

## 9-11 TENTH YEAR COMMEMORATION



## INFORMATION FOR HOME-SCHOOL EDUCATORS

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Thank you for taking the time to visit this **9/11 10**<sup>th</sup> **Year Commemoration** website and for learning more about the **9/11 National Student Challenge**. The objective of this communiqué is to provide you—a Home-School Parent-Teacher—with some insight about how this Student Challenge may benefit your student-child.

**Purpose:** As stated on the Commemoration website, the primary purpose of the Student Challenge is to engage America's youth and young adults in an open dialogue about the tragic, but powerful, events of September 11, 2001. Through this dialogue, there will be <u>several opportunities</u> to hear from the younger generation and gain their perspectives on 9/11; to learn from them in a manner that will inform parents, teachers, and community leaders; and to gain valuable insight that will help shape the manner in which subsequent historical artifacts and accounts of 9/11 are prepared and presented—for the younger population.

The Opportunity for Your Student: As a home-school parent-teacher, you are faced with the continuous challenge of providing an effective learning environment and experience for your student-child. This challenge involves a delicate balance between personalized teaching and quality external educational/social interaction. On the subject of a national topic such as 9/11, this challenge is further pronounced. This Student Challenge may serve as a medium or tool for achieving this balance by connecting with other children and young adults across the country in a manageable and productive manner.

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**Factors to Consider:** In order to maximize the use of this opportunity for your student to compete in a national challenge, the following factors may be considered:

- Connect with other home-school parents in your community and your network and make this a joint families effort.
- Make this "Challenge" a school course project. While only seven students may enroll as a team, per community, the entire home-school community may participate in tandem with the representative seven.
- Make this "Challenge" another parent-to-parent bridge-building opportunity by engaging other home-school parents at the appropriate level.
- Use the outcome of this "Challenge" as a tool for developing new and improved learning aids relating to the topic of 9/11.

We thank you for your interest in the 9/11 National Student Challenge and we hope that this event proves engaging, beneficial and fulfilling for your home and community.

Thank You.

The EKTIMIS 9/11 Initiative Team

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