



BIBLE KNOWLEDGE EXAM

NOTE - THIS IS A DRAFT EDITION OF THE RULES. PLEASE CHECK iarbc.org/equiprules AT A LATER DATE. We do not anticipate major changes, nevertheless, the final version will be the one used for the competition.

The Exam

The Bible Knowledge Exam will be a written test over an extended passage of scripture. You will choose to have the test based on the King James Version (KJV), the New King James Version (NKJV), or the English Standard Version (ESV). You should bring the Bible you studied for the judge to use since there may be slight textual variations between your Bible and the judge's Bible depending on the specific year the Bible was printed. (These types of variations are rare, but do exist, so to be fair, we ask the student to bring their own Bible.) These are the exam passages for each of the following years:

2018 - John 10-21 (Division 3 - John 10-15)

2019 - Ephesians and Philippians

2020 - Acts 1-12

2021 - Acts 13-28

2022 - Hebrews

2023 - John 1-9

Types of Questions

There will be no essays or oral questions. Written questions will include:

- multiple choice
- chapter and verse identification of specific items, people, or quotes
- one-word or short answer
- direct quotations
- listing of people, places, things, or events found in the entire passage

Grading

Exam grading will include spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. The student should bring to the competition the bible used to memorize the passage. Should there be a tie, additional written questions will be given to the contestants until a winner is determined.

Time

You will have up to three hours for the exam. Any questions left incomplete at the end of the allotted time will count against you. Should you finish early, you may use the remaining time to go over your exam, or you may turn in your exam to the judge and be dismissed.

Scoring Criteria

- The contestant with the highest score in each division will be declared the winner. Should no student achieve EQUIP's minimum score for a particular placement, then that placement will not be awarded.
- A 3% deduction from the final score will be applied for students whose attire does not fit the EQUIP guidelines.

Doctrinal Agreement

EQUIP is for 7th - 12th grade students who are members in good standing of a IARBC church. Students in 7th - 12th grade who are members in good standing of a non-IARBC church may participate if their pastor (or other church officer in the absence of a pastor) certifies that their church is in agreement with the doctrinal statement of the Iowa Association of Regular Baptist Churches. Certification of membership and doctrinal agreement is made on the Church Ministry Statement.

Competition Attire

Attire guidelines for EQUIP will be considered "business casual." You may dress up more than the following guidelines, just do so in a manner that is sharp and modest. (For example, a young man wearing an oversized sport coat from his dad may technically be "dressier," but the same young man wearing an ironed button-down shirt that fits properly will look sharper.) Ladies: Select a modest outfit consisting of a shirt (not a t-shirt) with a skirt or dress pants. Gentlemen: Wear a collared shirt paired with dress pants or khakis with a belt. All clothing should be loose-fitting, though not necessarily baggy. Our desire at EQUIP is that our attire would be modest and undistracting.

Division Differences

Division 3 students (grade 7-8) will be tested over a smaller passage of scripture than Division 1 & 2 students as noted earlier in this document.

More Information

Additional important competition information regarding registration, scholarships, division definitions, and more can be found at iarbc.org/equip