

MATHCOUNTS FAQ

GENERAL PROGRAM QUESTIONS

What exactly does a MATHCOUNTS™ competition consist of?

What do students do in this program?

The Competition Series has 4 levels of live, in-person math competitions—school, chapter, state and national. Each level of competition is comprised of 4 rounds—Sprint, Target, Team and Countdown Round. Altogether the rounds are designed to take about 3 hours to complete.

Usually beginning in the fall, students work with their coaches to prepare for the competition, using resources provided by MATHCOUNTS. Then, competitions begin in the winter and run through the spring.

Is the MATHCOUNTS Competition Series in my area?

Yes! More than 500 MATHCOUNTS competitions take place in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and in schools worldwide affiliated with the Dept. of Defense and State Department. Any U.S. middle school (with students in grades 6-8) can register.

Who is eligible to compete?

Please refer to the Official Rules + Procedures for the Competition Series for complete information regarding student eligibility.

Students enrolled in grades 6-8 are eligible to participate in the MATHCOUNTS Competition Series. Students taking middle school mathematics classes who are not full time students in grades 6-8 are not eligible. All types of schools—public, private, charter, virtual and home schools—are eligible to register for the Competition Series. In addition to their registration form and payment, participating home schools and virtual schools must submit a separate Home School + Virtual School Participation Form. Tutoring/enrichment centers or other groups that do not function as students' official school of record are not eligible.

When specifically are the competitions and what happens if I have a conflict of dates for my local competition?

Critical dates for 2019-2020 coming soon! A conflict with a religious observance is the only type of conflict that is accommodated. Refer to the Official Rules + Procedures for the Competition Series for complete details.

- School competitions: November 2019 – January 2020, as determined by the school's coach.
- Chapter competitions: February 1-29, 2020. To find the specific competition date for your area, use the Dates, Locations and Coordinators page or contact your local chapter coordinator.
- State competitions: March 1-31, 2020. To find the specific competition date for your state, use the Dates, Locations and Coordinators page or contact your state coordinator through the Find My Coordinator search tool.
- 2020 Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition: May 10-11 in Orlando, FL.

How can I register a school for the Competition Series?

Teachers and school administrators:

- Online is our preferred method with faster processing, so you'll get your materials sooner!
- You can email an offline form to reg@mathcounts.org or mail it to MATHCOUNTS Competition Series Registration, 1420 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Parents and other volunteers not employed by the school:

1. Check with the school's administration and math department to ensure a program is not already established at the school. You also should refer to the list of Registered Competition Schools for 2019-2020 to see if a teacher already has registered.
2. Get permission from the school administration to register, if there is no program already established and you would like to start one. We recommend having this permission in writing from a school administrator to keep for your records.
3. Register using one of the methods listed above under "Teachers and school administrators."

How much does it cost to participate and what is included?

Early Bird Rate: Registrations received (postmarked) by October 1, 2019

- \$30 per student or \$300 for the max registration of 10 students (1 team of 4 + 6 individuals)
- \$15 per student or \$150 for the max registration for Title I schools (public/charter schools in which 40% or more of the school's students are on free/reduced lunch or receive other funding as part of Title I)

Regular Rate: Registrations received (postmarked) by December 1, 2019

- \$35 per student or \$350 for the max registration of 10 students (1 team of 4 + 6 individuals)
- \$17.50 per student or \$175 for the max registration for Title I schools (public/charter schools in which 40% or more of the school's students are on free/reduced lunch or receive other funding as part of Title I)

Late Rate: Registrations received (postmarked) after December 1, 2019

- \$40 per student or \$400 for the max registration of 10 students (1 team of 4 + 6 individuals)
- \$20 per student or \$200 for the max registration for Title I schools (public/charter schools in which 40% or more of the school's students are on free/reduced lunch or receive other funding as part of Title I)

A school's registration fees include:

- The School Competition Kit, with materials for running a school competition.
- Entry into the Chapter Competition for however many students a school registers (1-10 Mathletes).
- Competition entry for the school's students for as far as they progress in the Competition Series. If a student progresses to the state or national level, there are no additional registration fees required.

How can I obtain a copy of the MATHCOUNTS W-9 form?

Please send an email to info@mathcounts.org with the subject line "Request MATHCOUNTS W-9."

What forms of payment are accepted? Can I pay with a credit card?

MATHCOUNTS accepts payments via credit card, check, purchase order (PO) and money order.

- Credit card information cannot be provided on offline registration forms. To pay with a credit card, either 1) register online or 2) submit an offline form and select "Credit Card" as your payment option so MATHCOUNTS can send you an electronic invoice to accept payment.
- POs can be used with either online or offline registrations. The PO number must be provided if registering online, and a copy of the PO must be included with offline registration forms.

How can I get an invoice for my school's Competition Series registration?

Please send an email to info@mathcounts.org with the subject line "Request Competition Series Invoice" and in your email include your school name, city, state and ZIP code.

If I already have submitted my registration, can I add additional students at a later date?

Yes, if you initially registered fewer than 10 students, you can add more students to your school's registration (up to a total of 10 registered students). Coaches can access this form through the Coach Dashboard.

How can I get a refund for my Competition Series registration?

MATHCOUNTS cannot guarantee your refund request will be approved. In some circumstances, MATHCOUNTS will provide a partial or full refund to schools that have registered for the Competition Series. However for any full refunds, a \$30 fee will be charged to cover the cost of the School Competition Kit materials and shipping, as well as processing the refund. If you would like to request a full or partial refund for the Competition Series, email info@mathcounts.org with the subject line "Request Refund" and in your email include the school name, city, state and ZIP code; the reason for the refund request and the refund type (full or partial).

REGISTERED COACH QUESTIONS

Where can I find the MATHCOUNTS School Handbook with solutions and the School Competition online?

Log in to the Coach Dashboard and click on the "Competition Coach Resources" link. The handbook will be posted in mid-August when registration opens, and the 2020 School Competition will be posted November 1, 2019.

When can I expect to receive my mailed School Competition Kit?

School Competition Kits are mailed on a rolling basis from mid-August through December 31, 2019. Generally kits are shipped via USPS Priority and arrive 1-2 weeks after we receive your registration. If you have not received your kit within 3 weeks of registering, please email info@mathcounts.org.

How do I submit the names of my students who will be competing at the chapter level?

Participant information can be submitted through your school's listing on the Coach Dashboard. You must be logged in to do this.

When can I expect to receive information about my local chapter competition?

Most local coordinators get in touch with the registered schools in their area in the fall. If you would like to get in touch with your local coordinator, please use the Find My Coordinator search tool to get their contact information. If you have not heard from your coordinator by early January, please email info@mathcounts.org and provide your school name, city, state and ZIP code.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO

<https://www.mathcounts.org/competition-rules-faq>