

MUSCLE SHOALS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Math Team Sponsor:

Muscle Shoals Middle School will host its twenty-fourth annual mathematics tournament **IN-PERSON** this year on November 7th. Schools will be placed in one of three divisions based on grade level enrollment, if participation allows. There will be four levels of competition: Accelerated 8th, Accelerated 7th, Sixth grade, and Fifth grade math. Students should be enrolled in a course which corresponds to the level on which they compete. Your principal will need to complete the enrollment part of the registration form and initial it.

We will only take students in the school they are enrolled in and your school must meet the MathCounts school requirements. Tutoring/enrichment centers or other groups that do not function as students' official school of record are not eligible this year.

The written test will consist of 25 multiple choice questions and three tie breakers. The score will be four times the number right minus the number wrong. The four designated team members will participate in a ciphering contest, having five questions each. Points will be awarded for correct answers submitted during each of the three 30-second intervals. (5 pts., 3 pts., 1 pt.)

Trophies will be presented to the top five teams and top ten individuals for each level of each division. Team awards will be based on the top four written scores plus the total ciphering points of the team members. Individual awards will be based on the written test only. The tentative tournament schedule is as follows:

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Registration – Office	10:15 - 11:30	Written Test – 6 th Grade (5 th Grade, 6 th Grade)
8:30 - 9:45	Written Test (7 th grade, 8 th grade) Ciphering – Gym (5 th Grade, 6 th Grade)	11:30 - 2:00	Ciphering - Gym (7 th grade, 8 th grade) Lunch
9:45 - 10:15	Refreshments – Cafeteria/Gym	2:00	Awards

This year we have an early bird registration period, the fee is \$9.00 per student with a minimum of \$32 due by September 18th. After September 18th the price is \$10 per person with a minimum of \$40. Please return the enclosed registration form and your payment by **October 16, 2026**. A \$10 late fee per grade level must be included for registration forms postmarked after October 16, 2026. Scantron forms and room assignments will be mailed to participating schools prior to the tournament. We hope to see you in Muscle Shoals on November 7, 2026!

Sincerely,



Chris Porter

Muscle Shoals Middle School Mathematics Tournament
November 7, 2026

Name of School _____

School Address _____

_____ ***Phone Number*** _____

Sponsors:

5th Grade _____ ***Email*** _____

6th Grade _____ ***Email*** _____

Acc 7 _____ ***Email*** _____

Acc 8 _____ ***Email*** _____

Type of School	Number of students enrolled in your school for each grade level:				Principal initials
__ Public __ Private	5th _____	6th _____	7th _____	8th _____	

Number of entrants in each level of competition:

5th grade _____ ***6th grade*** _____

7th grade _____ ***8th grade*** _____

TOTAL Competitors _____ ***x \$10 (\$9 early bird before 9/18) =*** _____ ***(minimum \$40)***

Late Fee (after October 16th) Add \$10.00 per grade level _____

Grand Total: _____

Make checks payable to MUSCLE SHOALS MIDDLE SCHOOL. Please use this as your invoice. Return this form and entry fee by October 16, 2026 to:

Chris Porter
Muscle Shoals Middle School
100 Trojan Drive
Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35661

Phone: (256) 389-2640
Fax: (256) 389-2647
Email: cporter@mscs.k12.al.us

**Request for Taxpayer
Identification Number and Certification**

Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Give form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	1 Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.) Muscle Shoals School	
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above. Muscle Shoals City Schools	
	3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. ☐ Individual/sole proprietor ☐ C corporation ☐ S corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate ☐ LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) _____ Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. ☒ Other (see instructions) _____	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)</i>
	3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions _____ ☐	
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions. 3200 S. Wilson Dam Road, P.O. Box 2610	6 City, state, and ZIP code Muscle Shoals, AL 35661
7 List account number(s) here (optional)		
Requester's name and address (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

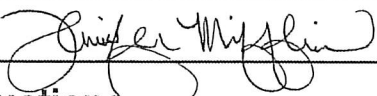
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or								
Employer identification number								
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person 	Date 7/6/2026
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they