

SENIOR HIGH KNOWLEDGE BOWL



Minnesota Service Cooperatives KNOWLEDGE BOWL® competitions are interdisciplinary academic contests designed for students in grades 7-12.

WHY KNOWLEDGE BOWL?

Knowledge Bowl is a great extra-curricular activity for students who love trivia, problem-solving, and challenging themselves. During a KB meet, teams of students work cooperatively to solve oral and written round questions. The competitions test students' recall and problem solving abilities, critical thinking skills and teamwork work skills. Participation takes quick thinking and teamwork, and, like all team sports, students learn to work together to reach their goal.

Unique Aspects of Knowledge Bowl

- Every team participates in every round - no teams are eliminated
- Every student has an opportunity to respond to every question
- All teams are involved continually rather than waiting for their turn
- Students benefit from learning to work as a team
- Students learn that it is cool to be smart!



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Senior High Knowledge Bowl In Your School

Visit www.swwc.org/KB to find more information about SHKB including:

- Competition schedules
- Practice questions
- Scoring information
- Registration forms and deadlines
- Equipment order forms
- KB Handbook



THE BASICS

The SHKB season runs from January through March. Local districts host invitationals during the season and teams can participate in as many meets as they choose. Coaches and volunteers serve as readers and judges at these meets. Top teams at the sub-regional meets advance to a regional meet held in March. Six regional winners (three from Region 6 and three from Region 8) advance to the state competition in Brainerd in April.

THE COMPETITIONS

A SHKB team consists of five members. Teams participate in written and oral rounds of questions. Students field challenging questions developed from over fifteen curriculum areas. Students can participate in a number of ways such as computer operators, scorekeepers and, of course, as team competitors.

THE COACHES

KB Coaches

- Promote the program
- Recruit students
- Hold practices
- Register for invitationals (and serve as reader and judge)
- Provide an opportunity for students to develop critical skills for success



Support for Coaches

- **Regional Meetings:** Meetings are held in the spring and in the fall to discuss schedules, new rules and registration information.
- **Statewide Clinic:** An opportunity to learn more and network with others in the state.
- **Mentoring:** New coaches are paired with an experienced coach who guides them through the season.



Knowledge Bowl was introduced by the Minnesota Service Cooperatives in 1979 with 8 high schools participating. Enthusiastic support has increased its numbers to over 863 high school teams from 278 schools and districts statewide.