

## 2026 MATHCOUNTS State Competition Winners Announced



Winners of the New Hampshire State MATHCOUNTS competition held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the NH Technical Institute who will represent New Hampshire at the National MATHCOUNTS competition in Orlando, FL in May. From left to right: Coach Tom Wharton of Richmond Middle School, Rhys Yap of St. John Regional School, Agastya Chakrabarti of Richmond Middle School, Edward Elmore of Cooperative Middle School, Harvey Vale Dwyer of Richmond Middle School.

MATHCOUNTS is a national mathematics competition to provide engaging math programs to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students of all ability levels to build confidence and improve attitudes towards math and problem solving. In New Hampshire, it is sponsored by the New Hampshire Society of Professional Engineers and the New Hampshire Teachers of Mathematics. Title sponsors include RTX, and the U.S. Department of Defense STEM. National sponsors include Northrop Grumman Foundation, the National Society of Professional Engineers, 3M, and AoPS.

The state is divided into six regions. The students first compete at their local schools and then at the regional level in February. The three winning teams from each region, together with top-scoring individuals not represented on those teams, then compete at the state level in March to determine the four top individuals who will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the national competition in May.

This year, the State competition was held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the NH Technical Institute in Concord. Approximately 70 middle grade students from 23 schools participated. In the morning, students are given three written tests. Based on those results, the 12 top-scoring competitors then compete in pairs in the Countdown Round, which is a fast-paced test held in front of the audience where questions are projected on a screen, and the students have a maximum of 45 seconds to answer. After the exciting Countdown Round, the winners are announced and awarded trophies, medals and plaques.

The top four students in the State Countdown Round were the following:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place -	Edward Elmore	Cooperative Middle School
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place -	Rhys Yap	St. John Regional School
Semi-finalist -	Ghanashyam Bolineni	Boleneni Homeschool
Semi-finalist -	Noel Mathew	Amazers Homeschool.

The top three teams were:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place -	Richmond Middle School	Tom Wharton (Coach)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place -	St. John Regional School	Tara Henley (Coach)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place -	Shaker Road School	Christine Migdal (Coach).

Based on their written test scores at the State meet, the following four very talented and excited students will represent New Hampshire at the National Competition in May in Washington, D.C.

1 <sup>st</sup> Place -	Rhys Yap	St. John Regional School	Tara Henley (Coach)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place -	Agastya Chakrabarti	Richmond Middle School	Tom Wharton (Coach)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place -	Edward Elmore	Cooperative Middle School	Irma MacEachern (Coach)
4 <sup>th</sup> Place -	Harvey Vale Dwyer	Richmond Middle School	Tom Wharton (Coach)

Tom Wharton, coach of the first-place team, will coach the New Hampshire team and accompany them to the National Competition.

If you are interested in coaching a team, volunteering to help at a competition or donating to MATHCOUNTS, please contact the NH Society of Professional Engineers at [www.nspe-nh.org](http://www.nspe-nh.org).

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