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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 687, s. 2019



2020 METROBANK-MTAP-DEPED MATH CHALLENGE

TO: Schools Division Superintendent
Chiefs, Curriculum Implementation Division
This Region

1. The Metrobank Foundations Inc. (MBFI), the Mathematics Teachers Association of the Philippines (MTAP), and the Department of Education (DepEd) will hold the **2020 Metrobank-MTAP-DepEd Math Challenge (MMC)** from January to March, 2020.
2. The activity aims to ensure maximum participation in improving the quality of Mathematics Education in the Philippines. Specifically, it aims to:
 - a. awaken greater interest in Mathematics among elementary and junior high school learners in the country;
 - b. challenge learners to strive for mathematical excellence; and
 - c. empower mathematical talents with awards and recognitions for them to serve as models to the youth.
3. The **Elimination and Division Level** competitions shall be participated in by elementary and junior high school learners from both public and private schools nationwide. However, **only Grade 6 and 10 learners can participate in the Regional and National Finals.**
4. **Division Math Supervisors** shall ensure that all activities relative to the conduct of the 2020 Metrobank-MTAP-DepEd Math Challenge are implemented in accordance with the guidelines of the competition and DepEd Memorandum No. 144, s. 2019.
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance to this Memorandum is highly desired.


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Enclosures: DM No. 144, s. 2019

Reference: DM No. 144, s. 2019

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2020 METROBANK-MTAP-DEPED MATH CHALLENGE

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) announces the **2020 Metrobank-MTAP-DepEd Math Challenge (MMC)** from January to March 2020. This competition will be conducted by the Metrobank Foundation Inc. (MBFI), and the Mathematics Teachers Association of the Philippines (MTAP), in cooperation with the DepEd regional and schools division offices.

2. The overall objective of the competition is to ensure maximum participation in improving the quality of Mathematics Education in the Philippines. Specifically, it aims to

- a. awaken greater interest in Mathematics among elementary and junior high school learners in the country,
- b. challenge them to strive for mathematical excellence, and
- c. empower mathematical talents with awards and recognitions for them to serve as models to the youth.

3. The **Eliminations and Division Level** Competitions will be participated in by elementary and junior high school learners nationwide. However, **only Grades 6 and 10 learners can participate in the Regional and National Finals.**

4. **All public and private schools** are required to register online using the **Online MMC Form No. 1** at <http://metrobankmathchallenge.com>. Interested participants are requested to read Enclosure No. 4: Instruction Guide for the Online MMC Form No. 1 (MMC Document No. 4).

- a. Only schools located in far-flung and hard-to-reach areas from **pre-identified schools division offices** have the option to manually submit hard copies of the MMC Form No. 1 to their respective Division Math Supervisors **on or before October 25, 2019**. The list of the pre-identified schools division offices and schools can be found in Enclosure No. 5: Guidelines on the Manual Submission of Hard Copy MMC Form No. 1 (MMC Document No. 5).

Schools that have internet access from the identified schools divisions should still register online.

- b. The **Division Math Supervisors** shall collate and send a scanned copy in one pdf file of the manually submitted MMC Form No. 1 to the MMC Secretariat at **secretariat.mathchallenge@gmail.com on or before October 30, 2019**. The email subject should indicate the name of the schools division office, number of entries, MMC Form No. 1, e.g. Division of Apayao, 19 entries, MMC Form No. 1.
- c. The MMC Secretariat shall encode the MMC Form No. 1 a week after receiving the email and shall inform the Division Math Supervisors once encoding is completed, through email and text message, **on or before November 5, 2019**.
- d. Once all MMC Form No. 1 are encoded, the Division Math Supervisors shall accomplish MMC Form No. 2 or the tagging of schools to its testing centers.

The schools division offices in hard-to-reach areas were identified by the MMC Secretariat through the following criteria:

- i. Majority of schools have no access to internet and mobile data connection, and
 - ii. Geographical location is challenging, which limits an individual to travel to nearby areas where internet connection is available.
- e. The **Division Math Supervisors** are required to accomplish the MMC Form No. 2 through the MMC online portal at **<http://www.onlineportal.metrobankmathchallenge.com>**. This shall serve as the official entry and intent of the schools division in joining the MMC. Failure to do so shall be grounds for disqualification.
5. For the **National Capital Region (NCR)**, schools shall be tagged and compete under the following categories:

Category A	Category B
Public schools with regular curriculum	• Public science high schools • High schools under the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) • State universities and colleges (SUCs) • Private schools • Chinese schools

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6. The school contestants and their respective coaches must present the printed copy of their Online MMC Form No. 1 (email confirmation) to the registration in-charge, together with their identification cards, during the Elimination Round on **January 16, 2020** (elementary) or **January 17, 2020** (junior high school). It will serve as their permit in joining the competition. A **no permit, no entry** policy shall be implemented.

7. The **Division Math Supervisors** shall be in-charge of the preparation, implementation and documentation of the Eliminations and Division Competitions, including preparation of the program and fielding of qualified officials to serve as judges, proctors, and hosts/quizmasters. They, together with the appointed members of the board of judges, will also be responsible for settling all questions and protests, which may arise in the course of the competition. To maintain security and confidentiality of the test questions, the turnover of the test materials

will be documented, and all packages in different stages of the competition will be opened simultaneously at 9:00 a.m. on the date of the competition. **MMC Document 2: Operating Guidelines should be read as new policies shall be strictly implemented.**

8. For the **Regional Finals**, the **Regional Mathematics Supervisors** shall be in-charge of the preparation, implementation and documentation, including the preparation of program, designation of judges, proctors, correctors for the individual competition and hosts/quizmasters. Representatives from MTAP will assist in facilitating this stage of the competition, both in the individual and team categories. They will also be responsible for settling all questions, including protests, which may arise in the course of the competition.

9. Travel of MTAP representatives who will assist DepEd regional offices to organize and conduct the Regional Finals shall be **on official time**.

10. For the **National Finals**, the MBFI shall be in-charge of the preparation, implementation, and documentation. Enclosure No. 2: Operating Guidelines (MMC Document No. 2) includes the qualifications of national finalists.

11. In compliance to the no-collection policy of DepEd, as stated in Section 3 of Republic Act No. 5546, **no registration fees shall be collected from participating schools in all phases of the competition.**

12. From the elimination round to the regional level competition, the participants shall shoulder expenses, such as transportation and meal expenses. At the national level, the MBFI shall finance the transportation expenses, accommodation and meal allowance of the national finalists and their coaches. MBFI shall also provide the awards for the winners from the division finals (medals) to the regional and national finals (cash incentives, medals, and trophies). Cash incentives will also be awarded to the coaches of regional and national finalists.

13. The following documents and forms are provided in the following enclosures:

Enclosure No. 1	MMC Document No. 1	Primer
Enclosure No. 2	MMC Document No. 2	Operating Guidelines
Enclosure No. 3	MMC Document No. 3	Contest Mechanics
Enclosure No. 4	MMC Document No. 4	Instruction Guide for the Online MMC Form No. 1
Enclosure No. 5	MMC Document No. 5	Guidelines on the Manual Submission of Hard Copy MMC Form No. 1 and List of Pre-identified Schools Divisions and Schools and 2020 MMC Form No. 1

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These documents and forms may also be downloaded at www.mbfoundation.org or at the official Facebook page of MMC at www.facebook.com/MMC-Metrobank-MTAP-DepEd-Math-Challenge.

14. In case of conflict in schedule with other DepEd activities, the schools division and regional offices are advised to assign focal persons to administer the tests at the schools division and/or regional levels on the scheduled dates.

As agreed upon by the MMC National Steering Committee, conduct of the contest other than the schedule below is not allowed:

	Activity/Level	Date
Registration	Submission of Online MMC Form No. 1 or schools online registration	August 15–October 30, 2019
	Manual submission of hard copy MMC Form No. 1 for pre-identified schools divisions and schools only	August 15–October 25, 2019
	For pre-identified divisions and schools only: Deadline for Division Math Supervisors to submit manually submitted MMC Form No. 1 to the MMC Secretariat via email	October 30, 2019
	Encoding of manually submitted MMC Form No. 1 by the MMC Secretariat	October 30–November 5, 2019
	For Division Math Supervisors: Submission of MMC Form No. 2 via MMC portal	September 9–November 15, 2019
Eliminations	Elementary	January 16, 2020
	Junior High School	January 17, 2020
	For Division Math Supervisors: Deadline for submission of MMC Form No. 3 via MMC portal	January 24, 2020
	Deadline for submission of registration form of regional finalists (individual category) for the opening of Metrobank Sparks ATM Savings Account for Kids	January 24, 2020
Division Finals	Elementary	February 6, 2020
	Junior High School	February 7, 2020
	Deadline for submission of MMC Form No. 4 via MMC portal	February 14, 2020
	Deadline for submission of registration form of regional finalists (team category) for the opening of Metrobank Sparks ATM Savings Account for Kids	February 14, 2020
Regional Finals for Grades 6 and 10 only	Regional competition	March 6, 2020
	For MTAP: Deadline for submission of results	March 9, 2020
National Finals for Grades 6 and 10 only	Opening Program and Written Exam	March 27, 2020
	National Finals and Awarding	March 28, 2020

Note: There will be no sectoral finals for NCR.

15. Changes in schedule of the elimination rounds and division finals shall only be allowed upon approval of the National Steering Committee and on the following grounds:

- Competition coincides with the celebration of a local holiday, or
- Schools Division is affected by a natural calamity.

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The schools division office must inform the MMC National Steering Committee at least two weeks before the original competition schedule.

16. Changes in the schedule of the regional finals will not be allowed due to significant implications in the logistical and technical preparations. Any delay will also affect the conduct of the national finals.

17. Arrangements for substitute teachers must be made to ensure that the classes of the participating teacher-coaches will not be disrupted.

18. Should a competition be rescheduled on a Saturday, DepEd personnel who will organize and facilitate the events shall be entitled to service credits in accordance with DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003 titled Updated Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credit to Teachers. Nonteaching personnel shall be provided compensatory time-off (CTO) per Civil Service Commission (CSC) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004 on Non-Monetary Remuneration for Overtime Service Rendered.

19. The Division Math Supervisors shall submit a completion report on the conduct of the elimination and division finals on or before **February 10, 2020**. Only an electronic copy of the report should be submitted through email at secretariat.mathchallenge@gmail.com.

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21. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Encls.: As stated

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