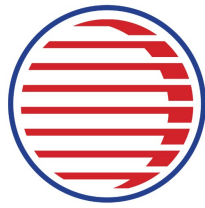


Indiana Council on World Affairs



Academic WorldQuest

Academic WorldQuest is a World Affairs Councils of America youth education initiative administered in Indiana by the Indiana Council on World Affairs, Inc.

Academic WorldQuest 2027

- a lively game-style quiz on world affairs ~

Indiana Competition - February 20, 2027

University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana

National Competition - April 12th and 13th, 2026

Westin City Center, Washington, D.C.

Indiana Council on World Affairs, Academic WorldQuest 2026, 100+ Students, Teachers and Friends. February 14, 2027. University of Indianapolis.
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Academic WorldQuest, a nationwide World Affairs Councils of America youth education program, tests high school students' knowledge of global geography, international economics, history, world cultures, and current events. Each year, over 3,000 high school students compete in local quiz-style events organized by more than 30 local World Affairs Councils across the US. In Indiana, the Indiana Council on World Affairs administers the Academic WorldQuest.

In Indiana, all high schools are eligible to participate, including public, charter, private, or home school. 2027 marks the Indiana Council on World Affairs' 23rd year of sending a team of four high school students, and their teacher, to the national competition in Washington, D.C. Indiana won the national AWQ Academic Competition and Logo Competition.

- Teachers from all subject matters are welcome - Social Studies, World Languages, English/Literature, Science, etc.
- Each school may register as many teams, of four students, as there are students who are interested, subject to approval of the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA) and the Indiana Council on World Affairs (ICWA).
- The Study Guide free-of-charge. It provides instant access to timely material on ten topics of global significance.
- The competition is free-of-charge. Student memberships in the Indiana Council on World Affairs are free. to support this educational initiative, donations from the public and schools are welcome.
- Indiana's winning team, and their teacher, is awarded a trip to Washington, D.C. to represent Indiana in the national AWQ competition, paid in-large-part by ICWA. For 2027, with donor support and named sponsors, there are cash awards for the winning team's school's global studies programs.

2026-2027 Academic WorldQuest - Students will learn about timely, relevant topics:

1. Current Events
2. Region Focus: EU Delegation & Lithuania
3. Great Decisions 2027
4. The Impact of AI on International Relations
5. The Tug-of-War Over Natural Resources
6. Global Health & Pandemic Preparedness
7. Gen Z Political Paradigms
8. International Relations at the Movies
9. Powering Up Energy Security
10. Global Debt and Assistance

Source: World Affairs Councils of America. September 15, 2026.

Timeline for Academic WorldQuest 2027:

September 1, 2026 - ICWA Registration open for AWQ 2027

Information and Registration: Teachers and students plan for participating in AWQ 2027. Information on AWQ 2027 is posted on the ICWA website at: IndianaWorld.org.

September 15, 2026 - Topics announced and Official Study Guide published on-line

By: February 1, 2027 - Registration due date

Register your students at this time. Please provide your students' names and emails.

Saturday, February 20, 2027 - Indiana Competition - University of Indianapolis

In-person Event. The competition is presented in a lively, quiz format. The optimum competition experience is in-person.

Schedule: 10:00 am Doors Open. 11:00 am Quiz Begins. 12:30 pm Lunch. 1:30 pm Quiz Ends. 3:30 pm Doors Close. Hosted in Indianapolis by the Indiana Council on World Affairs. To be held at the University of Indianapolis, Schwitzer Center, UIndy Hall, 1400 E. Hannah Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227.

April 11th and 12th, 2026 - National Competition - Washington, D.C.

Sunday, April 11, 2027, Evening - Welcome Reception.

Monday, April 12, 2027, National competition.

Tuesday, April 13, 2027, Morning - Embassy activities.

Hosted in Washington, D.C. by the World Affairs Councils of America. There will be time for tours.

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