



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM  
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

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**DATE OF MEETING: April 14, 2026**

**TITLE: Recognition of 2026 Odyssey of the Mind World Teams**

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**BACKGROUND:**

Odyssey of the Mind is an international competition that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Amphitheater Public Schools continues to be the top district in participation and achievement in the Arizona Odyssey of the Mind program.

Team members apply their creativity to solve long term problems. They spend months preparing and 8 minutes presenting and they also compete in a “spontaneous” competition where they are given the problem right before they present their solution.

This year, 12 teams earned the right to compete during World Finals being held at Iowa State University, May 27-30, 2026. The following students and their coaches are to be commended for their dedication and high level of accomplishment in this academic competition.

**Innovation Academy**

**Technical Team**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Division 1

**Coaches:** Megan Davenport &  
Christina Garcia Seminario

**Team:**

Caroline Barrett  
Blake Davenport  
Livia Fendrick  
Drew Garcia Seminario  
Milana Jackson  
Wyatt Michaelsen  
Kathryn Parker

**Innovation Academy**

**Classics Team**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Division 1

**Coaches:** Melissa Crown  
& Biancha Infante

**Team:**

Sofia Calienes  
Alezandra Crown  
Josephine Fendrick  
Ellie Hobbins  
Ella Hollen  
Antonio Infante  
Kansas Mellen

**Innovation Academy**

**Structure Team**

4<sup>th</sup> Place, Division I

Ranatra Fusca Winners  
**Coaches:** Patricia Patchin &  
Colin Cordell

**Team:**

Mackenzie Cordell  
Zara Laing  
Dominic Lococo  
Onesimus Lopez  
Mason Rehm  
Camille Rhoads

**Painted Sky Elementary**

**Vehicle Team**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Division 1

**Coach:** Ann Branders

**Team:**

Sepp Branders  
Mats Branders  
Ole Graf  
Camden Lerman  
Dillon Lerman  
Ricardo Romero Aguirre  
Mateo Vaglio

**Painted Sky Elementary**

**Technical Team**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Division 1

**Coaches:** Nina Brown  
& Joanne Carlson

**Team:**

Harrison Brown  
Paige Carlson  
Ellie Drew  
Seneca Herman  
Grace Shutey  
Mary Sobey  
Stella Swett

**Painted Sky Elementary**

**Structure Team**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Division 1

**Coaches:** Heidy Quill

**Team:**

Colin Braddy  
Lorenzo Calderon  
Beckett Delp  
Ben Martinez  
Tristan Skarsfeldt

**Donaldson Elementary**

**Classics Team**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Division 1

**Coaches:** Harriet Matiatos &  
Jennifer Iadevaia

**Team:**

Henry Belgarde  
Mackenzie Hawk  
Hadley Lee  
Zoe Payne  
Natalie Peterson  
Luna Pichevin  
Sadie Scott

**Cross Middle School**

**Classics Team**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Division 2

**Coach:** Marc Taylor

**Team:**

Eloise Breitengross  
Sabrina Gallardo  
Sophia Hollen  
David Stine  
Samuel Stine  
Ace Taylor  
Alexander Wiechert

**Cross Middle School**

**Structure Team**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Division 2

**Coaches:** Amanda Campion &  
Carol Kuropatkin-Cone

**Team:**

Brandon Campion  
Aurora Payne  
Billy Rodrigues  
Raziel Shirley  
Stella Webb

**Cross Middle School**

**Technical Team**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Division 2

**Coaches:** Becky Fendrick &  
Robert Wacker

**Team:**

Aaron Eagar  
Ella Fendrick  
Avery Grembowski-Wacker  
Desmond Hopper  
Giana Romano  
Everett Standish

**Canyon del Oro High School**

**Structure Team**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Division 3

**Coaches:** Lisa DaDeppo &  
Karissa Weiler

**Team:**

Bennett Curran  
Sofia Garcia  
Andrew Garza  
Lola Grembowski-Wacker  
Jadyn Kraus  
Sam Weiler

**Canyon del Oro High School**

**Performance Team**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Division 3

**Coaches:** Lisa DaDeppo &  
Scott Lassiter

**Team:**

Hailey Collins  
Carter DaDeppo  
Cal Hipps  
Jade Kogovsek  
Jess Lassiter  
Siria Martinez  
Kyndel Smith

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is presented for the Board's information and recognition.

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**INITIATED BY:**

*Jen Anderson*

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Governing Board

Date: April 2, 2026

*Todd A. Jaeger*

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