

FAQs for the First Year Exam (Revised 2022)

Where and when will the exam be held?

Please see the current website information on the First Year Exam. Go to ocacs.org, Click on the Education tab at the top, then select High School First Year Exam.

Can I register myself for this exam?

The 8 students for the school team are selected by the chemistry teachers at their schools and pre-registered online. No substitutions are allowed. However, we do allow 20 spaces where students can self-register for a charge of \$20. Please see the Registration letter on the website above for details about the dates you can register yourself.

Do I need a photo ID on the day of the exam?

Yes, IDs will be checked. Additionally, in 2022, you must show proof of full vaccination according to CDC rules. Either a card or a photo of your card is acceptable. This may include a booster by the end of April. No student will be admitted to the exam room without the required documentation, and no accommodations can be made.

Do I need a calculator?

No, calculators are not allowed.

How long is the exam?

The exam consists of about 90 multiple choice questions, and will last 2 hours maximum.

What is the policy on cell phones?

While we realize that students may need a phone to call for a ride at the end of the exam, **ALL CELL PHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF AND PUT AWAY** during the exam. If a student is found to have a cell phone that is on, s/he will be disqualified.

Can I leave to go to the restroom during the exam?

No, there are no bathroom breaks!

If I am late, can I still take the exam?

If you are later than 9:10 am, you will not be allowed to take the test.

Can this exam be taken more than one time?

No, this is for first year students of chemistry only, and cannot be taken more than 1 time.

What happens if there is a tie for top student from my school?

There is an optional tiebreaker question at the end of the exam. It is not required, but serves to decide a tie between the top scoring students.

How can I be sure I am registered?

We will try to send a confirmatory email to your teacher this year when s/he registers the student.

When do I see the test results?

We mail out the results within 2 days after the exam, so you should see the results by the following Friday at the latest, depending on how your district handles school mail.

