

Versa Critical Thinking Olympiad

A case-based exam that scores how students think, not what they remember.

Who. Grades 5 to 12, in four bands: 5–6, 7–8, 9–10, 11–12.

What. One live scenario. Eight decisions. Forty minutes. Students read evidence, weigh it, choose, and see the consequence of each choice unfold. There is nothing to memorise and no syllabus to prepare.

Where. In your school, in the computer lab or on students' own devices, under your teacher, on a date you choose from our exam windows. The exam is a single web page; it needs a browser and nothing else.

How students are scored. Each decision is placed in one of three bands, Advanced, Proficient or Developing, using a fixed rubric, then combined into a score out of 24. Every student receives a report with eight process bands and a rank in their band, school, state and nationally. No hint or timing detail is ever reported. Nothing in the report is a personality or behaviour label.

What the school receives. A per-grade summary, the debrief prompts for a class discussion, certificates for every participant, and awards per band and for school toppers. The awards rule is published before the first exam window.

Versa Club, optional. Ten students per school, mixed grades, one 60-minute online team activity a month for a year, run by us, with your teacher present. The olympiad is the club's capstone. ■500 per student, all-inclusive.

Privacy, by design. Parents register and pay directly. Each child is identified only by a token; no student name, date of birth or photo ever enters our systems. The school forwards one link and holds the name-to-token list itself. Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023 compliant.

Fee. ■500 per student for Versa Club including the olympiad. The olympiad-only fee is announced with the registration dates. Parents pay online; schools may collect and pay in one payment if they prefer.

Dates. Registration and exam windows for the coming season are announced to registered schools first. Results are published within three weeks of the last window.

To take part. Reply to the email you received with a coordinator's name and phone, or write to team@versaolympiads.com.