Business Studies Results

Grades 10 – 12 • 2026 Olympiad

SA Olympiads produced its fourth Business Studies Olympiad for grades 10 – 12 in 2026.

An Olympiad asks a learner to do more than recall what has been taught. It sets unfamiliar problems in a familiar subject, and rewards the learner who reads carefully, reasons clearly and is willing to attempt a question whose method is not obvious.

That is a different skill from writing a school test, and it is one that grows with practice. Learners who sit Olympiads tend to approach their own examinations more confidently, because they have met questions that cannot be answered by memory alone. The habits it builds – structured reasoning, persistence, checking your own work – carry well beyond the subject itself.

Our thanks to every school that entered this year, and to the teachers who prepared learners and ran the sittings.

A. Overall Results

The total number which entered this Olympiad was approximately 3 333 learners. Performance across Grades 10 and 11 was broadly similar, with the bulk of learners placing in the bronze and participation bands. Grade 12 again proved the most demanding: no learner achieved a gold grading and more than two-thirds of the grade fell into the participation band. At a high level there are key areas of development which need to be addressed. However, where your school has performed better than below, these educators must be applauded for their outstanding work.

A summary of the performance in terms of the gold, silver, bronze and participation categories is detailed below:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Participation
Grade 10	5%	11%	45%	39%
Grade 11	2%	13%	48%	37%
Grade 12	0%	16%	16%	68%
Overall	**3%**	**12%**	**41%**	**44%**

Table 1

B. Top Learners per Grade

The top 5 learners per grade are listed below, being the learners with the highest marks for that grade-specific Olympiad. Where several learners from one school placed in the leading positions, a maximum of three learners per school is listed, so that the table reflects the spread of performance across schools. These learners will receive medals and discounted fees on the digital courses at www.saolympiads.co.za, and those shaded in gold will receive cash prizes.

Grade 10

Position	Name	School
1	Surya Naicker	SBCS
2	Diana Harding	SBCS
3	Legodi Junior	Graceland
4	Olerato Moloi	Calling Academy
4	Keabetswe Sebake	Hoërskool Silverton

Grade 11

Position	Name	School
1	Somai Ruhan	Curro Century City High School
2	Flatela Bokang	Curro Century City High School
2	Mtileni Vukosi	Curro Century City High School
3	Milani Jacobs	Brylin Independent Learning Centre
3	Bandile Shange	Global Academy

Grade 12

Position	Name	School
1	Mlibo Radasi	Brylin Independent Learning Centre
2	Naandile Vayeke	Brylin Independent Learning Centre
2	Amahle Gqoboka	Uitsig
3	Siyabulela Sibandze	Riverside College
4	Marlin Jacobs	Estcourt High School

C. Concluding Remarks

An Olympiad exists to find the learners who think well under an unfamiliar question, and to give schools a measure of where their learners stand against the country rather than against one another.

The performance in the 2026 Olympiads has shown encouraging results, with a higher share of learners reaching the bronze band than in 2025. Schools should not be disappointed if the results did not meet their expectations. They should rather see this as an opportunity to improve learners in the gaps identified.

Past papers and guides are available on **www.saolympiads.co.za** which should help you prepare for the Olympiads.

Digital courses for learners are now available on **www.saolympiads.co.za** as well, provided by our partner the Virtual School of Africa.

D. Important Dates to Diarise

Registration:	Open now at saolympiads.co.za
2026 prices held until:	31 March 2027
Written – 3-term schools:	Last school week before Term 2 closes
Written – 4-term schools:	August 2027, on the published subject dates

Register and pay before 31 March 2027 to hold 2026 prices – from R35 per learner per subject; every price rises by R5 from 1 April 2027. Papers are emailed to your school one week before the write date.