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# mass **A C A D E M I C** challenge

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## Be part of a new televised quiz show premiering in spring 2010!

### Description

WGBH and WGBY plan to launch a new televised academic quiz show featuring high school students from across the Commonwealth.

The show will feature Jeopardy-style questions that are drawn from areas core to the curriculum, such as literature, history, and science, together with current events, sports, entertainment, art, and general knowledge. Some questions will be asked of one team at a time, while others will be asked in head-to-head lightning rounds.

Each of the first ten shows will feature two teams of students from public high schools in eastern MA. The four schools with the highest scores at the end of these qualifying rounds will advance to the state finals. Eastern MA finalists will play finalists from western MA's show *As School Match Wits* ([wgby.org/asmw](http://wgby.org/asmw)) for a chance to win the state championship.

Shows will air throughout spring 2010 on WGBH and WGBY as well as On Demand; Online; On the Go! (RSS feed video and audio podcasts available through iTunes); Facebook; and YouTube.

### Eligibility

- Applicants must be MA public secondary schools serving grades 9-12.
- For the 2009-10 year, we are seeking applications from schools east of Sturbridge only.

### What's required

- Each school must field a team of 4 students, with 2 alternates and a coach. The names of participating students may be determined in fall 2009.
- Teams must be prepared to come to a studio in the Boston area to tape the program on a weeknight or weekend in late 2009 or early 2010. Each taping session may last up to 5 hours, and teams may

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- need to come as many as three times (depending on progression to the finals).
- Interested schools should submit a completed application by June 19, 2009.

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## 2009-10 Application Form Due June 19, 2009

Applicants must be MA public secondary schools serving grades 9-12.  
Only 1 application per school will be accepted.  
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Sturbridge only.

**School Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Coach Name** \_\_\_\_\_

- School email address \_\_\_\_\_

- Additional email (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

- School phone number \_\_\_\_\_

- Additional phone (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach 2 (if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_

- School email address \_\_\_\_\_

- Additional email (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

- School phone number \_\_\_\_\_

- Additional phone (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Additional Information:

- Twenty schools will be selected for participation; five schools will be selected as alternates.
- Participating schools will be selected at random from all applicants that meet the eligibility criteria and submit completed forms.
- All schools will be notified by September 1, 2009.
- Selected schools must submit names of 4 student team members and 2 alternates by September 30, 2009.
- Participating schools will receive preparation materials, including sample questions, together with the date, time, and location of the first scheduled taping (likely late 2009/early 2010).
- WGBH will also provide schools with releases to be signed by a parent/guardian of each participating student as well as by the coaches. Schools will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement to withhold the results of the competition until they are broadcast.

### Mail, fax, or email completed forms to:

**Mail:** Mass Academic Challenge  
WGBH  
One Guest Street  
mac@wgbh.org  
Boston, MA 02135

**Fax:** 617-300-1040  
**Email:**

**Applications are due June 19, 2009**