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WGBH's High School Quiz Show announces participating school teams

Twenty schools from eastern Massachusetts have been chosen to compete on *High School Quiz Show*, the new weekly series debuting on WGBH on March 22, 2010. The competition will culminate in a statewide playoff for the championship, as four teams from WGBY's academic game program, *As Schools Match Wits*, arrive in WGBH's studios to compete with *High School Quiz Show's* four top qualifying teams.

The producers of *High School Quiz Show* selected schools with consideration given to location, size, diversity, and the commitment of a team coach. More than 70 schools from eastern Massachusetts applied to participate in the first season of *High School Quiz Show*, and based on WGBH's criteria, the selection was narrowed to 20.

"To make it fair – and fun – we wanted a complete representation of schools in Massachusetts," said *High School Quiz Show* producer Hillary Wells. "The participating schools range from large to small in size, from urban to suburban, from charter schools to public. The initial match-ups between the schools will be chosen randomly, with team names pulled from a hat."

The competing high school teams and their enthusiastic supporters will gather at WGBH's Brighton studios over the course of three days – January 30, 31 and February 6 – for 10 qualifying rounds, as a live studio audience of families, fellow students, and community members cheer on their hometown teams from the sidelines.

On May 1 and 2, the top four qualifying teams from *High School Quiz Show* will meet at WGBH to tape the state quarterfinals, semifinals and championship with four teams from *As Schools Match Wits*, the long-running series produced and broadcast by sister station WGBY in association with Westfield State College. The state finals and championship will be broadcast in June on WGBH and WGBY.

Quiz questions for the teams will correlate with the core Massachusetts high school curriculum, including literature, history, and science, together with current events, sports, entertainment, and general knowledge. *High School Quiz Show* is endorsed by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Teams for *High School Quiz Show's* 2010 season: Amesbury High School; Boston Collegiate Charter School, Dorchester; Brighton High School; The Bromfield School, Harvard; Dighton–Rehoboth Regional High School; Everett High School; Framingham High School; Hingham High School; Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School; Lynn English High School; Methuen High School; Minuteman Career & Technical High School, Lexington; Nipmuc Regional High School, Upton; Oakmont Regional High School, Ashburnham; Randolph High School; Revere High School; Quincy High School; Shepherd Hill Regional High School, Dudley; Sturgis Charter Public School, Hyannis; and University Park Campus School, Worcester.



Two alternate schools were chosen as potential substitutes: Acton-Boxborough Regional High School; and Wachusett Regional High School.

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About WGBH

WGBH Boston is America's preeminent public broadcaster, producing such award-winning PBS series as *Masterpiece*, *Antiques Roadshow*, *Frontline*, *Nova*, *American Experience*, *Arthur*, *Curious George*, and more than a dozen other prime-time, lifestyle, and children's series. WGBH's television channels include WGBH 2/HD and 44, and digital channels World and Create. Local TV productions that focus on the region's diverse community include *Greater Boston*, *Basic Black*, and *María Hinojosa: One-on-One*. WGBH Radio serves listeners from Cape Cod to New Hampshire with WGBH 89.7, Boston's NPR Station; 99.5 All Classical; WCAI for the Cape and Islands; WNCK on Nantucket; and the All-Classical WGBH HD channel. WGBH also produces the national radio news program *The World*. WGBH is a leading producer of online content and a pioneer in developing educational multimedia and new technologies that make media accessible for people with disabilities. Find more information at www.wgbh.org.

About WGBY

Based in Springfield, WGBY is at the hub of a vibrant educational, cultural and economic region and WGBY is proud to tell its stories. A community supported public broadcasting organization, WGBY connects the people of western New England to events, ideas and each other through PBS and locally produced programming as well partnerships with hundreds of community organizations. On the leading edge of broadcasting technology with High Definition, four digital television channels, video on demand, podcasting and streaming video, WGBY is one of the region's most accessible community institutions, engaging minds and enriching lives of the almost 1 million households it serves from its studios in downtown Springfield.

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