



- More than 20,000 students from 1,800 schools in 42 states, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia will compete this year, making the National Science Bowl the nation's largest science competition.
- Sixty-seven regional high school competitions and 36 regional middle school competitions are held around the country from January through March.
- Since 1991, more than 150,000 students – and their teachers – have participated.
- The National Science Bowl Finals will be held in Washington, DC, from April 30 – May 5, 2009.
- The national championship team will win a science-related trip to attend the International Science School at the University of Sydney, Australia.
- Regional sponsors range from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies.

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