

FAQs for the First Year Exam

All the information about the exam can be found on the website, ocacs.org. Click on the Education tab at the top, then select High School First Year Exam, then choose the Teacher First Year Exam Letter.

- **Do I need a photo ID on the day of the exam?**
Yes, IDs will be checked. Without a photo ID students will be permitted to take the exam, but will not be recognized as a winner unless a legitimate ID is provided before the end of the exam.
- **Do I need to provide proof of vaccination, or a negative Covid test?**
This year we will not have any requirements for vaccination or masking unless the sponsoring campus has instituted such requirement. Any student who wishes may, of course, wear a mask.
- **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 tie-breaker 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.