



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What is the MATHCOUNTS Club Program (MCP)?

The MATHCOUNTS Club Program provides schools with the structure and activities to hold regular meetings of a math club. Depending on the level of student and teacher involvement, a school may receive a recognition plaque or banner and be entered into a drawing for prizes.

How do schools get involved?

Teachers should complete and submit the MATHCOUNTS Request/Registration Form to sign up their math clubs (available in Volume I of the *2007-2008 MATHCOUNTS School Handbook* and online at www.mathcounts.org). The school is then a Bronze Level School, and MATHCOUNTS will send the Club in a Box resource kit and Volume II of the *2007-2008 MATHCOUNTS School Handbook* to the school.

What are the different levels of the program?

Level	Requirements	School Receives
BRONZE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On the MATHCOUNTS Request/Registration Form in the back of the <i>2007-2008 MATHCOUNTS School Handbook</i> or online at www.mathcounts.org, choose Option 2 (club program) or Option 3 (club program and competition registration) and fill in the required information. 2. Submit the form to MATHCOUNTS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Recognition on www.mathcounts.org ◆ Club in a Box resource kit ◆ Volume II of the <i>2007-2008 MATHCOUNTS School Handbook</i>, containing 200 math problems
SILVER	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At least 12 members of the math club each must take at least 5 of 6 monthly math challenges (available online September through February). 2. The Participant Verification Form/Application for Silver Level Status must be <i>received by</i> MATHCOUNTS by March 7, 2008 (available in the Club in a Box resource kit, the <i>Club Resource Guide</i> and the “members only” Club Program page of www.mathcounts.org). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Recognition on www.mathcounts.org ◆ Plaque identifying your school as a Silver Level MATHCOUNTS School ◆ Entry into a drawing for one of ten \$250 gift cards for student recognition (awards/party)
GOLD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Achieve Silver Level Status. 2. At least 12 members of the math club each must score an 80% or higher on the Ultimate Math Challenge (available in February/ e-mailed to teachers of Silver Level Schools). 3. The completed Ultimate Math Challenges and Verification Form/Application for Gold Level Status must be <i>received by</i> MATHCOUNTS by March 28, 2008. (Any number of students may take the challenge, but a maximum of 20 completed Ultimate Challenges may be submitted per school.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Recognition on www.mathcounts.org ◆ Banner identifying your school as a Gold Level MATHCOUNTS School ◆ Entry into a drawing for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) One of five \$500 gift cards for student recognition (awards/party) 2) Grand Prize: \$500 gift card for student recognition (awards/party) and a trip for four students and the teacher to witness the Lockheed Martin MATHCOUNTS National Competition in Denver (May 8-11, 2008)

What resources do participating schools receive?

Schools participating in the Club Program will receive the Club in a Box resource kit. Among other items, this includes (1) further details on the MATHCOUNTS Club Program, (2) the *Club Resource Guide*, which outlines structured club activities, (3) the first monthly math challenge, (4) a poster and accompanying hands-on activity, (5) 12 MATHCOUNTS pencils and (6) a MATHCOUNTS lapel pin for the coach. Additionally, five other monthly math challenges and an Ultimate Math Challenge will be made available online for use by math club students.

Who is eligible to participate?

Anyone eligible for the MATHCOUNTS competition is eligible to participate in the Club Program. The Club Program is open to all U.S. schools with 6th-, 7th- and/or 8th-grade students. Schools with 12 or fewer students in each of the 6th, 7th and 8th grades are permitted to combine for the purpose of reaching Silver or Gold Level Status. Similarly, homeschools may combine for the purpose of reaching Silver or Gold Level Status. See page 9 of the *MATHCOUNTS School Handbook* for details on eligibility for the MATHCOUNTS competition.

How many students can participate?

There is no limit to the number of students who may participate in the MATHCOUNTS Club Program. Encourage every interested 6th-, 7th- and/or 8th-grade student to get involved.

What if our school has more than one math club?

MATHCOUNTS encourages all math clubs in a school to make use of the MATHCOUNTS Club Program materials. However, each school may have only one officially registered club in the MATHCOUNTS Club Program. Therefore, it is recommended that schools combine their clubs when working toward meeting the requirements of Silver or Gold Level Status.

What does it cost to participate?

Nothing. There is no fee to participate in the Club Program. Similar to the *MATHCOUNTS School Handbook*, the Club in a Box and other resources are free for all eligible schools that request them.

Can a school participate in the Club Program and the MATHCOUNTS competition?

YES. A school may choose to participate in the Club Program, the competition or both programs. Since these programs can complement each other, any school that registers for the MATHCOUNTS competition (Option 3 on the MATHCOUNTS Request/Registration Form) will automatically be signed up for the Club Program and sent the Club in a Box resource kit.

How is the Club Program different from the MATHCOUNTS competition?

The Club Program does not include a school versus school competition with the opportunity for top performers to advance. There are no fees to participate in the Club Program, and recognition is focused entirely on the school and math club.