

# Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

## **Math Super Bowl Set for March 29, 2006**

**8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. · Visalia Convention Center**

The mathematics problem-solving abilities of nearly 750 middle school students will be tested during the 33rd Annual Tulare County Math Super Bowl on March 29, at the Visalia Convention Center. More than 120 five-member teams and alternates from 42 schools will compete from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for ribbons and trophies. Tulare County seventh- and eighth-grade students will compete in three main events:

- **Pro Bowl** where students from different schools form teams to work on one challenging problem.
- **Team Bowl** where team members from a school work together to solve 15 multiple step problems.
- **Power Bowl** where individual students work on 30 enhanced multiple choice problems.

Problems used in the competition will assess areas such as computing interest, patterns, functions, interpreting charts and graphs, probability, number theory, discrete math, logic, statistics, algebra and geometry. Creative problem solving and critical thinking skills will also be tested.

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“Working together with students from other schools, this competition helps build teamwork skills. Math Super Bowl also teaches participants valuable problem solving skills that they’ll continue to use as adults in their business and personal lives,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak.

The competition has been opened to all schools in Tulare County and the public is invited to attend. Information about the Tulare County Office of Education is available at [www.tcoe.org](http://www.tcoe.org), or by calling the Public Information Office at (559) 733-6606. More information on the Math Super Bowl may be obtained by calling Julie Joseph at (559) 651-3641 or by visiting our website at [www.tcoe.org/mathsuperbowl](http://www.tcoe.org/mathsuperbowl).

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