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## **VIDE Announces 2026 District MATHCOUNTS Competitions Territory-Wide**

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) is pleased to inform students, parents, educators, and community stakeholders of the upcoming 2026 District MATHCOUNTS Competitions in the St. Thomas–St. John and St. Croix Districts.

Both competitions will take place on February 24, 2026. Approximately 50 students from public, private, and parochial schools across the Territory will compete in what is widely recognized as the nation’s premier middle school mathematics competition.

For several months, participating students and teachers have dedicated their time and effort to preparing for this prestigious academic challenge. The competition includes both individual and team rounds, featuring written and oral matches designed to test mathematical reasoning, problem-solving skills, and collaboration. District winners will receive trophies and special prizes. The top 10 students from each district will advance to the State Competition scheduled for March 2026.

#### **St. Thomas–St. John (STTJ) District Math Coordinator:** Mr. Avon Benjamin

- **Venue:** UVI 13D Innovation and Strategic Center, Orville Kean Campus
- **Special Thanks:** Rotary Club of St. Thomas II

**Participating Schools:** Antilles School, All Saints Cathedral School, Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School and Lockhart K-8 School

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#### **St. Croix (STX) District Math Coordinator:** Ms. Jaynea Williams

- **Venue:** UVI Albert A. Sheen Campus, Great Hall
- **Special Thanks:** Rotary Club Mid-Isle

**Participating Schools:** Church of God Holiness Academy, Free Will Baptist Christian School, Good Hope Country Day School, John H. Woodson Jr. High School, and Pearl B. Larsen K-8 School

The Virgin Islands Department of Education commends all participating students for their commitment to academic excellence and thanks the dedicated educators, coordinators, and community partners who continue to support mathematics education across the Territory. VIDE remains committed to providing opportunities that challenge, inspire, and elevate student achievement in STEM and beyond.

“MATHCOUNTS is a national program with the mission to build confidence and improve attitudes about math and problem solving. The program focuses on middle school students, who are at a crucial stage for cultivating their interests and math skills. Without developing strong problem-solving skills, students face an uphill battle in pursuing science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) careers of the future,” Avon Benjamin, STTJ District Coordinator.

Title Sponsors of MATHCOUNTS Foundation are RTX and the U.S. Department of Defense STEM. The National Sponsors of MATHCOUNTS are Northrop Grumman Foundation, the National Society of Professional Engineers, 3M and Art of Problem Solving. MATHCOUNTS was founded by the National Society of Professional Engineers, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and CNA Insurance.

***About MATHCOUNTS Foundation:***

*MATHCOUNTS is a nonprofit organization that strives to engage middle school students of all ability and interest levels in fun, challenging math programs, in order to expand their academic and professional opportunities. Middle school students exist at a critical juncture in which their love for mathematics must be nurtured, or their fear of mathematics must be overcome. For more than 40 years, MATHCOUNTS has provided free, high-quality resources to educators and enriching, extracurricular opportunities to students to lay a foundation for future success. Materials and information are available at [www.mathcounts.org](http://www.mathcounts.org).*

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