

# MATHCOUNTS®

## Selection Criteria

MATHCOUNTS® is a national math enrichment, coaching & competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement in every U.S. state & territory. With over 25 years experience, MATHCOUNTS is one of the most successful education partnerships involving volunteers, educators, industry sponsors & students. (Source: mathcounts.org official MATHCOUNTS® website)

Blackmon Road Middle School's MATHCOUNTS® Team is comprised of no more than fifteen students. Participation in the school MATHCOUNTS® team is by invitation only and based on the following criteria:

- ❖ **Mathematical Talent-** Evidence of mathematical talent may include: outstanding achievement in mathematics based on teacher recommendation and CRCT scores, strong performance in prior competitions at the elementary or middle school level, score on the school competition administered at the beginning of second semester, or previous participation in MATHCOUNTS® at another school.
- ❖ **High Interest, Commitment and Parental Support-** The student must be genuinely interested in mathematics, committed to practice faithfully with the team and have the support of the parent in ensuring they adhere to the intensive practice schedule. A four-day, summer day camp is held the week before school starts back. Saturday morning practices begin in September and run through February. Only a student who truly enjoys mathematics and parents who want their children to excel in mathematics will be able to maintain their commitment to the team. An informal interview by the coach with the student and parents is a good indication if an interested student possesses these qualities.
- ❖ **Team Player-** While there is an individual component to MATHCOUNTS®, as far as our school is concerned it's all about the team. Team players are "coachable", have a strong work ethic and work well with others. They continuously strive to improve in their performance and are never satisfied with giving less than their best. Teachers of students in consideration for MATHCOUNTS® provide a reference as to whether a student is a team player.

At the Chapter (region) and State level, each school is allowed to enter one competition team of four students and one alternate team of four students. Only the scores of the competition team are counted; the alternate team competes for the sake of experience. MATHCOUNTS® competition team members are selected from Blackmon's team members solely at the discretion of the coach.

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