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TO: Educators interested in facilitating the Math Kangaroo 2026 Competition

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SUBJECT: MATH KANGAROO 2026 COMPETITION REGISTRATION

This memo is intended to provide guidelines, structure, and outline the process for the Math Kangaroo 2026 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

The 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 over 100 countries. Math Kangaroo USA organizes the competition only for 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 2026 Competition will take place on Thursday, March 19, 2026. School managers will facilitate the competition for their students (paper or online test) at the time assigned by the school. New schools register through [this link](#). Participating schools from last year are auto-renewed.
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 the Math Kangaroo registration site.
3. If a student cannot find any Math Kangaroo center (in-person or online/remote) to participate in, he or she may choose to register at one of the virtual centers that are 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, awards, or a formal ranking.
4. Math Kangaroo 2026 regular registration will open on Sep. 15 and close on Dec. 31, 2025. Late

registration will continue from January 1 – February 1 with an increased registration fee imposed during this period. Registration to virtual centers may be extended until March 1.

5. The Math Kangaroo 2026 registration fee is \$18 for students registering at all educational centers (in-person or online) or \$28 if registering at remote centers, where gifts are shipped home.
6. A Math Kangaroo Center must have at least 10 registered students by Dec. 15 to continue the participation. If there are fewer than 10 registered students by Dec. 15, Math Kangaroo reserves the right to close the center and transfer the registered students 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. The private center's registration is open only to students from the participating school and can be accessed by using an invitation code that the center's program manager provides to their students.
8. A Math Kangaroo Center may have multiple sessions, both paper and online test, held at different times to accommodate more students.
9. A Math Kangaroo Center manager is obligated to comply with all [the requirements and 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 (including Kindergarten students taking grade 1 test): 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. Any student who can read and work independently is eligible for the competition. Students can participate only once each year at their school grade level or a higher level. Participation at a lower grade level is not permitted.
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 math-related gift and a certificate.

8. The national winners (first 20 ranks) and state winners (first 3 ranks) are publicly recognized on our website.
9. Winners receive medals, ribbons, and electronic or in-kind prizes after the ranking announcement. Several middle school and high school students are awarded math camps. HS Seniors who achieve top rankings for several consecutive years become eligible for college grants.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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 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 learn how to solve Math Kangaroo questions through the complimentary sample questions from previous years, free online video solutions (available after 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 the 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 costs low for all students, maintains no-cost school registration, and allows Math Kangaroo to expand its services into other desirable programs. The donation link is here: <https://mathkangaroo.org/mks/donation/>.