

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

North County Math Superbowl Home Page

Registration

How do I register?

Submit a completed School Registration form. It must be returned to the Orcutt Union School District, along with the registration fee in the form of a check by mail. Registration is limited to 25 schools, so it is in each school's best interest to return the School Registration Form as soon as possible to assure a place in the event. Payment and school registration form is due no later than January 27, 2024. Please make the check payable to Orcutt Union School District and write MATH SUPERBOWL in the memo section. [Registration Packet](#)

When do I submit names? How?

Submit student names through a shared google form by 03/02/2024.

Do I have to have all 3 grade levels participate?

No. Schools in the past have sent only 1 or 2 grade levels.

Do I have to have 4 students per grade level?

No. Although having 4 students is an advantage when taking the team test, schools may compete with less than 4.

What is the cost?

\$150.00 per school. The cost goes towards the Facility use of the Lakeview Gymnasium, snacks, copies, and awards.

What schools can participate?

All public and private schools from Solvang to Santa Maria. Students must attend the school they are competing with. Parents may not individually sign up their child to compete.

Can I send more than one team per grade level?

Due to space and management logistics, each school may only send four 4th graders, four 5th graders, and four 6th graders.

Can students participate at a higher grade level?

No. Students may only participate in the grade level that they are enrolled in school.

What should we use to practice?

The best practice materials are old tests. Be sure to save them from year to year. [Sample tests are found on the OUSD Math Superbowl website.](#)

How do we select our team?

Each school determines their own process for selecting their team.

Schedule and logistics**Can parents, teachers, and administrators attend and watch?**

Parents are welcome to come and observe the Hands-On Instructions & Activity which will be held from 10:45-11:30.

Can alternates attend?

We recommend that schools do not plan to use alternates.

Can alternates participate?

No. Only 4 students per grade level can participate. The purpose of an alternate is to only attend if one of the 4 participants is unable to attend on the day of the event.

What is the schedule?

Students need to arrive between 8:00 and 8:30 AM. They will take the 3 tests by 11:30. Awards start about 12:00 and conclude by 12:45.

What do we do when we arrive?

Students need to meet together as a school outside the Lakeview Gymnasium. Only one person, usually the coach or a teacher, needs to check in at the registration table.

Where is the competition?

Lakeview Junior High School
3700 Orcutt Rd
Santa Maria, CA 93455

What to Bring**What type of calculator can we use?**

Students are welcome to use any calculator that does not have internet access. Phones, tablets, and computers are not allowed.

What do students need to bring?

Calculators. Students should also bring a book to read in the event they complete any portion of the test early. Pencils, scratch paper, and erasers are provided.

Can we use graph paper, colored pencils, highlighters,...

No. Students may only bring calculators. Nothing else for the competition.

Can students bring snacks?

Yes. Light snacks are provided but students may bring their own, especially if there are specific dietary needs. There will be a snack break about 9:50.

Part I Individual Student Test**How much time do we get?**

25 minutes.

Do students get to use calculators for Part I?

No. Students must keep their calculators on the floor for this test.

How are answers recorded?

We will use an answer sheet that students bubble in for Part I. Instructions will be given on how to fill in the answer sheet before Part I is administered. Here is a [sample copy of the answer sheet](#).

Will there be “not given”? How many answer choices?

There will only be 4 answer choices, A-D. Each one will have a possible answer. "Not given" will not be on the test.

Are the questions in any specific order?

No, the questions are in random order.

Part II Individual Student Test

How much time do we get?

30 minutes.

Do students get to use calculators?

Yes. Students may use any calculator that does not have internet access. Phones, tablets, and computers are not allowed.

How are answers recorded? Do students get partial credit?

Students write their answers on the provided answer sheet. Students do not need to write down the units. In most cases, the units are already written on the answer sheet. Students must get all parts of the problem correct to get credit. Students can not get partial credit.

Are the questions in any specific order?

Yes. On this test only, the questions are ordered from easiest to hardest. Although some students may disagree with the order of difficulty depending on individual strength, it is our attempt to order the questions from easiest to most difficult.

Part III Grade-Level Team Test

How much time do we get?

30 minutes.

Do students get to use calculators?

Yes. Students may use any calculator that does not have internet access. Phones, tablets, and computers are not allowed.

How are answers recorded? Do students get partial credit?

Students get one answer sheet per team. Students do not need to write down the units. In most cases, the units are already written on the answer sheet. Students must get all parts of the problem correct to get credit. Students can not get partial credit.

Are the questions in any specific order?

No. There is not an intended order to the questions other than the logic puzzle will be number 5.

How many copies of the test will the team get?

Each team will get 4 copies of the test and one copy of the answer sheet.

Awards

How many points for each section?

Part 1 questions are worth 1 point each for a total of 25 points.

Part 2 questions are worth 5 points each for a total of 25 points.

Part 3 questions are worth 20 points each for a total of 100 points.

How many students earn awards?

The individual awards will be for the top individuals at 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. Scores are calculated by adding together the two individual tests (part 1 and part 2). Each test is worth 25 points for a total of 50 points.

Do only the top students find out their results?

We publicly announce only the top students for each grade level. Schools will get results with all their graded student tests and blank copies of the test to use for practice for future years ***after the South County Math Superbowl on May 29, 2024.***

How do the grade level and school awards work?

Team awards will be given by grade level for top team scores consisting of each member's two individual tests plus the team test score. Highest possible score is 300.

School level awards will be calculated by adding together the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade team scores. Highest possible score is 300.