

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Extra Duty Activity (EDA)

Name of EDA:	Quiz Bowl
School Level:	Middle and High

Description of Activity: Under the direction of the principal, the Quiz Bowl sponsor serves as the faculty sponsor for the school’s Quiz Bowl team. The sponsor plans, organizes, and coordinates team activities, and conducts regularly scheduled team meetings and practices. Team members are taught the principles of teamwork and discipline through daily study. The sponsor coordinates and oversees the team’s participation in school, county, and state competitions. Competition is based upon *The Weekly News Quiz Game*, a subscription which contains questions pulled from current news sources such as *Time Magazine*, *Newsweek*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and *USA Today*.

The Quiz Bowl sponsor should have knowledge of, and an interest in, current events and history and be aware of the resources available. Personal experience with a similar activity and experience sponsoring after-school clubs is necessary. Organizational skills are important when arranging travel to and from other schools.

Link to the Blueprint for Progress: Quiz Bowl improves public speaking skills and promotes good sportsmanship. It fosters an awareness of current events and multicultural issues in students, and tests their knowledge in a competitive format. Participants learn to access and evaluate print and electronic news resources in order to gain a wealth of general knowledge. Quiz Bowl can be considered a “gateway” club to successful participation in AP classes as well as the ACT in high school. Quiz Bowl objectives are met when students show measurable improvement in competition and demonstrate the development of an effective playing strategy. This is a performance-based assessment, through weekly practice and monthly competition. Excellence in Quiz Bowl is demonstrated by potentially reaching regional playoffs and the county championship. The role of the Quiz Bowl supports the *Blueprint’s* Performance Goals 1 and 6.

Examples of Specific Duties of this EDA Sponsor	Estimated Hours
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Preparation and Planning	35 – 45
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subscribes to and reads the <i>Weekly News Quiz Game</i>, an <i>Education Weekly</i> publication containing questions of three levels of ascending difficulty • Publicizes Quiz Bowl and recruits team members by hanging posters, presenting morning announcements, visiting classrooms, and asking teachers for input on potential team members • Conducts team tryouts (assesses team members on background knowledge and speed in supplying answers) • Researches and gathers Quiz Bowl practice materials such as study guides, fact sheets, and drills 	

- Arranges and coordinates Quiz Bowl matches (arranges dates, locates and obtains moderator, and finds and secures location)
- Coordinates transportation to matches
- Creates, submits, and collects all necessary field trip request forms and permission slips

Meetings 5 – 10

- Meets with school administration to plan and coordinate annual Quiz Bowl activities
- Meets with representatives of other schools to arrange matches
- Meets with students and parents as needed to resolve issues that occur

Other EDA Duties 25 – 35

- Conducts weekly Quiz Bowl practices
- Facilitates reviews and discussions of current events, notable figures, and anniversaries of historical events
- Prepares students for possible questions in upcoming matches
- Makes students aware of news trends and events
- Conducts short drills that provide all students with an opportunity to review information and practice answering questions
- Develops practice matches and scrimmages using the *Weekly News Quiz Game* and other information sources
- Provides various students with leadership (team captain) experience

Estimated Annual Hours that a Teacher Might Spend to Sponsor this EDA: 65 - 75

Minimum Number of Students Required: 6-8

Annual Compensation

Quiz Bowl is a Level I activity.