



THE COMMISSIONER'S  
2018 SUMMER  
**MATH**  
CHALLENGE

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## Information for Grade 1-8 Principals

We strongly encourage your school's participation. Involvement in the Summer Math Challenge will support and enhance your ongoing efforts to help every student become successful in mathematics. The program will recognize schools for student participation and for the number of badges students received.

**In order to make this event meaningful, we ask that you consider the following:**

- Schedule a planning meeting with teachers, selected PTA members and representatives from your youth organizations to discuss your school's participation in the Challenge.
- Prepare a letter about the importance of mathematics and distribute copies to all of your students and their parents. Let them know your school is participating in the Summer Math Challenge, and encourage them to accept the Challenge, too. (Certificates will be awarded to schools with the highest badge-per-student count and highest participation. Winning schools will be recognized in a special ceremony.)
- Distribute with your letter the math journals, directions for registering and other materials that are part of your school's efforts to encourage mathematics, and the information sheet "Message to Parents and Students." Please make as many copies of the information sheet as you need.
- Consider sending a letter to parents and students in early August to encourage students to keep working on their math skills.
- Plan to tally the results when students return in September. Brief instructions and a copy of the tally sheet are available on the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) website (<http://www.ct.gov/sde>).
- Be sure to return the logs to your students after the necessary information has been recorded.

Contact the Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge project at CSDE (860-713-6557) if you have any questions. Website: <http://www.ct.gov/sde>

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**Thank you for supporting the Summer Math Challenge, and for all you do year-round to enrich the lives of Connecticut students.**