

**Answers to Frequently Asked Questions  
About The  
Delaware Valley Science Council Exams**

**Q1: What is the format of the exams?**

**A1: All exams are multiple choice questions, and are graded as number of responses correct, so there are no penalties for guessing an answer.**

**Q2: How are the exams graded?**

**A2. Grading is done based on the number of correct responses correct**

**Q3. How are students selected for the interviews?**

**A3: To be considered for the interview phase of the competition, students must score above a certain score on both exams. This cutoff score is typically set depending on a target number of students qualifying for the interviews.**

**Q4. Are exam scores disclosed?**

**A4: Exam scores are not published or provided to schools or students. Finalists qualifying for the interview phase and honorable mentions are notified, and all students receive a certificate of participation.**

**Q5 How are award winners or amounts of cash awards determined?**

**A5: Awards are determined based on a combination of exam scores and interview results (exam scores are weighted higher). The available funding from professional societies and corporate sponsors determines the overall awards budget.**

**Q6. What is the level of the math exam?**

**A6: The math exam is designed for incoming seniors, and does not require knowledge of calculus.**

**Q7. Does the physics exam include the AP curriculum?**

**A7: No it does not.**