

# BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Extra Duty Activity (EDA)

<b>Name of EDA:</b>	<i>It's Academic</i>
<b>School Level:</b>	High

**Description of Activity:** Under the direction of the principal, the *It's Academic* sponsor is responsible for planning, organizing, and directing the activities of the club. *It's Academic*, a locally-produced television show, showcases Maryland high schools that participate in academic competitions. *It's Academic* clubs meet to train teams whose competitive skills and breadth of knowledge will strengthen and refine the students' higher-order thinking and recall skills.

Sponsors are required to have knowledge of local, state, national, and international events and culture. The sponsor should be knowledgeable in a broad range of academic subjects, possess strong leadership skills, and be able to create a positive rapport with students to spark their enthusiasm for *It's Academic*.

**Link to the Blueprint for Progress:** *It's Academic* sponsors contribute to the system's mission to provide a quality education for all students by promoting content knowledge, quick recall, and development of life-long learners who are committed to the acquisition of knowledge, the achievement of cultural literacy, and the preparation to become productive citizens. *It's Academic* club supports the *Blueprint's* Performance Goal 1, Indicator 1.18, Strategy g, and Performance Goal 6, Indicator 6.6, Strategy e.

<b>Examples of Specific Duties of this EDA Sponsor</b>	<b>Estimated Hours</b>
Preparation and Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans and develops meeting agendas</li> <li>• Obtains sets of questions to be used during practices</li> <li>• Prepares attendance roster to verify the most committed students</li> <li>• Enters the club's events on the school calendar</li> </ul>	40 – 50
Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets once per week to plan to appear on the TV show</li> <li>• Conducts weekly meetings where fact-based questions are asked and answered, buzzer systems are used to simulate competition, and knowledge-based games are played</li> </ul>	35 – 50
EDA Duties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announces and promotes meetings (1/2 hour weekly – school announcements, local newspapers, flyers and bulletins, school newspaper, and yearbook)</li> <li>• Monitors weekly TV broadcasts (1/2 hour shows) for discussion in the weekly meetings</li> </ul>	40 – 50

- Contacts WJZ-TV to arrange for inclusion in the schedule (Altman Productions, 3401 MacComb Street NW, Washington, DC 20016, 1-202-362-3088)
- Obtains proper protocols and arranges travel
- Acquires parental permissions and fees for travel and entrance fees
- Arranges for transportation to and from events
- May conduct fund raising activities to support the activity
- Acquires current collections of quick recall questions from a variety of sources

**Estimated Annual Hours that a Teacher Might Spend to Sponsor this EDA: 115+**

**Minimum Number of Students Required:** The team consists of 3 members and 2 alternates; however, having more students in the club allows for a diverse representation of the school population and interests. Encouraging students of all grade levels to participate in *It's Academic* provides long-term team building for the continuation of the program.

#### **Annual Compensation**

*It's Academic* is a Level I activity.