600 students participating from 572 schools from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Romania, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Vietnam, as well as 791 schools participating from China.

Because of the large number of Chinese schools, the contest is divided into two parts. Students in Regions 00-14 are competing for awards from AAPT, while ASDAN China is coordinating the contest for students in China. As a result, for simplicity in trying to read the long lists, there are three files: the list of winners in Regions 00-14, the list of winners in Regions 15-21, and a list of the top students/teams from all regions in both divisions.

Instructors from Regions 00-14 can obtain their students' scores from the EdVistas website. Information is being provided to ASDAN China to find scores from Regions 15-21.

We will, as always, be trying to improve the contest and we look forward to your participation again in 2027. If you have suggestions for improvement, kindly email them to us, and we will take them into consideration for future years.

The statistics from this year's contest are as follows.

Division 1 had an average score of 21.6. Statistically, the easiest question was **#9** (88.6% correct) while the most difficult question was **#40** (21.3% correct). There were 7101 exams scored and 1007 teams.

Division 2 had an average score of 25.5. Statistically, the easiest question was **#49** (94.26% correct) while the most difficult question was **#47** (31% correct). There were 4496 exams scored and 868 teams.

It is a challenging task to produce a 40-question exam that has a small percentage of very high scores, while still not being overly difficult and remaining fair to the majority of the students that take it. As in previous years, and in an effort to continually improve this opportunity for students, adjustments will be made to future exams.

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Statistics for 2026 exam

Average Score for Division 1 = **21.6** with a standard deviation of **7.1**

Average Score for Division 2 = **25.5** with a standard deviation of **7.9**

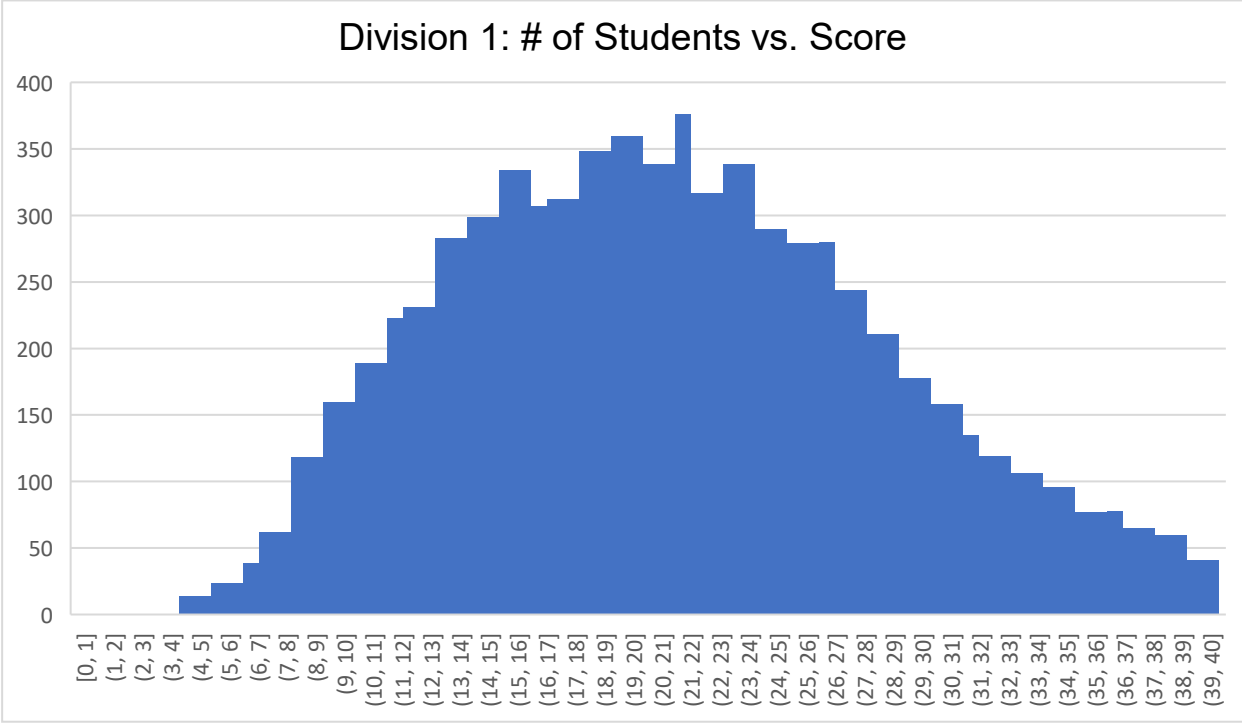
We look forward to having you participate in next year's contest! Please spread the word and encourage your colleagues to have their students participate in future contests.

Sincerely,



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