

**AUGUSTA SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATION**

Part I: Activity Description

School: Cony High School Individual Submitting Request: Steve Scoville Date: Dec. 1, 2020

Name of Proposed Club or Co-Curricular Activity: Quiz Bowl Team

Description:

Cony High School students have participated in the Maine Public Television scholastic game show called High School Quiz Show: Maine. From the Maine Public Television facebook page, "This Maine Public Television scholastic game show is a televised academic quiz tournament set up in a single-elimination knockout format. The winner of each match moves on to the next round of competition while the losing team is eliminated from further competition for that season. The season is comprised of eight regular games, four quarter-finals, two semi-finals and the championship. (The two teams that make it to the championship will have played 3 games prior.)

The winning team will receive a \$1000 check and the second-place team will receive a \$500 check to go towards their school's "Project Graduation" or other appropriate use as determined by the winning school's administration.

The winning team will also travel to Boston to take on High School Quiz Show champions from other states on Sunday Jan 28, 2018 and possibly Monday Jan 29, 2018. Travel to Boston (or other out-of-state location) will be a requirement for the winning team with the school being responsible for the travel cost. Schools that feel this financial requirement may keep them from competing should contact Maine Public for more information."

In addition to the High School Quiz Show: Maine competition, students also participate in national tournaments hosted by AQBL (the American Quiz Bowl League), 2-3 times per semester. There are a few local schools that also host quiz tournaments, which have been in-person in the past, but have been entirely remote during the pandemic. Team practices are held 2 times a week after school, and often involve students from other local high schools, where students write sample questions, compile information, and engage in quiz scrimmages, practicing timing, strategy and recall.

Student Populations (Grades): High School 9-12

Anticipated Number of Participants: 16 students

Gender Breakdown: 5 girls and 11 boys

List of Participant's Name Mr. Scoville has the participant list.

Activity Goal:

The goal of the team is to compete against other high schools on the scholastic game show. Students learn to work cooperatively with teammates while cementing their own knowledge. The quiz show is a

high pressure activity which teaches students to think on their feet and be confident in their thinking. While preparing, students are exposed to an incredibly broad range of topics that are not addressed in a regular HS curriculum, including classical opera, Einsteinian relativity, Japanese mythology, 19th century philosophy, English naval battles, Pascal's triangle, avian anatomy, etc, etc. The nature of the competition rewards deep, detailed knowledge about a subject, validates students' work in core subject classes and provides glimpses into some other fields of study that might otherwise be overlooked.

How does this club or activity support the Augusta School Department Mission and Vision for Students?

This team supports the mission and vision of the school by expanding opportunities for students to excel. Research shows that students who are involved in extra and co-curricular activities have better attendance, grades, and engagement in their learning. We believe that adding a Quiz Bowl team will have a positive effect on the climate and culture of Cony.

Part II: Cost

Coach or Advisor: Steven Scoville, stipend negotiated through stipend committee and school board

Transportation costs: Transportation to the competitions

Uniforms: T-shirts

Equipment: Quiz Bowl timers (already purchased)

Facilities Fees: none

Other: Entrance fees as needed

Revenues: Fundraising by team

Summary costs: The cost of the Quiz Bowl team is minimal.

Cost for implementation year one: \$ \$100.00 _____ -club budget

Cost for year two: \$ \$100.00 _____ -club budget

Cost for year three: \$ \$1,800.00 _____ -proposed cost to district in year three

Part III: Approval Process

Recommended for approval:

Building Principal: Kimberly E. W. Silsby

Superintendent of Schools J. Anastasi

Chairman, Education Committee: _____

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