



2026 Internetworking Contest

Information State Memo

The contest is subject to a last-minute change depending upon the industry technical committee setting up each station.

Written testing for most contests will be held ON-LINE through your schools' Testing Liaison. Testing will be open March 16-April 3. No provisions are being made for make-up testing on-site. **NO Substitutions will be allowed this year after April 15th**

The Internetworking (Cisco) Competition will be held at the Tulsa Technology Center Riverside Campus, Monday April 20th in room F207. There will be NO required contestant meeting on Sunday to set up equipment.

CONTEST ATTIRE

Contestants may wear the official SkillsUSA National attire or official attire for specific trade area.

OFFICIAL ATTIRE FOR ITS:

- SkillsUSA White Polo Shirt (Tucked In) or White Button up Shirt with Tie and Red Blazer
- Black Slacks
- Black Belt
- Black Socks
- Black Dress Shoes

INDUSTRY AWARDS

As agreed at August Conference each instructor is requested to secure a minimum of \$50.00 in prizes for each student that you bring to the State SkillsUSA Championships. These awards should be labeled with the name, address, and contact person for the donating industry so that the contestant they are awarded to can send an appropriate expression of his or her appreciation. Bring prizes to the Prize room at the Cox Convention Center, Tulsa> OK. The room will be open Sunday April 21st and Monday, April 22nd.

CONTEST DESCRIPTION AND SCORING

The contest will consist of an online SkillsUSA (PDP) knowledge test, online written test covering knowledge of internetworking concepts and practices, internetwork configuration project, a troubleshooting project and TAC (Technical Assistance Call). The written test will contribute 10% to the total score, the internetwork configuration project 45% (composed of 25% router configuration and 20%

switch configuration), Tshoot configuration will be 22.5% and TAC will be 20% The SkillsUSA PDP is 2.5% of contest score which is consistent with the national SkillsUSA competition.

General Procedures

No tools or equipment are required. We will be using Packet Tracer software that is already installed on classroom computers. Pencils and scratch paper will be provided.

Each competitor must have uploaded resume. A deduction will be given if the student does not submit a resume. Use of electronic devices or any browser during the competition will result in a "no score" for that test.

Here's what to expect on Monday:

8:00 a.m. Contestants and advisors may move in. Enter the building at the "Student Center" entrance. The contest headquarters is upstairs and to the right (west). The receptionist will give you directions.

Contestants will sign in and draw/receive a random card which will be used for grouping. Please be sure to turn your badge so that only your contestant number (not your name and school) is visible! Know your number, please! In the interest of fairness, and anonymity you will be identified ONLY by number during the contest, so if a judge says, "Contestant Number 1234, please ping the ISP router," you'll know if they're talking to you!

Judges may arrive any time before 8:30.

8:30 CONTEST BEGINS! After a brief introduction and orientation, contestants will divide into groups. Each component (Routing, Switching and Tshoot) will be 1:30 minutes in length and be completed in Packet Tracer. The current version of Packet Tracer at this time is 8.2.1. 15 minutes after each component is reserved for grading and resetting, if needed. The Technical Assistance Call has a max time of 5 minutes with 5 minutes allotted for grading. Contestant times will be staggered in order to accommodate the TAC component and prevent too much downtime for contestants. Timers will be used on the PT software itself to determine time.

12:00 Break for lunch. Do not discuss your activities so far with ANYONE! You could give someone an unfair advantage and lose your chance to place!

1:00 Groups "swap" areas and begin.

3:00 Contest concludes.

Some other useful information:

- No one may enter a room when a contest is actively underway. Parents, friends, advisors and observers may view contestants from staging area only. Non-flash photography will be permitted at the judges' discretion.
- Once a contestant has completed a component, they may sit in the classroom until their next component is ready. Please, no talking in the classroom and no use of electronic devices.
- Contestants may not leave and re-enter a contest area, nor may they remain in an area when scoring is taking place. However, judges may recall a contestant asking for additional information or demonstration.

It's an honor to host this contest and to have our wonderful contestants and colleagues on our campus and in our city this week. We all wish you the best success and a safe trip and we look forward to seeing you!

AWARDS CEREMONY

Contest winners will be recognized at the General Session on Tuesday morning, April 21, at 9am. in the Arvest Tulsa Convention Center Grand Hall. Contest winners will not be allowed on stage if not in official dress. For men: Official blazer, jacket or sweater; black dress slacks; white dress shirt; plain black tie with no pattern or SkillsUSA black tie; black socks and black shoes. For women: Official blazer, jacket or sweater; black dress slacks or knee length skirt with businesslike white, collarless blouse or white blouse with small, plain collar that may not extend onto the lapels of the blazer, and black dress shoes.