Information Technology Services Contest Memo

By Ethan Murphy | ==Updated March 10, 2026==

==The ITS competition will be held at Tulsa Technology Center – Riverside Campus==

The contest will be held Monday, April 20th at 8:00 A.M.

Lunch will be provided as part of your registration fee.

We will break for lunch from 11:00 until Noon or when lunch arrives.

<u>REQUIRED ONLINE TESTS</u>

- The contestant will be required to take the SkillsUSA PDP Exam which will contribute the contestant's overall score. This test is typically administered through your schools' Testing Liaison. Testing will be open beginning March 16th
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    - No provisions will be made for make-up testing on-site.
    - Resumes will be submitted online, deadline April 8th.

Substitutions will be allowed until April 15th. See the State SkillsUSA Director's Memo for the policy on substitutions and late registrations.

ITEMS TO BRING

- **NEW!!! PLEASE READ!!! EACH CONTESTANT WILL NEED TO BRING:**
  - Fully charged laptop and appropriate charging cable
    - Minimum 4GB RAM with a modern web browser (Chrome 80+, Firefox 80+, Edge 80+).
    - With the capability to be connected by an Ethernet cable for networking purposes.
  - Either wired or wireless headphones. Please confirm that the headphones can successfully connect to the laptop and provide sound before competition day.
  - **If the contestant does not bring a laptop, they will not be able to compete!**

Contest Attire: Contestants **may** wear the official SkillsUSA National attire, which is listed below, **or** Business Professional dress.

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

Awards will be given out after the ceremony and may only be collected by the contestant or advisor.

CONTEST DESCRIPTION

The contest will follow a format aligned with the National Model.

The contest will consist of an online written test covering knowledge of PC computer hardware and software and the SkillsUSA PDP Exam. Both exams will be completed prior to competition day.

Updated 3/6/2025 Competition Day will have students work (5) 30-minute virtual and Physical technical support scenarios covering various technical topics: For example: Linux, Windows Registry, Security Best Practices, Malware Removal, macOS, Networking, Web Browsers, Windows Operating Systems, etc. The virtual technical scenarios will be provided by the same group that runs the ITS National Competition. The contest material will be available via the browser so no hypervisor will be needed.

Added 4/2/2024 The competition Chairs HAVE NOT been given access to the 5 competition images prior to the State Competition. Everything we know regarding what could be covered on competition day has been included in this memo.

Updated 4/2/2024 To align with National Contest Rules internet usage WILL BE allowed during the competition. The reason it is allowed at Nationals is due to the fact that each virtual scenario is hand made so the answers are not "google-able". The competitors will NOT be allowed to utilize smart phones, chat rooms, Discord, Slack or any other messaging service to communicate with another human during the competition.

Updated 2/23/2026: To have better connectivity from last year we are asking contestants to bring a laptop with ethernet capabilities or an ethernet adapter.

2026 State Contest Module Scorecard

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The "Standard" 2026 State ITS Contest is as follows. If your contest needs to be shorter, please contact us and let us know.

- **Diffie (Encryption): 100 pts (30 min)**
- **Poettering (Linux): 100 pts (30 min)**
- **Redstone (Virus): 100 pts (30 min)**
- **Dot Matrix (Printing): 100 pts (30 min)**
- **Spartan (Browser): 100 pts (30 min)**
- **Context Clue (Registry): 100 pts (30 min)**
- **Phonebook (SOHO): 100 pts (30 min)**
- **Avalanche (Network): 100 pts (30 min)**
- **Written Exam: 200 pts (90 min)**

Total Hands-On Time: 5 hours and 30 minutes Total Points: 1000