



THE COMMISSIONER'S  
2020 SUMMER  
**MATH**  
CHALLENGE

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## Information for Grade 1-12 Principals

We strongly encourage your school's participation. Involvement in the Summer Math Challenge will support and enhance your ongoing efforts to keep math skills sharp and prevent learning loss associated with extended school closures resulting from COVID-19. This challenge can help prepare every student for next year and enable them to become successful in mathematics.

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

- Schedule a virtual 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 highest participation. Winning schools will be recognized in a special ceremony.)
- Distribute with your letter, the summer math logs, 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 the 2020-21 school year commences. Brief instructions and a copy of the tally sheet are available on the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) [Summer Math Challenge website](#).

Contact the Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge project at CSDE (860-713-6557) or email [Jennifer Michalek](#) if you have any questions.

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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.**