

2020 Mindset Breaking Experience Timeline

July 8, 2019



“Promoting excellence in education
and showcasing the talents of all our youth”

Completed	Dates and Deadlines	Notes	Contest
	August to October		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Familiarize yourself with this contest, scheduling, and other factors that may be affected by your school or group calendar and activities. Print rules and schedule to post where you can find information easily. Mark your calendar with important dates and deadlines. 	Contest Pages have rules and schedules for the specific contest and any resource information. There is also a Contest Timeline.	ALL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please note that during August through mid-October, the Academic Rodeo Director will work remotely and not be physically present in the ETSF Office, where the primary focus in the Office is the upcoming Fair. The AR Director will have access to e-mail and phone during this time. E-Mail is the easiest method of contact, but when calling the ETSF line with an Academic Rodeo question, ask for Academic Rodeo. If the Director is unavailable when you call, leave a voice mail message. A response will come as soon as possible. 	E-Mail: dnewman@etstatefair.com Phone: 903.597.2501, ask for Deborah Newman or Academic Rodeo There is NO Fax line available.	ALL
	September 20 – 29		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “2019 Virtual Academic Rodeo” on display at the East Texas State Fair 	2019 Photos, some Entries	ALL
	October 15, 2019		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for School/Group Registration online. There is a link on the Academic Rodeo <i>Getting Started</i> and <i>General Info</i> pages. 	Academic Rodeo Getting Started Page -online form	ALL
	October 15-31, 2019		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study the rules and deadlines for your contest. Understand the limits on number of students that may be registered and any limits to students in particular grades. Make students aware of rules and any resources for preparation. Mark any deadlines on your calendar. 	Contest Page for specific contest	ALL
	October 18, 2019		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsors of each contest receive e-mail with contest information. Contact Academic Rodeo IMMEDIATELY if you do not receive an e-mail for your contest by this date. 	If you do not receive, check SPAM folder or Junk Mail. Some school servers, filter out our e-mails.	ALL

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	October 29, 2019		
	♦ Provide information about your school to be used in questions for the 3rd Quarter of matches. This is a great way for schools to learn about and appreciate each other.	Online form on Academic Challenge Quiz page	ACQ
	♦ Drop Date for Mindset Breaking Experience. PLEASE drop as soon as you determine you will not participate. Late drops drastically affect everyone involved in the contest!	Online ADD/DROP Form on General Info page	MBE
	October 30, 2019		
	♦ Preliminary Mindset Breaking Experience schedule will be posted online .	On Mindset Breaking Experience page	MBE
	November 5, 2019		
	♦ Student Registrations due for Mindset Breaking Experience. Use Excel version of Student Registration Form to submit by e-mail. Instructions for completing the form was also provided in the Contest e-mail in October.	Excel workbook with ALL forms is sent to all contest sponsors by e-mail in October.	MBE
	November 15, 2019		
	♦ Mindset Breaking Experience Preliminary Rounds – Check-in at Building B Bring signed Code of Conduct form for your students.	Schedule is on Mindset Breaking page. Code of Conduct form is available on the General Info page.	MBE
	November 28-29, 2019 – THANKSGIVING Holiday		
	The East Texas State Fair Office and Academic Rodeo will be closed.		
	December 23 - January 1		
	♦ The East Texas State Fair Office will be closed December 24, (Christmas Eve), December 25 (Christmas Day), and January 1 (New Year's Day). The Office may be closed additional days during this time. December 11 - January 3: The Academic Rodeo Director will not be in the office, but can be contacted by e-mail during this time.		
	January 15, 2020		
	♦ Outstanding Educator nominations are due.	Outstanding Educator Page -PDF form	OE
	January 17, 2020		
	♦ Bad Weather Make-up Day - Will be used as needed to reschedule contest activities affected by weather.	Specific sponsors involved will be notified.	
	January 24, 2020		
	♦ Bad Weather Make-up Day - Will be used as needed to reschedule contest activities affected by weather.	Specific sponsors involved will be notified.	

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	February 3, 2020		
	♦ Bad Weather Make-up Day - Will be used as needed to reschedule contest activities affected by weather.	Specific sponsors involved will be notified.	
	February 6, 2020		
	♦ Bad Weather Make-up Day - Will be used as needed to reschedule contest activities affected by weather.	Specific sponsors involved will be notified.	
	February 7, 2020		
	♦ Mindset Breaking Experience Finals – Check-in at Building B - Finals Schedule is set by random draw at Prelims.	Finals Schedule is posted on Mindset page.	MBE
	February 10-11, 2019		
	♦ School Lists will be sent to all schools and groups listing ALL students registered, their status of participation, contest and any award received. Groups will confirm information is correct or will supply corrected info (name spelling, etc.) to Academic Rodeo and RSVP for the students eligible to attend no later than February 15.	Lists will be sent by e-mail to Primary Contact and all sponsors/coaches registered for the group. One person can reply for all.	ALL
	February 14, 2020		
	♦ Awards Celebration RSVPs due. Student seats are reserved, so it is VERY important to receive RSVPs in a timely manner for set-up.	Notify Primary Contact to send Student names to Academic Rodeo by e-mail.	ALL
	February 17, 2020		
	♦ Scholarship applications are due from all eligible Middle School and High School contest winners. MUST be in office on this date. The complete applications should be in the ETSF Office by 5:00 p.m. or brought to Open House in Building E by 6:30 p.m.	Awards Page > Academic Rodeo Scholarship page	
	♦ Academic Rodeo Open House in Building E - 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity for parents and friends to see the entries submitted for Academic Rodeo and see some of the set-ups involved in contests as well as see photos from the contests.		
	February 19, 2020		
	♦ Notification to Schools of Scholarship Recipients This will be late in the day. Please notify parents to attend, but do not inform students to allow them to be surprised on the 21.	Please RSVP when requested.	ALL

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	February 21, 2020		
	◆ Awards Celebration	Please RSVP when requested.	ALL
	◆ For Mindset Breaking Experience : Students on 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Teams attend Awards Celebration .	Coordinate with other Sponsors.	MBE
	◆ 8:45 - 10:00 a.m. - Pick up School/Group Packet. It contains many things for your entire group. Check to see if anything is missing for your entire group and report immediately to the Volunteer. You may be able to get everything corrected on the spot (medallion or ribbon), or you may have to wait for a correction to be made (certificates and checks).	You may give awards to students or save for a special day, but DO CHECK for correctness. Give items to the appropriate sponsor in your group.	
	◆ For Mindset Breaking Experience , the Packet contains: Place Ribbons for members of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Place Teams; Checks for Elementary students whose teams place; Participation Certificates or Finalist Certificates for students on teams which did not place	Please give items to the appropriate sponsor in your group. A designated sponsor MUST sign for Elementary Award Checks.	MBE
	◆ 8:45-10:20 a.m. - Viewing of Academic Rodeo entries and photos in Building E You and your students will be able to see all Art, Computer Science, Engineering Challenge, Kinder Critters, Pentathlon, Science Fair, and Writing entries on display. You will also be able to see some of the set-ups used in contests and a slide show of photos from all the contests.	Do NOT remove any entries at this time.	
	◆ 10:15 a.m. - Students find seats if they have not already done so.	Seats are numbered. Students sit with Contest Groups.	
	◆ 10:30 a.m. - Awards Presentations in Building B * Presentations begin with the Outstanding Educator honors * Contests groups are presented alphabetically: Academic Challenge Quiz, Agriculture Identification, Art Contest, Computer Science Fair, Drama Festival, Engineering Challenge, Kinder Critters, Mathletics, Mindset Breaking Experience , Pentathlon, Science Fair, Spelling Bee, Writing Contest, Youth Fashion Show.	Students placing in multiple contests begin with the contest that is first alphabetically. After that group is recognized, the student moves to the next contest, etc. Team contest winners (ACQ, Engineering, Mathletics, MBE & Pentathlon) receive trophy on stage.	
	* The presentations conclude with Scholarship Recipients who are not aware that they are receiving the award.	Students may wear medallions or hold ribbons on stage.	

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	February 21, 2019 - Awards Celebration, continued		
	<p>◆ 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ONLY - Collect Academic Rodeo entries from display area IF not included in School/Group Packet – Art, Engineering Challenge display board and Rover to be dismantled and inventoried, Kinder Critters, and Science Fair projects. Do NOT remove essays and computer graphics displayed. These remain with Academic Rodeo for the East Texas State Fair display</p>	<p>Please check for ALL entries from your school or group, even if you are not the sponsor for other contests. A listing of your students and their contests is provided to assist you.</p>	
	February 24, 2020		
	<p>◆ 9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Pick-up Window for schools/groups unable to attend the Awards Celebration or groups without winners. Other pick-up times MUST be arranged with Academic Rodeo Coordinator</p>	<p>Please coordinate with other sponsors at your school and collect packet, ALL entries, & awards, promptly.</p>	ALL
	February 25, 2020		
	<p>◆ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - FINAL Pick-up time for schools/groups unable to attend the Awards Celebration or groups without winners. Other pick-up times MUST be arranged with Academic Rodeo Coordinator</p>	<p>Please coordinate with other sponsors at your school and collect packet, ALL entries, & awards, promptly.</p>	ALL
	February 28, 2020		
	<p>◆ Please complete online Participation Form to give statistical information about your group's participation in Academic Rodeo Please coordinate with other sponsors at your school. One person can complete one form for your entire group.</p>	<p>Form is on General Info Page</p>	ALL