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registration information, rules,
history, costs, schedules,
results, player information, team
standings and photos by visiting:

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sign up

At the start of each school year, registration materials are sent to all schools in each region. As MasterMinds is a BOCES service, public schools can sign up with their district's BOCES center or cross-contract with a neighboring BOCES center, depending on the region. Private schools may either sign up directly with CYPRAS (a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which coordinates the program for BOCES throughout the state) or they register through a regional BOCES center.



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MasterMinds the competition of the mind



***"MasterMinds stretches young minds
and encourages students to explore."***

***Marilyn J. Dominick, Superintendent
Jordan - Elbridge CSD***

"The MasterMinds programs creates opportunities for students to enhance their critical thinking skills in a competitive environment."

- Jeffrey B. Crane Superintendent of Schools W. Irondequoit CSD

MasterMinds...

- is an extra-curricular academic competition, using the NAQTSM format
- has over a hundred participating schools across the state
- features a 12 game regular season during the school year
- has no additional costs after initial participation fee (excluding transportation)
- keeps you up to date all season: www.nymasterminds.com

overview

MasterMinds is a fast-paced question-and-answer academic competition that tests the depth and breadth of students' knowledge in subjects such as history, literature, science, politics, art, geography, religion, sports & current events.

With more than a hundred participating schools there are over one thousand students involved, and those numbers continue to grow each year throughout New York State.

MasterMinds gives students, particularly those who do not play sports, the chance to showcase their talents and represent their school in a interscholastic setting. MasterMinds provides a competitive academic opportunity for those students.

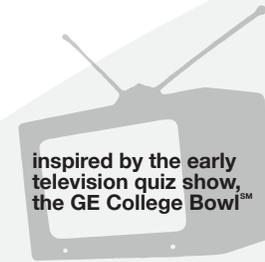
organization

In each region, a preseason scheduling meeting is held to organize schools into leagues, and the dates and sites of the meets are established. Normally, the twelve game regular season is divided into six meets held during the school year from mid October - April. Customization of the schedule is also available.

The top teams in each league advance to regional playoffs in late April with state playoffs in late May/early June.

history

MasterMinds began with twenty five schools in Rochester in 1993, expanding into the Buffalo area in 1995. A junior varsity component was added in 1997. MasterMinds was first offered in the Albany/ Capital District and Syracuse regions in 1999 and 2004 respectively.



how it's played?

Meets are scheduled roughly once a month with the host site rotating among league schools. Meets are held after school, starting at 3:30 and ending around 6:30.

Each meet has between five and seven games with each school usually playing twice.

Two four-person teams face off in games that are run in eight minute halves with teams able to substitute at the half. Including JV players, schools average over a dozen players.

Students buzz in and must be recognized before answering. Correct answers earn that player's team points and the chance for the team to work together on bonus questions.

Since meets are once a month, even a varsity athlete can participate. MasterMinds is designed for students involved in various activities.

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