

ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ 2

English Language Olympia (ELO)

ELO is an educational competition where teams of school students aged (6-10) and (11-17) from both the local and international school systems in Jordan, the Middle East, and other parts of the world, prepare for and participate in to improve their English language skills, and their ability to use modern learning theories through training and competing in an atmosphere of engaging teamwork activities and a lot of thrill!

English Language Olympia Objectives

- ✚ Improving English language skills of participants.
- ✚ Encouraging the use of modern English language learning theories.
- ✚ Providing learners with the needed skills to become autonomous learner.
- ✚ Allowing participants to build their teamwork ability and communication skills.
- ✚ Acquiring digital leadership skills and building creative abilities.
- ✚ Fostering the use of available resources from within the local environment to learn English.
- ✚ Developing the participants' ability of using English spontaneously and automatically in a real-life context.
- ✚ Making leaders, leadership skills and the ability to think critically.
- ✚ Enhancing the concept of community affiliation and professional skills through volunteer work.
- ✚ Motivating participants to learn English within an exciting environment that motivates learners to think creatively.
- ✚ Offering a unique opportunity for participants to share experiences and make new friends.
- ✚ Promoting the inclusion of different society groups.
- ✚ Coming up with recommendations and policy papers in response to the sustainable development goals directed to the competent authorities and decision makers.

ELO Senior teams main topics

❖ Theatrical Performance 24%

Each team prepares for a theatrical performance in English that is related to the ELO theme of the year.

Teams will perform for (7) minutes before a group of judges

❖ Project 22%

Each team develops a project (a new idea /creative solution) related to the ELO theme of the year. Team members will then have (7) minutes to showcase their project before a group of judges.

Teams should find sponsors to their projects for a minimum of 100\$.

❖ **English Language Test 20%**

(4) Members of each team take an English language test. Their scores are then recorded as a part of the Olympia stages.

❖ **Local Community Service 21%**

Each team will participate in volunteering opportunities and local community service development events related to the ELO theme of the year. Teams will have to make an audiovisual recording and document their work, which will be presented before a group of judges for (7) minutes.

- Examples: painting sidewalks, planting trees, cleaning a street or neighborhood, visiting an orphanage, helping people with special needs, or similar community services related to the theme of the Olympia

❖ **Teamwork 13%**

Teamwork performance will be evaluated while team members present their work on the ELO topics (Project, Community Service, and Theatrical Performance). Judges will fill out a designated form to measure the teams' communication, cooperation, and the steps followed to complete their work according to predetermined standards. In addition to a Collage activity that teams will perform during the ELO event

English language Olympia junior (6 – 10)

ELO Junior Main Topics

❖ **Theatrical Show 35%**

Each team prepares and trains for a theatrical performance (theatre, sketch, play, song, etc.) that serves the theme of the Olympia for a period of (5) minutes before a group of specialized judges.

❖ **Project 33%**

Each team presents an idea of a project (a new idea/creative solution) related to the ELO theme of the year. Each team will then have (5) minutes to display their project before a group of judges.

❖ **Local Community Service 33%**

Each team will participate in volunteering activities that serve their local community and are related to the ELO theme of the year. Teams will have to make an audiovisual recording and document their work before a group of judges for a period of (5) minutes

ELO participation

- ELO senior: ages (11 – 17): Each team consists of (5 – 7) members, in addition to two adult coaches.
- ELO Junior: ages (06 – 10) :Each team consists of (3 – 5) members, in addition to one adult coach.

All team members should be part of the same educational institution, which can participate in the ELO with one team or more. However, if one institution signs five teams up, a 6 team can participate, from the same institution, free of charge.

ELO senior: ages (11 – 17) - Teams should fill out an application and pay the designated fees of (640) JD by 11/3/2023.

ELO Junior: ages (06 – 10) - Teams should fill out an application and pay the designated fees of (350) JD by 11/3/2023.

Teams should read, understand, and abide by the ELO conditions and instructions.

Team members should be nonnative English language speakers.

Note: team coaches will join several workshops on the ELO topics as follows: In addition to regular meetings regarding the ELO conditions and instructions in preparation for the main event.

Appraisal of team performance

- Performance appraisal will be conducted over three days according to certain criteria set in advance by specialized committees. It is a festive atmosphere of learning, in which all teams meet to exchange experiences.
- Team members take an English language test on the 1 day of the ELO event, while Teamwork, Project, Theatrical Performance, and Community Service are evaluated on the 2 and 3 days, where team members perform before judging committees.
- Results are announced and winning teams receive awards in the ELO Closing Ceremony.