

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS CONTEST

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Department of Mathematics and Statistics

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ENROLLMENT OF SCHOOLS

Any middle school in this area with one or more sixth, seventh, or eighth grade classes is eligible to enter a team in the contest. Each school desiring to enter a team should designate one person as the official Contest Supervisor to file the official School Enrollment Form and conduct all necessary correspondence with the Contest Director.

Enrollment must be via the link provided in the email. We would like to receive these forms on or before March 20, 2026.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

There will be three divisions of this contest: Sixth Grade Mathematics, Seventh Grade Mathematics, and Eighth Grade Mathematics.

Total number of students enrolled at grade level	Maximum number of contestants allowed
1 to 50	4
51 to 100	5
101 or more	6

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION AND SELECTION OF STUDENTS

- 1.) Each test is intended to be taken by students at the grade level of the test. Students may test up, i.e., sixth graders may take the seventh grade test, and so on.
- 2.) Students may take a grade level test exactly one time.
- 3.) Eighth graders enrolled in Algebra I will be allowed to take the eighth grade test even if they also compete in the TMTA Algebra I contest in the same year.
- 4.) The method of selection and preparation of contestants is left to each individual school.
- 5.) A fee of **\$5.00** per contestant will be collected to cover the cost of conducting the contest. We cannot accept cash. Make **checks** payable to **UTM Math and Stat Department**. It is more convenient for us if you

mail your checks to us prior to the day of the contest.
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TESTING AND GRADING PROCEDURE

Calculators will be allowed. Students may use any calculator that does not have a QWERTY keyboard. (For example, the TI-84 is allowed, but the TI-92 is not allowed.)

The test will start at approximately 9:50 am and will be conducted as one continuous test of 60 minutes. The test will consist of 30 problems or questions to which multiple choice answers are given. No contestant will be allowed to bring any material other than a calculator and the student's answer sheet into the testing room. Scratch paper and pencils are provided. Remind students not to roll, fold, or otherwise damage the answer sheets.

The test will be scored using the formula $4R-W+30$ (4 times the number of correct answers minus the number of incorrect answers, plus 30 points). Students are urged not to guess. If they are unable to work a problem, they are urged to omit it.

Each contestant will be allowed to keep his or her copy of the exam. Each school will also be provided with one copy of each test and a key.

AWARDS

Team awards at each grade level will be based on the total score of the four highest scores of students representing the school. The top ten individuals at each grade level will receive an award. The top individual at each grade level from each school sending at least four students will receive an award. Each participant will receive a Certificate of Participation and other items. There will also be one award for the top student in each grade level over all the testing sites to be awarded after the contest.

SHARE THIS INFORMATION

Please share the information in this mailing with other 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teachers in your school and other schools. Thank you for your help and consideration.