



Rutherford Works, in partnership with Murfreesboro City Schools, Rutherford County Schools, and local private schools, is excited to once again host The Amazing Shake competition for students in grades 4–8.

NEW IN 2027!

CAMPFIRE COUNCIL: FIND YOUR VOICE

Students will participate in a collaborative discussion that challenges their communication, active listening, teamwork, and critical thinking. Rather than answering questions one at a time, they must know when to contribute, build on others' ideas, and engage professionally in meaningful conversation.

BUSINESS NETWORKING

Students will interact with local community and business leaders and will be judged based on their ability to demonstrate a good handshake and eye contact as well as conversation and networking.

THE GAUNTLET

Students will rotate between stations that incorporate speeches, debates, interviews, and other complex scenarios created to challenge their critical thinking and communication skills.

PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS LUNCHEON

Students will be expected to demonstrate table manners and the ability to carry on a professional conversation in a group dining scenario.

DATES

SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

September through December 2026

COUNTY COMPETITION

Thursday, February 11, 2027

COUNTY COMPETITION BACKUP DATE

Thursday, February 18, 2027

GLOBAL COMPETITION

March 18 – 20, 2027

WHAT IS IT?

The Amazing Shake is a dynamic competition designed to help students strengthen and showcase their interpersonal skills while emphasizing manners, discipline, respect, and professional conduct. Through a series of challenges at the school, county, and global levels, students learn the essentials of professional interaction: how to give a proper handshake, network effectively, interview successfully, and remain composed under pressure. The ultimate goal is to equip students with the confidence and skills to present themselves with professionalism in both current and future opportunities.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS

Students will receive a competition shirt once they arrive at the check-in location. They should wear the provided shirt with dress pants or a skirt and comfortable dress shoes.

TRANSPORTATION

Parents/Guardians are required to drop off and pick up students at the designated locations. Bus transportation for students to the competition location will be organized by each school system.

COST

There is no cost to the student to participate in the county level competition.