

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD



What is Science Olympiad?

Science Olympiad (SciOly) is a fun STEM extra-curricular **club** featuring academic interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of different hands-on, interactive, challenging and inquiry-based events that are well balanced between the various disciplines of biology, earth science, environmental science, chemistry, physics, engineering and technology. Science Olympiad is a very popular school club in District #204 high schools. Visit <https://www.soinc.org> for more information about the activities or to view a video about Science Olympiad.

Who can join and where can I sign up?

For this year's teams, we are seeking 30 students from your school. The team will include grades 6-8. Due to these numbers, we are asking students to provide the following: answers to a series of questions describing why they would be a good Science Olympiad team member and a science or math teacher recommendation. ***This application is due FRIDAY, October 15 to the school office.*** In addition, there is a science reasoning assessment on either 10/22/21 or 10/25/22 in LMC from 3-4 pm. Students will be informed in late October if they have been selected to participate on the Gregory Sci Oly team. Practice will begin shortly thereafter. **Students must work 1 hour a week in school and 1 hour out of school each week and be able to attend two tournaments which will be satellite at Gregory: Tentative 1/22/22 and 3/12/22.**

What is the time commitment?

Practice will likely begin in November and continue through March 2022. **Students must attend all practices (held approximately once a week) and all competitions in order to qualify for the team.** The competitions will be held January 22, 2022 and March 12, 2022 at Gregory School (satellite invitational). We are working closely with our high school coaches to build coherence between high school and middle school Science Olympiad clubs and the competitions will foster STEM mentoring and growth.

Expanded Pilot Application

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Science Teacher: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Cell Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____

- I understand that student needs to participate in Science Olympiad at least once per week until 3/12/22.
- I understand that student needs to be picked up in front of the school ON TIME if club meets after school.
- I understand that student needs to be at the competition as teammates are working in partnerships.
- I understand that student needs to attend the entire day of competition on 1/22/22 and 3/12/22.
- Student has completed short answer questions (on the backside of this paper) and has given the Teacher Recommendation Form to their current or former science, math or PLTW teacher.

Parent/Guardian (we kindly request your support):

- I am interested in volunteering for the club during after school practices (most likely not an option this year).
- OR (again most likely not an option this year).
- I can help with supervision during the January 22, 2022 tournament at Gregory.
 - I can help with supervision during the March 12, 2022 tournament at Gregory.

By signing below, I give permission for student to participate in Science Olympiad

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

