

Math Competition Club Application

We are excited to offer students the opportunity to apply for our Math Competition Club! This club is designed for students who enjoy challenging math problems, critical thinking, teamwork, and friendly academic competition.

The Math Competition Team will consist of:

- Five fourth-grade students
- Five fifth-grade students

Students selected for the team will have opportunities to compete both individually and collaboratively as part of a team.

Practices will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30-3:30, beginning on Wednesday, September 30th. The competition will be held on Saturday, December 12th at Teasley Middle School.

Selection Process

Because space on the Math Competition Team is limited, students will be selected based on multiple factors, including mathematical reasoning and problem-solving skills, collaboration and communication, perseverance, and teacher feedback.

Step 1: Digital Assessment

All interested students will participate in a digital math assessment. This assessment will give students an opportunity to demonstrate their mathematical reasoning, critical-thinking, and problem-solving abilities.

The assessment will take place on Wednesday, September 9th at 2:30 p.m. in Mrs. Phillips' room.

Step 2: Teacher Recommendation

Classroom teachers will be asked to provide feedback about interested students. Teacher feedback will focus on characteristics that are important for a successful competition team, including perseverance, responsibility, communication, and the ability to work productively with others.

Step 3: Final Team Selection

Following the digital assessment and review of teacher feedback, the final Math Competition Team will be selected. Selection will be based on the student's overall performance rather than on assessment scores alone. Selected members will be notified no later than Wednesday, September 16th.

We Are Looking for Students Who:

- Enjoy challenging math and demonstrate strong reasoning and problem-solving skills
- Work cooperatively with others and communicate mathematical thinking
- Show perseverance and a positive attitude when faced with challenges
- Commit to attending and actively participating in practices and the competition

If your child is interested in participating, please complete the Math Competition Club Application and return it by Friday, August 28th.

Fondly,

Chris Phillips & Jill McNeal

Math Competition Club Sponsors

Student Application



Student Name: _____ Student Number: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Why would you like to be part of the Math Competition Club?

What are your strengths in math?

Math competition problems can be challenging. What do you do when you don't know how to solve a problem right away?

How do you contribute when working as part of a team?

Student & Parent/Guardian Commitment

I understand that students selected for the Math Competition Team are expected to attend and actively participate in practices. Practices will be held after school until 3:30 p.m. Students must be picked up at 3:30 unless they attend ASP. Pick-up will be in the parking lot closest to the gym.

I also understand that the competition will be held on Saturday, December 12th at Teasley Middle School and that families are responsible for transportation to and from the competition.

Parent Phone Number: _____

Parent Email(s): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO MRS. PHILLIPS BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026.

Teacher Recommendation

To be completed by the student's classroom teacher and attached to the student's application.

Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Please consider the student's typical classroom performance and interactions with peers.

1. How would you describe this student's ability to work productively as part of a group?

- ☐ Exceptional - consistently collaborates, listens to others, contributes ideas, and helps group succeed
- ☐ Strong - works well with others and contributes appropriately

- ☐ Developing - sometimes needs reminders or support to collaborate effectively
- ☐ Concern - frequently has difficulty working productively with peers

2. When working in a group, does this student listen to and consider the ideas of others?

- ☐ Consistently
- ☐ Usually
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Rarely

3. How does this student respond when faced with a challenging problem?

- ☐ Demonstrates exceptional perseverance and seeks new strategies
- ☐ Usually persists and continues working
- ☐ Sometimes needs encouragement to continue
- ☐ Often gives up or becomes frustrated quickly

4. How would you describe this student's mathematical reasoning and problem-solving ability?

- ☐ Exceptional
- ☐ Strong
- ☐ On level
- ☐ Developing

5. Would you recommend this student for a team that requires students to solve challenging math problems both independently and collaboratively?

- ☐ Highly recommend
- ☐ Recommend
- ☐ Recommend with reservations
- ☐ Do not recommend at this time

Please share any additional information that would help us determine whether this student would be a good fit for the Math Competition Team.

Teacher Name: _____ Signature: _____