

# LENOIR~RHYNE UNIVERSITY

College of  
Natural Sciences & Mathematics

## 2026 Lenoir-Rhyne - High School Math Contest - Level 2 & Level 3 Tuesday, March 17, 2026

**TO: Chairpersons of Mathematics Departments and Previous Math Contest Participants**

**FR:** Dr. Jennifer Garbett, Dr. Timothy Goldberg, and Dr. Christopher Gordon, Math Contest Co-Chairs, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and College of Education and Human Services

**RE: North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCCTM) State High School Mathematics Contest Level 2 & Level 3 Qualifying Round at Lenoir-Rhyne University**

Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, North Carolina will sponsor contests for the Level 2 and Level 3 portions of the NCCTM Mathematics Contest. This contest is open to all students who meet the eligibility requirements listed below. The goal of this contest is to stimulate interest in mathematics, to showcase the mathematical talents of local students, and for schools to compete with other schools in the region. Participation in mathematical contests is highly regarded by colleges and universities across the country. The top students in this qualifying round are eligible to compete in the State Finals. We look forward to your participation in our contest.

### Contest

The topics of the contest will follow the state curriculum guides for Math 2 and Math 3. Each contest will consist of about 30 multiple-choice questions with a time limit of 70 minutes. Each student may participate in only one contest each year. Additional Information and Exams from previous contests are available at [www.lr.edu/high-school-math-contest](http://www.lr.edu/high-school-math-contest).

### Date, Time and Place

- **Tuesday, March 17, 2026**
- 8:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
- Lenoir-Rhyne University - Hickory, North Carolina  
Driving directions are available online at the contest site.

### Purpose

- **Stimulate interest in mathematics** through a competition and through a presentation.
- **Provide recognition** for outstanding mathematics students and outstanding mathematics teachers.
- **Provide a congenial atmosphere** for mathematics teachers to meet and share ideas and methods of teaching and learning mathematics.
- For students to have a **fun and rewarding experience**.

### Competitions, Teams, and Calculators

- The state has four competitions: **Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, and Comprehensive**.
- At Lenoir-Rhyne, students compete both **individually** and as a **team**. All students from the same school and the same level compete as one team. The team score is the sum of the four best individual scores from that team. This scoring method encourages participation. A student participating is always better for the team than that student not participating.

- **The use of any calculator is prohibited during the contest.** This is consistent with the state finals.

## Tentative Schedule

8:15 - 9:00	<b>Registration</b> in Belk Centrum
9:00 - 9:20	<b>Welcome</b> and Preliminaries
9:30 - 10:50	<b>Contest</b>
11:00 - 11:30	<b>Mathematical Presentation</b> in Belk
11:40 - 1:10	<b>Lunch</b> at the Campus Center
1:15 - 2:15	<b>Awards Presentation</b> in Belk

## Eligibility

- The **Level 2 Contest** is open to all students, including middle school students, who are enrolled or have been enrolled in Math 2 during the current academic year.
- The **Level 3 Contest** is open to all students, including middle school students, who are enrolled or have been enrolled in Math 3 during the current academic year.
- A student enrolled in Math 2 last fall and Math 3 this spring may choose either contest.
- For students not on the common core, the teacher may decide the most appropriate contest.
- A student may compete in only one NC contest at only one test site each year.
- A student may compete only once in the Level 2 contest and only once in the Level 3 contest.
- If you have additional questions consult the [NC State Math Contest](#) website or contact the Contest Co-Chairs.

## Contestants per School

Each school may bring at most **16 students** with at most **8 students competing in the Level 2 Contest** and at most **8 students competing in the in Level 3 Contest**. All Level 2 students (and likewise, all Level 3 students) from the same school compete as one team. The team score is the sum of the four best individual scores from that team. This scoring method encourages participation. A student participating is always better for the team than that student not participating.

## Awards

Awards will be presented to the top three teams in both the Level 2 and Level 3 Contests. Awards will be presented to the top three individuals in both contests.

## State Finalist

The top 10% of all (N.C. eligible) participants from the each contest qualify to compete in the regional finals of the Level 2 and Level 3 Contest in April at either UNC Asheville (Western Region Finals) or UNC Greensboro (Central Region Finals). For additional information about the state finals, refer to the [NC State Math Contest](#) website.

## Fees

A fee will be charged for each contestant and for each sponsor attending the contest. The fee will help cover the costs of lunch, printing expenses, and awards for the winners. This year the fee is \$17 per student and \$14 per sponsor. All checks should be made payable to LRU Mathematics Contest.

## Registration

- **Participation is limited due to the size of our facilities!**
- **November - March:**
  - School Registration with an estimated number of participants.
- **March:**
  - Each student completes a Student Registration Form.
  - **And:** Each School completes their School Registration, containing all student names.
- Both School and Student Registration Forms are available from [www.lr.edu/high-school-math-contest](http://www.lr.edu/high-school-math-contest)
- Registrations will continue to be accepted until we run out of space.
- Upon receipt, an acknowledgment of your registration will be emailed back.

## Contact Information

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## Additional Contest Information and Driving Directions

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