

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Media Advisory**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **44<sup>rd</sup> Annual Math Super Bowl set for March 30**

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

The mathematics problem-solving abilities of nearly 700 middle school students will be tested during the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Tulare County Office of Education Math Super Bowl on Thursday, March 30, at the Visalia Convention Center. Seventh- and eighth-grade students from 41 Tulare and Kings County schools, both public and private, will compete for ribbons and trophies in three main events:

- **Power Bowl** - Students will work independently to solve multiple-choice problems during this 40-minute period. Individual trophies will be given to the top five students in each category. Top scorers from each school will be recognized with a Power Bowl Individual Honors Ribbon.
- **Pro Bowl** - Students will be divided into teams of five students from different schools. They will be given one open-ended problem to solve in a 45-minute period. The Pro Bowl will be evaluated on the thoroughness and accuracy of the answer. The problem will be scored by a committee of judges.

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- **Team Bowl** - Students will compete in teams of five from their own school. Each team will be required to complete multiple-step problems during this 40-minute period.

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 are also tested.

“Math Super Bowl participants benefit from working in teams with students from other schools, and sharpening their problem-solving skills,” said Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “These are valuable skills that will serve them as adults in any profession they choose.”

For more information, call Robert Herman, public information officer 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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