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TO: Educators interested in facilitating Math Kangaroo 2024 Competition

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SUBJECT: MATH KANGAROO 2024 COMPETITION REGISTRATION

This memo is intended to provide guidelines, structure, and outline the process for the Math Kangaroo 2024 registration. It provides specifics about the competition and logistics for Math Kangaroo organizers. The information provides techniques on how to make the registration process run smoothly. It outlines how Math Kangaroo will enhance your school, make the competition a success and leave a positive impact on students.

BACKGROUND

Math Kangaroo Competition is an annual competition for primary and secondary school students. It is the largest math competition in the world with more than 6 million participants annually, from 100 countries. Math Kangaroo USA organizes the competition only for the students residing in the USA or its territories. The details on the Math Kangaroo history in the world and in the USA can be found [here](#).

BASIC FACTS AND DATES

1. The Math Kangaroo 2024 Competition will take place on Thursday March 21, 2024. School managers will facilitate the competition for their students (in-person or online) at the assigned time. New schools register through [this link](#). Last year participating schools do not register again.
2. Students attending schools that do not host Math Kangaroo should [ask their school to bring the competition](#) there. If a school is not willing or able to host, a student is allowed to register at any public center listed on Math Kangaroo registration site.
3. If a student cannot find any Math Kangaroo center to participate at, he or she may choose to register at one of the virtual centers that is online and not proctored. A student can enjoy the benefits of taking the exam and receiving a private result, but it will not come with participation gifts or awards sent to the student's address. The result will not come with a formal ranking.
4. Math Kangaroo 2024 regular registration will open Sep. 15 and close Dec. 15, 2023. Late registration will continue from Dec. 16 - 31 with an increased registration fee imposed during this period. Registration to virtual centers may be extended into February.
5. Math Kangaroo 2024 registration fee is \$21 for students registering at centers (in-person or

online) or individually. Its price has remained unchanged for the last 25 years.

6. A Math Kangaroo Center must have at least 10 registered students by Dec. 15 to continue the participation. If there are less than 10 registered students by Dec. 15 Math Kangaroo reserves the right to transfer the registered children to another center in the area.
7. A Math Kangaroo Center can be public or private. The public center's registration is open to all students and visible on the Math Kangaroo website to all. The private center's registration is open only to students from the participating school and can be accessed by password only. Registering families receive the password from the center manager.
8. A Math Kangaroo Center may have multiple sessions, both in-person and online held at different times to accommodate more students.
9. A Math Kangaroo Center manager is obligated to comply with all the requirements and the responsibilities that are listed on the Math Kangaroo website.

DISCUSSION

The information below answers basic questions that parents often ask before registering their children. Center managers should be familiar with this information. In brief, the competition is:

1. 75-minute multiple choice test.
2. 24 questions for grades 1 – 4: 8 questions for 3 points, 8 questions for 4 points and 8 questions for 5 points.
3. 30 questions for grades 5 – 12: 10 questions for 3 points, 10 questions for 4 points and 10 questions for 5 points.
4. Most questions are word problems that are chosen by The International Math Kangaroo Committee annually.
5. Every student qualifies who can read and work independently at his/her school grade level.
6. Each registered student has free access to online video solutions for questions from previous years.
7. Each in-person or online center participant receives a T-shirt, an electronic certificate, and a gift.
8. The national winners (first 20 ranks) and state winners (first 3 ranks) are publicly recognized on our website.
9. Winners receive medals, ribbons, magnets, and electronic or in-kind prizes after the ranking announcement. Several sophomore students are awarded math camps. Senior high school students with consistent top rankings in several consecutive years receive college grants.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In order to understand the competition logistics more fully please read the following:

- 1. Information about rules, features, scoring and awards.** This webpage explains how the competition works and what is important to know during the registration, participation, and later while waiting for the results: <https://mathkangaroo.org/mks/resources/>.
- 2. The calendar of Math Kangaroo activities before, during, and after the competition.** This webpage displays a timeline that provides an overview of the process, steps, and time frames: <https://mathkangaroo.org/mks/resources/math-kangaroo-day-instructions-for-faculty/#calendar>
- 3. The Competition locations.** Parents can view the available in-person or online centers on [the registration website](#). If they would like to register at a specific in-person or online school location, they should look up the name of the school/institution.
- 4. Resources available for students and their parents regarding Math Kangaroo Competition preparation.** Students can practice their skills and know how to solve Math Kangaroo questions through the complimentary sample questions from the previous years, free online video solutions (available after the registration), free and paid workshops, online lesson plans, books, and other study material. Practice material is available at: <https://mathkangaroo.org/mks/practice/>
- 5. Methods for inquiring about the process or specific registration questions.** The general questions should be addressed to info@mathkangaroo.org. Questions about center registration should be addressed to kasia@mathkangaroo.org. Financial questions should be addressed to izabela@mathkangaroo.org.
- 6. Information about donating to Math Kangaroo nonprofit organization.** Any donation is tax deductible; Math Kangaroo USA is a charity organization with 501(c)3 status. It helps with student registration fees for families with hardships, keeps registration cost fees low for all students, maintains no cost for school registration expense and allows Math Kangaroo to expand its services into other desirable programs. The donation link may be found here: <https://mathkangaroo.org/mks/donation/>.