

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

39th Annual Math Super Bowl Set for March 29

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

The mathematics problem-solving abilities of over 600 middle school students representing 39 schools will be tested during the 39th Annual Tulare County Office of Education Math Super Bowl on Thursday, March 29, at the Visalia Convention Center. Approximately 120 five-member teams of seventh- and eighth-grade students will compete for ribbons and trophies 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 each individual student works on 30 enhanced multiple-choice problems.

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Problems used in the competition cover such topics as 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.

“Math Super Bowl is a great venue for participants to learn problem-solving skills and how to work as a team,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “These are valuable skills that will serve them as adults in any profession they choose.”

The event is sponsored by the Tulare County Office of Education, with support from McDonald’s Restaurants in conjunction with R. & L. Enterprises. The Math Super Bowl is open to all schools in Tulare County. Information about the Tulare County Office of Education is available at 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 Dr. Glenn Williams at (559) 651-3047 or by visiting our website at www.tcoe.org/mathsuperbowl.

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The public is invited to attend. More information on the Math Super Bowl may be obtained by calling Dr. Glenn Williams at 651-3047.