



MATH KANGAROO USA

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Letter from our President/CEO

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Dear Friend,

My name is Joanna Matthiesen, President & CEO of Math Kangaroo USA. I am grateful for your interest in learning more about our organization and how you can join us in our mission to help students love math. As a former teacher, I have seen how transformative it is when a student is confident in their academic abilities. At Math Kangaroo we aim to help students learn new ways to solve creative math and logic problems and grow their critical thinking skills.



Math Kangaroo is unique among other math competitions in its inclusiveness, welcoming students of all math levels and a variety of ages. We are one of the few math competitions in the U.S. open to students in elementary school through high school. Our math competition questions are unique and superb; the question creators and development teams are composed of mathematicians representing nations all over the world. Over one hundred countries are part of the international Kangaroo math coalition, with roughly 6 million students participating in their countries' competitions every year!

Mathematics is an important foundation for all scientific and technical subjects and is invaluable in developing the logic that applies to other disciplines as well. It is more important than ever to invest in children's education. We hope you join us in helping students grow in their analytical abilities and skills in the classroom.



Our Mission

Math Kangaroo USA's mission is to help students love math.

About Us

Math Kangaroo USA focuses on helping students improve their math performance by teaching new strategies for solving word and logic problems. The program fosters critical thinking and builds confidence that extends beyond the competition and into the classroom.

Our History

Math Kangaroo USA began in 1998 in Chicago. In 2003, it was officially registered as a not-for-profit organization with the mission of planning and promoting the competition nationwide.

What We Do

For the last 28 years, Math Kangaroo USA has hosted an annual international mathematical competition for thousands of K-12 students. The 75-minute test encourages creative thinking and strengthens advanced problem-solving skills through engaging, non-routine problems. In addition to the competition, Math Kangaroo USA provides a wide range of resources to help students prepare and deepen their mathematical understanding.

FAST FACTS



There are over 1080 Math Kangaroo USA centers across all 50 states and some U.S. territories



Close to 500,000 students have participated in the Math Kangaroo USA competition over the past 28 years



Competition questions are submitted by mathematicians from 108 countries around the world



How We're Helping Students

Math Kangaroo Competition

We host the Math Kangaroo competition on the third Thursday of March every year. Students complete 24-30 problems requiring them to think creatively and critically. Each participant receives a ribbon/ bookmark, small prizes, and a certificate for participating.

Math Kangaroo Awards

We understand the importance of focusing less on the competitive aspect of the Math Kangaroo competition and more on the collective sense of accomplishment participants feel. We host Math Kangaroo award ceremonies across the country so participants can celebrate their achievements alongside their friends and family. As part of the awards, we also highlight top scorers and distribute scholarships to graduating seniors who have participated in the competition over several years.

Individual & Group Coaching

We provide coaching on a group and individual basis and preparatory classes for students looking for additional support and instruction year-round the competition.

Practice Resources for Students

Math Kangaroo USA provides books and free resources for students looking for additional practice and support while preparing for the Math Kangaroo competition. We also post weekly video questions and collaborate with other organizations to provide Live-Solve events and educational webinars.

Lesson Plans for Teachers

Math Kangaroo USA provides free lesson plans to teachers and homeschooling parents who offer competition preparation to students free of charge. Our lesson plans consist of creative math and logic questions, similar to those students will encounter during the competition, with instructions on how to solve them.



Our Impact

Math Kangaroo USA has a presence in all 50 states and several U.S. territories. We are committed to serving all K-12 students, regardless of their current math level, by supporting their growth, encouraging learning, and fostering a lifelong appreciation for mathematics.

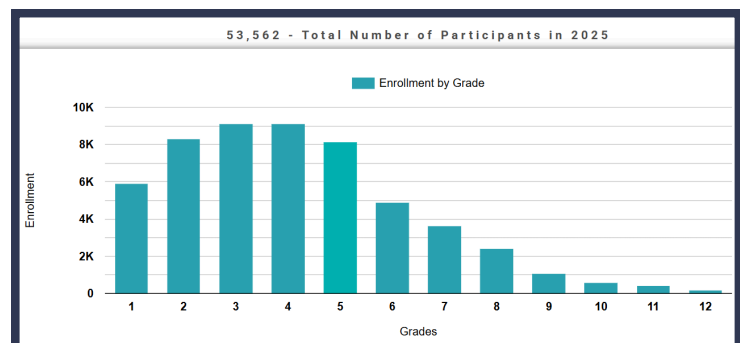
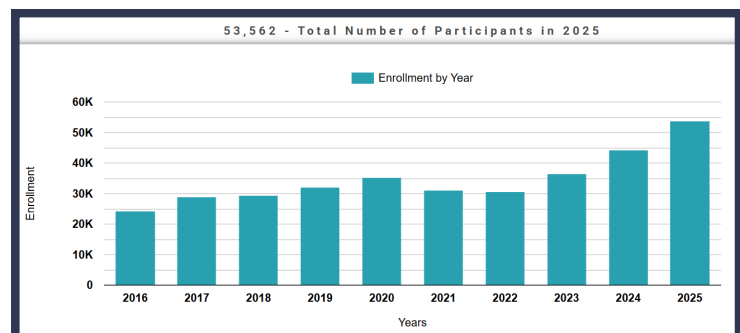
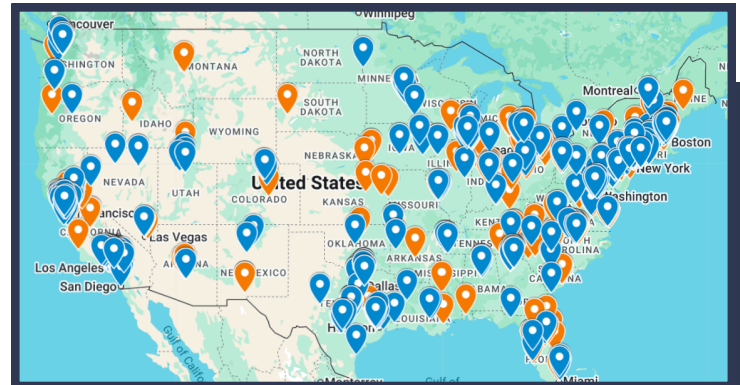
Our Enrollment

Since our founding in 1998, Math Kangaroo USA has served close to 500,000 students, helping them strengthen their logic and critical thinking skills while improving their math performance.

Math Kangaroo is one of the few math competitions connected to an international organization, with programs running in over a hundred countries worldwide. It is also one of the only national math competitions in the U.S. that welcomes elementary-grade students. Our goal is to reach students as early as possible, nurturing a love for math and building strong foundational skills from a young age.

Your Efforts

The success of our program greatly depends on the commitment of our volunteers, especially the teachers who generously dedicate their time, energy, and expertise. Their involvement not only makes the logistics of the program possible but also creates a supportive and inspiring environment for students to thrive.



 **More stats here**





Participation Information

- Competition date: **Thursday, March 19, 2026**
- School registration deadline: **December 1, 2025**
- Student regular registration deadline: **December 31, 2025**
- Student late registration deadline: **February 1, 2026**

Bringing Math Kangaroo to Your School

Schools have the option to open a Math Kangaroo center and host the competition either on paper or using school computers. A minimum of 10 enrolled students is required to establish a center. The competition can be coordinated by a teacher, a school administrator, or a PTA parent.

In recognition of their efforts, local organizers may be eligible for end-of-season benefits or acknowledgment. Participation fees can be paid by parents or fully covered by the school, helping to make the competition more accessible to a broader group of students.

Participation Rates:

School Rate- **\$18 per student**

Title I School Rate- **\$9 per student** (Eligible for free participation. Contact us for more information.)

Materials from Math Kangaroo

Participants Receive:

- Paper test or access to virtual test
- Access to sample questions, exams, video questions/solutions, and some webinars
- Toy
- Ribbon/Bookmark
- Pencil
- Certificate of participation

Competition Winners Receive:

- Top 3 in country/state: Medal and ribbon
- Top 10 in country/Top 3 in state: Educational in-kind gifts
- Top 10 middle and high school students:
 - Invitation to educational seminars
 - Consideration for scholarships
 - Consideration for national/international all-expense-paid math camps
- Top 20 in country: Top20 award



The Math Kangaroo Promise

At Math Kangaroo, we believe every student deserves the chance to reach their fullest potential. We are committed to inspiring curiosity, nurturing critical thinking, and fostering a lifelong love of learning in mathematics.

We promise to provide a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment where students from all backgrounds can explore new ideas and build confidence in their abilities.

We partner with educators, families, and communities who share our dedication to equity, integrity, and excellence. Together, we create opportunities that empower students to grow academically and personally.

By supporting Math Kangaroo, you help shape the next generation of problem solvers, innovators, and leaders—equipped not only with skills but with the courage to dream big.

This is our promise: to stand beside every learner on their journey to discovery and success!

Contact

Interested in speaking with a Math Kangaroo USA representative? Contact Lucia at lucia@mathkangaroo.org. Other questions? Email info@mathkangaroo.org

You can also keep up with us at [mathkangaroo.org](https://www.mathkangaroo.org) or on social media

