

The DFW section of the American Chemical Society will be conducting its local qualifying exam for the **2018 National Chemistry Olympiad on Saturday, March 24, 2018 (8:30 a.m).**

The exam will be given simultaneously at the following locations:

1. **The University of North Texas;** Chemistry Building, Room 109
2. **The University of Texas at Arlington;** W. A. Baker Chemistry Research Building, Room 114

Parking information and maps for the above sites are available at:

<http://www.unt.edu/transit/pdf/parkingmap.pdf>

<http://www.uta.edu/maps/>

PLEASE NOTE: There is no cost to students or teachers for this or the national exams. Copies of previous years' exams are available www.acs.org for practice (*Education* → *High School* → *Chemistry Olympiad*) While 'walk-ins' are welcome as long as testing documents are available, students are strongly encouraged to pre-register for the local qualifying exam. Pre-registration assures that students will have test documents at the selected location. The registration form may be accessed through this QR code:



US National Chemistry Olympiad (NCO) Testing Requirements

1. Students must be U. S. citizens or legal, permanent residents of the United States (green card holders) to take the U. S. National examination.
2. Students must be younger than 20 years old.
3. Only regularly enrolled high school students, graduating no earlier than Spring semester 2018, are eligible.
4. No more than two students per teacher or per high school may be selected to take the national exam. In the case of magnet programs or split enrollment, a student's school is defined as the high school where the student takes their science courses. For example, TAMS counts as a single high school for these purposes.
5. Students who have taken advanced placement courses in chemistry are eligible. Likewise, students who have received credit for college-level courses (limited to no more than two semesters or three quarters beyond general chemistry) are eligible.
6. Programmable calculators and cellular phones are **NOT** permitted during either the local or national exams. This means that **ABSOLUTELY NO GRAPHING CALCULATORS** are permitted during the exam regardless of whether the memory is cleared. Students **MUST** bring nonprogrammable scientific calculators with them to the exam, as the testing locations have NO calculators to loan. Students may bring pencils and erasers for marking their answers.
7. Local selection will be based upon student scores on the local NCO qualifying exam to be administered simultaneously at multiple locations in the DFW section on **Saturday, March 24, 2018**. There is only one day and time for the local test. **THERE ARE NO MAKE-UP EXAMS!** In case of tie scores, the criterion for selection of a tie-breaker system will be announced prior to the beginning of the exam on March 24. (Historically, this has been based on correct answers to selected questions). All exams will be collected for scoring as a single group, so there is no advantage to testing at a particular site. Participants are encouraged to take the exam at the testing site closest to them.
8. For those students selected for advancement, the National Exam will be held on **Saturday, April 21, 2018**, at the University of Texas at Arlington (location/time TBA). **NOTE:** Once all preliminary exams are scored, we will verify the availability and participation of qualifying students for the local NCO examination. When this is complete, we will notify the remaining students of their score. As a courtesy we also mail back each student's exam to their chemistry instructor so they can see what how they did on the exam. **Please keep in mind that administering the national NCO examination is our first priority.** Therefore, it is not unusual that these exams are not mailed out until after the DFW NCO exam is complete in April. Please be patient!