

The Fifty-Third Annual  
**Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition**  
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Dear Principal,

Enclosed are announcements and registration forms for the fifty-Third Annual **Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition**. The MMPC will be administered throughout the state during the mornings of Wednesday, October 7, and Wednesday, December 3. Each exam requires 100 minutes of class time. Since registration will open as soon as the school year begins, we would like to ask that you pass on the poster and registration materials, and notify your mathematics departments as soon as possible. This competition is an activity of the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America and is supported by corporations in Michigan, private foundations and individuals, the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the colleges and universities in Michigan. It is approved by the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals and is designed to encourage interest and achievement in high school mathematics. Each year approximately 12,000 students from around 280 schools throughout Michigan compete for \$21,000 in college scholarships. The top 1,000 students are invited to take Part II, and the students with the top 100 combined scores are honored at an awards banquet in February. Fifty students receive scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$2,600. Many others doubtless find their performances in the MMPC valuable in obtaining scholarships from other sources and in gaining admission to prestigious institutions of higher education. The Michigan Section also sponsors the Michigan All-Star Mathematics team, selected from the MMPC awardees, to participate in the American Regions Mathematics League Competition. If your school chooses to participate in the Fifty-Third MMPC, please **appoint a Competition Supervisor and give the supervisor the enclosed letter and competition materials**. Also, please notify school personnel to inform the supervisor immediately when MMPC mail and packages are received by your school.

To protect the integrity of the competition, we require that the exams be handled by a staff member who is not involved in the teaching of mathematics to student competitors. When the package containing the exams arrives, this person should count the booklets and answer sheets to ensure that enough have been sent and then place them in the school safe until the day authorized for the examination. We also require that the exam be proctored throughout by a responsible adult.

Finally, Membership application of **Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics** is available on the MMPC web site address: [www.svsu.edu/mmpc/](http://www.svsu.edu/mmpc/). Information about the **High School Visiting Lecturer Program** of the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America can be found on the MAA web site address: [www.michmaa.org](http://www.michmaa.org). This program will be of interest to your mathematics department as well.

Sincerely,

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