

**The D/FW Section of the American Chemical Society will be conducting its local qualifying exam for the National Chemistry Olympiad on Saturday, March 5, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. at the following locations:**

- 1) The University of North Texas—Chemistry Building, Room 109
- 2) The University of Texas at Arlington—Chemistry and Physics Building, Room TBA
- 3) Tarleton State University—Science Building, Room TBA

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

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

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

<http://www.tarleton.edu/campus/>

Please Note: There is no cost to students or teachers for this exam (or for the National exam).

For practice, copies of previous years' exams are available at [www.chemistry.org](http://www.chemistry.org)

(click on Education, click on High School, click on Chemistry Olympiad, click on Past Exams)

US National Chemistry Olympiad (NCO) Testing Requirements:

- 1) Students **MUST BE US Citizens** the day the test is taken. Citizens are eligible for a US passport—green card holders are **NOT** eligible. In order to be considered a US citizen, a student must hold either a certified birth certificate issued in the United States, a Certificate of Naturalization, a Certificate of Citizenship, or a Consular Report of Birth Abroad. **PLEASE NOTE:** non-citizens may take the local exam, but they will **NOT** be eligible to advance to the National testing round.
- 2) Students must be younger than 20 years old.
- 3) Regularly enrolled high school students who will graduate no earlier than the spring of 2011 are eligible.
- 4) No more than **two students per teacher** or **per high school may be nominated** 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. 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 the national exams. This means that **ABSOLUTELY NO** Graphing Calculators (of any brand) are permitted during the exam—whether or not the memory is cleared. Students **MUST** bring nonprogrammable scientific calculators with them to the exam, as the testing locations have **NO** calculators to loan.
- 7) Students may bring pencils and erasers for marking their answer sheets.

Local selection will be based upon student scores on the local NCO qualifying exam to be administered simultaneously at multiple locations in the D/FW section on Saturday, March 5, 2011. There is only one day and time for the local test—**THERE ARE NO MAKE-UP EXAMS!** In case of tie scores, a tie-breaker system will be announced prior to the beginning of the exam on March 5. (It will be based upon answers to a specific set of questions, but the actual test items to be used will not be selected until the local testing coordinators have seen the local exam.) 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. For students who advance, the National Exam will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011, at the University of Texas at Arlington (location TBA).