



**Gifted and Talented Education**  
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**TO:** Rochester Area Middle School Principals

**FROM:** Charmy Perry, Coordinator – Division of Gifted & Talented Education  
Jenna Silpe – Academic Challenge Bowl Coordinator  
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**RE:** 2011-12 Academic Challenge Bowl and Middle School Interscholastic Chess

Academic Challenge Bowl is ready to begin its 11<sup>th</sup> season and plans are underway for another exciting year of competition. Both players and coaches are enthusiastic about the competition and the opportunity it affords to academically talented students. As most of you know, Academic Challenge Bowl is structured similarly to MasterMinds where there are toss-up questions and bonus questions on a wide variety of subject areas and a buzzer system is used. We are once again envisioning an eight game season plus play-offs leading to a championship match, although this could change depending on the number of teams that sign up. Students in grades 7 and 8 are eligible to participate. The cost for participation in Academic Challenge Bowl is \$345/school for the year. Schools are also responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from matches.

In addition, we are pleased to continue offering the opportunity for middle school students to play chess interscholastically. Once again, there are two different options for participation in chess. Schools can opt to play in one of our high school chess leagues. These leagues play a 12-game season scheduled concurrently with MasterMinds. Middle schools may also opt to play a shorter, 8-game regular season in matches scheduled concurrently with the Academic Challenge Bowl program (currently only available in the Rochester Region).

The fee for playing chess in a high school league is \$210. While independent travel is possible, it is also possible that a school could share the same transportation as their high school MasterMinds/Chess team. The fee for playing in a middle school chess league is \$180. Middle schools can have their chess teams and ACB teams share transportation to reduce costs. We encourage you to visit the Academic Challenge Bowl website at [www2.monroe2boces.org/acb](http://www2.monroe2boces.org/acb) for the latest information about the program.

In order for your middle school to participate in ACB and/or Interscholastic Chess, please do the following:

1. Complete the enclosed Academic Challenge Bowl/Chess Registration Form and mail or fax it to Charmy Perry at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES **no later than Friday, October 7, 2011**. You will note that the form asks for the name of a coach. If you cannot identify a coach for 2011-12 at this time, that's fine. Please be sure to include email address(es) as well.

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2. Give the enclosed Coach's Pre-Scheduling Form to your Academic Challenge Bowl and/or Chess Coach/Advisor as soon as possible. This information assists greatly in the formation and scheduling of the leagues. **Please note that this form needs to be faxed to Scott Kroner – the details are on the form.**

The Registration Form, the Coach's Pre-Scheduling Form, and this letter are posted on the Academic Challenge Bowl website – [www2.monroe2boces.org/acb/signup.html](http://www2.monroe2boces.org/acb/signup.html) or the Chess website – [www.nychess.org](http://www.nychess.org)

3. As soon as you know definitely that your school will be participating in Academic Challenge Bowl and/or Chess, please check with your central office and follow the appropriate procedure for requesting a service from Monroe 2- Orleans BOCES.
  - ❖ Public schools outside of Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES must complete a cross contract service request and submit it to your BOCES. Your BOCES will then send the service request to Monroe 2 BOCES. (A **sample** cross contract request form is enclosed FYI – your district should have something similar.)
  - ❖ Rochester City Schools must submit a letter or purchase order to Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES that requests the service(s).
  - ❖ Component districts of Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES need to submit a “Request for Additional Service”, **only if ACB was not a part of your April BOCES Service Request.**

After the request for service has been received, your school will be billed appropriately either directly or via your BOCES.

Once the registration deadline is past, your coach/advisor will be contacted about a coaches' meeting. At that meeting the season will be scheduled, process and procedures will be discussed, and there will be plenty of opportunity to address questions and concerns. If your school is new to either ACB or Chess, you will be contacted to schedule an orientation prior to the start of the season.

We encourage your school to join us in these outstanding programs. If you have questions or need further information, please call Charmy Perry at 585-352-2458 about registration or payment questions, Jenna Silpe at 585-202-8011 for specific ACB questions, or Ron Lohrman at the Rochester Chess Center 585-442-2430 for specific Chess questions.

Best wishes for a successful school year - we trust you will consider this opportunity for your students.

Enclosures

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# 2011-2012 Academic Challenge Bowl/ Middle School Interscholastic Chess Registration Form

## Mail or Fax to Charmy Perry

Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES, 3599 Big Ridge Road  
Spencerport, NY 14559 Fax # 585-352-2613

**Deadline: October 7, 2011**

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Check all appropriate boxes below:

- Yes, our middle school will be participating in the 2011-2012 Academic Challenge Bowl through the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES. We understand the cost to be \$345/middle school. We will initiate a "Request for Service" and we understand that our district will be billed \$345 as part of our BOCES services.
- Yes, our middle school will be participating in the 2011-2012 Middle School Interscholastic Chess through the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES. We will be coordinating with the Academic Challenge Bowl Schedule, and we understand the cost to be \$180 per middle school. We will initiate a "Request for Service" and we understand that our district will be billed \$180 as part of our BOCES services.
- Yes, our middle school will be participating in the 2011-2012 Middle School Interscholastic Chess through the Monroe 2- Orleans BOCES. We will be coordinating with the High School Masterminds Schedule, and we understand the cost to be \$210 per middle school. We will initiate a "Request for Service" and we understand that our district will be billed \$210 as part of our BOCES services.
  - We wish to have our Chess and Academic Challenge Bowl teams scheduled concurrently.
  - We wish to have our Chess and High School MasterMinds teams scheduled concurrently.
  - We do not wish to have our Academic Challenge Bowl and chess teams scheduled concurrently and we will fill out two separate pre-scheduling forms.
- We have not yet identified a coach/advisor for the team, but are planning on participating so please keep us advised about scheduling meetings.

**Middle School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BOCES affiliation (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Challenge Bowl Coach(es)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

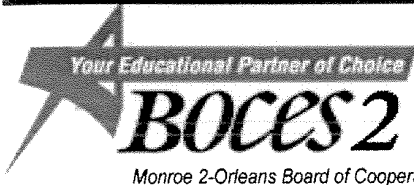
### Middle School Interscholastic Chess Coach(es)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Principal**

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**Signature of Principal**



# CROSS CONTRACT FOR BOCES SERVICES

**This form is to be used by districts for requesting BOCES services from BOCES other than their local BOCES.**

**PART I: To be completed by district requesting cross contract**

District Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Year: 2011-2012  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of service requested: Academic Challenge Bowl and/or Middle School Interscholastic Chess

Potential BOCES Provider: Monroe 2- Orleans Estimated Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Superintendent Signature Date

*(Forward to local BOCES District Superintendent)*

**PART II: To be completed by local BOCES District Superintendent**

It is requested that cross-contract arrangements be made with \_\_\_\_\_ BOCES to provide the service listed above.

Local BOCES: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Local BOCES District Superintendent Signature Date

*(Forward to District Superintendent of providing BOCES)*

**PART III: To be completed by BOCES District Superintendent providing cross-contracted service**

Name of service: \_\_\_\_\_  
CO-SER # \_\_\_\_\_  
Activity Code # \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Superintendent of providing BOCES Signature Date

After approval distribute completed and signed copies of this form to:

- Providing BOCES
- Providing BOCES Administrator
- Requesting BOCES District Superintendent
- Requesting School Superintendent