

Conquesta Olympiads Information

General

- Conquesta annual Olympiads are multiple choice question papers which challenge student knowledge in the various subjects on offer, (*like a written quiz*), and enables Educators to measure students' abilities against the national and international averages (*computed from participating schools*).
- All students, regardless of their academic capabilities, should be given the opportunity to participate. The layout of our papers is set to encourage rather than disenchant and is aimed at student participation and enjoyment. Grades 1, 2 & 3 students can write in pairs or groups and Educators can read all the text out aloud to them as they work through the papers. However, students are to choose their own answers and circle them on the papers. Grades 4 – 9 students are to write individually, not in pairs or groups.
- The Olympiads do not interfere with the school's curriculum nor the examinations.
- Students can participate in all or any number of the Olympiads.
- There is minimal work or expense from the school's side.
- We provide a typed letter to parents for you to copy and send home with the students, so they can select subjects and collect finances. Just follow the simple procedures, which will be provided.
- Entries will **only** be accepted on our entry forms, via **email**. **All forms and information regarding the Olympiads can be downloaded from our website at www.conquestaolympiads.com.**
- South African schools with a TOTAL order value above R2 500,00 will receive their papers, certificates and results via courier. Remote schools to supply a receiving address in the nearest city or large town.
- All South African schools with a TOTAL order value of R2 500,00 or less, AND all schools outside South Africa, will receive everything via email. However, should you wish them to be printed and couriered to you by Conquesta, the courier cost will be for the school's account. Please advise us accordingly in this regard.
- 'TOTAL order value' means all entries including grades 1 to 9.

Guarantee

- We guarantee that we are a professionally run business, dealing solely in School Olympiads. Our committed staff and contributors are all professionals in their respective fields, i.e., education, administration, and I.T.
- We guarantee that certificates will reach every participating school by the end of October, so that they can be included to add excitement to the year-end prize giving event as an extra achievement for students.
- In our quest for excellence, Conquesta guarantees a full refund of entry fees, should our commitments not be met.
- Conquesta provides a world class service. Our custom designed software takes care of efficient and accurate administration of the entire process, from the time of receiving the entries to the printing and posting of the certificates.

Certificates

- EVERY participant will receive an A4 colour certificate, no matter what their results. The school also receives a certificate reflecting the average achievement, calculated from the 10 highest percentages in each subject/grade.
- Results are recorded on certificates in categories according to the following achievements:-

Platinum	85% - 100%
Diamond	76% - 84%
Gold	70% - 75%
Silver	60% - 69%
Bronze	50% - 59%
Copper	0% - 49%
- Only students achieving 50% and above in any subject will have the actual percentage(s) printed on their certificates.
E.g., **Mathematics 2 : Diamond (79%)**, or if less than 50%, **Mathematics 2 : Copper**.
- Certificates may be handed out at the school's year end prize giving ceremony.

Top 20 Schools (*Results are shown on our website.*)

- To be included in the Top 20 results, schools need to have a minimum of 10 learners in a subject/grade to qualify.
- Top 20 results are calculated from **only the 10 highest percentages achieved in each subject/grade**, to ensure that **weaker students do NOT pull your school's results down**. Therefore, schools can enter as many students as they like.
- Each of the Top 20 schools will receive a **Certificate of Excellence** reflecting their achievement(s) by the end of February in the new year.
- The Top 20 schools for the preceding year can be viewed on our website from February each year.

Benchmarking — National Averages & Statistics (*Results are shown on our website.*)

- The Results List which each participating school receives together with their certificates at the end of each year, reflects each learner's percentage and the school's actual averages by grade and subject, calculated from all the individual results.
- A separate statistics report of averages by learning area for grades 4 – 9 (*Mathematics, Science & Technology*) is also provided, to enable schools to assess their strengths and weaknesses in these subjects, by learning area for each grade.
- The national averages, calculated from the actual results of all participating schools, are uploaded to our website at the beginning of the following year.

Past Papers (*A great coaching tool prior to students writing the Olympiads.*)

- These are a wonderful aid to busy Educators and can be used as extension papers in the classroom and are sold at any time during the course of the year.
- You can order Past Papers online at: www.conquestapastpapers.com or download the order forms. Alternatively, you can contact us by phone on (031) 764-1972 or via email at africa@conquestapastpapers.com.
- Past Papers are sent via email or with a link for you to download them. You can copy as many within your school as needed.