

Orange County American Chemical Society (OCACS) Education Committee

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January, 2026

Chemistry Olympiad (Local Section Exam, LSE)

Feb 28, 2026, at Irvine Valley College

TO REGISTER:

With parent/guardian, students register individually at the National ACS link [ChemOly Registration](#). You should plan on registering for the exam by the end of January to ensure that you will get the email that has specific test day and payment information.

COST:

Registered students will be contacted via email after February 2, 2026 with information about the test, along with instructions to pay the \$10 test fee (\$20 late fee based on available space), unless there is a financial burden.

FORMAT:

The 110-minute 60 question multiple-choice test is prepared by the National ACS Olympiad Committee. A tiebreaker written by local university chemistry instructors will also be given.

After the test, the top 12 students (determined by national ACS) will be invited to take the National Chemistry Olympiad Exam on Saturday, April 18th at UC Irvine.

Link to information from National ACS: <https://www.acs.org/education/olympiad.html>