



# American Association of Physics Teachers **PHYSICSBOWL 2026**

## Calling All High School Physics Teachers!

Enter your students in **PHYSICSBOWL 2026** and receive national recognition for your school, your students, and your teaching excellence.

### Here's how the contest works:

Your students will take a 40-question, 45-minute, multiple-choice test in the period of March 18–April 3, 2026, under your school's supervision. Exam questions are based on topics and concepts covered in a typical high school physics course. To enhance the distribution of awards, Division 1 is for first-year physics students and Division 2 is for second-year physics students. Each division has 15 regions across the country to allow schools in each region to compete against one another. Specialized math and science schools compete in their own region. Test prep centers will compete in their own region, and will be eligible for student award categories only. Winners will be announced in May.

### School/Teacher/Student Awards:

- Certificate of Participation will be provided as a printable PDF for all teachers and students competing.\*
- School team scores are determined by the sum of the scores of the top five students competing.

**PhysicsBowl exams are \$10 per student.  
You will need five students to qualify for team competition.**

#### **You have two options for how to receive the exam:**

The PhysicsBowl exam will be available on the Educational Vistas (EdVistas) website. The exam will be available as an online exam, or as a printable PDF with a printable answer sheet.

- For the printable PDF, you will need to be able to scan the completed answer sheets, and upload them to EdVistas website.
- For the web based online exam, students will need access to the internet, but no additional software will be needed.
  - Payment in U.S. dollars can be made by check, money order, or purchase order, to AAPT.
  - Credit card payments can only be made online at: <https://aapt.org/Programs/PhysicsBowl/regonline.cfm>
  - Teachers should reserve a room and arrange for supervision of the test in the period of March 18–April 3, 2026.
  - AAPT and Educational Vistas will email instructions by mid March.

*Please notify AAPT if you have not received an email by March 13, 2026.*

## FORMS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY February 23, 2026

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Downloadable PDFs × \$10 per student = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of Web Based Online Exams × \$10.00 per student = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AAPT ID: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: (required for exam instructions) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to AAPT. Checks or money orders must be drawn on a U.S. bank in U.S. currency with imprinted microencoding.

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Purchase Order

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