

Dental Terminology



Event Category: Health Science.....

Eligible Divisions: Secondary & Postsecondary/ Collegiate	Round One: In Person Testing Written 50 Q test (60 minutes)	Digital Upload: NO
Solo Event: 1 competitor		

This event will take place as a written test at SLC (Thursday, March 18th)
Refer to the Conference Agenda for assigned testing time

Event Summary

Dental terminology allows members to gain knowledge and skills regarding language common to all dental careers and specialties. This competitive event consists of a written test. In the event of a tie, the tiebreaker questions will be judged. It inspires members to learn about dental terminology, physiology, and pathophysiology.

General Event Information

General Rules	Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the General Rules and Regulations .
Dress Code	HOSA's Official Uniform or HOSA Business Dress. Appendix D
Competitors Must Provide	• Photo ID • Two #2 lead pencils (not mechanical) with an eraser • Neon colored foam earplugs, NOT earbuds, for noise control (optional) HOSA Conference Staff will provide equipment and supplies listed in Appendix I .
Official References	The references below are used in the development of the test questions: • Kindle, Calista and Dofka. Charline M. Dental Terminology. Cengage Learning. Latest edition. • Nelson, Stanley J. Wheeler's Dental Anatomy, Physiology and Occlusion, Elsevier. Latest edition

ROUND ONE- Test

Test Instructions	All competitors will be given a test and test answer sheet. The written test will consist of 50 multiple choice questions in a maximum of 60 minutes. See test instructions here . Two sets of five (5) fill-in-the-blank tiebreaker questions will be administered with the original test. Correct spelling is required for an item to be considered correct. Tiebreakers should be written in the space provided in the test booklet.
Time Remaining Announcements	There will be NO verbal announcements for time remaining during SLC testing. All SLC testing will be completed in the Testing Center, and competitors are responsible for monitoring their own time.

Written Test Plan	The test plan for the Dental Terminology Test is: ● Comprehensive Dental Care and Dental Specialties - 30% ○ General Dentistry ○ Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery ○ Cosmetic Dentistry ○ Pediatric Dentistry ○ Prosthodontics ○ Endodontics, Orthodontics, & Periodontics ○ Implant Dentistry ○ Dental office laboratory and equipment ● Dental Instruments - 10% ● Pharmacology & Pain Management - 10% ● Emergency Care - 10% ● Tooth Restorations - 10% ● Head and Neck Anatomy - 10% ● Radiography - 10% ● Dental Laboratory Materials and Procedures - 10%
Sample Test Questions	1. What ridge occurs on the occlusal surface of posterior teeth at a point where two triangular ridges meet? (Dofka pp 52) A. Marginal ridge B. Oblique ridge C. Transverse ridge D. Triangular ridge 2. What is a small elevation on a portion of a crown produced by an extra formation of enamel? (Nelson pp 7) A. Ridge B. Cingulum C. Tubercle D. Cusp What is a cowhorn? (Nelson pp 285) A. Extraction forceps B. Apical forceps C. Root Elevator D. Maxillary Elevator

Final Scoring

In the event of a tie, successive sets of five (5) tiebreaker questions will be judged until a winner is determined. Correct spelling is required for an item to be considered correct in the tiebreaker.

International Leadership Conference (ILC) qualifiers

Go to <https://hosa.org/guidelines/> for specifics about this competitive event at ILC.
June 22-25, 2027, Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

High School/Post-Secondary/Collegiate Seniors

Don't wait until you graduate to join the HOSA alumni network! Graduating from high school or completing your postsecondary/collegiate program does not mean your HOSA journey has to end. As a HOSA member, you are eligible to become a HOSA Lifetime Alumni Member- a free and valuable opportunity to remain connected, give back, and help to shape the future of the organization. Learn more and sign up at hosa.org/alumni.

SC HOSA Scholarship

Application: <https://www.schosa.org/students/scholarships/>

Application Window Opens: December 1, 2026

Application Deadline: February 1, 2027

National HOSA Scholarship

Scholarship program has funding available for HOSA members who have an interest in various health careers! The application process begins January 1, 2027, and can be found here: <https://hosa.org/scholarships/>.