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## **APH Hosts 2022 Abacus Bee for Students who are Blind or Low Vision**

*Students Across the United States Join Together to Celebrate Their Abacus Skills*

**LOUISVILLE, Ky** (November 22, 2022) – American Printing House for the Blind (APH) will host the first ever Abacus Bee finals on Saturday, December 10. Students (ages 5-21) from Florida and Washington State, who are blind and low vision will gather at the Kentucky School for the Blind to test their mathematical skills using the abacus.

“We know the importance of math within STEM curriculum, and for children with vision loss, math can be a challenging concept to grasp,” said Leanne Grillot, Senior Director of Outreach Services. “The abacus introduces early math concepts and supports skills such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Abacus training helps children gain procedural fluency, and work through complex math equations with an accessible, manipulative tool at their fingertips.”

During the finals, students with the highest scores will embark on a daylong competition to test their abacus skills alongside their peers, with winners from each abacus group announced during an awards ceremony. To compete during the finals the top three participants with the highest overall scores from each level (Starter, Mover, Rider, Flyer, Blaster) are invited.

The APH Abacus Bee® is sponsored by [APH](#), and is the only national abacus contest for students who are blind and low vision. Students compete in regionals, to advance to the finals. Competition is also an opportunity for students who are blind or low vision, or attend neighborhood schools (rather than schools for students who are blind and low vision), to make friends and share their hopes and challenges with peers.

The Abacus Bee is Presented by Science Sandbox, an initiative of the Simons Foundation. Additional Support provided by PNC Bank and Peter Papano

Kentucky School for the Blind is located at 1867 Frankfort Ave, Louisville, KY 40206.

**About the American Printing House for the Blind**

The American Printing House is a nonprofit organization whose mission is empowering people who are blind or low vision by providing accessible and innovative products, materials, and services for lifelong success. The American Printing House is located at 1839 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, KY. For additional information, please visit [www.aph.org](http://www.aph.org). Follow on [Facebook](#) at and on Twitter.

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