

Garland ISD All-City Math and Science Team

Welcome to the Garland ISD All-City Math and Science Team. Attached you will find some valuable information for being a member of the team this year, including team expectations and a calendar of practices and meets. Please keep this information in a safe place, as you will need it throughout the year.

Supplies

Binder (for test, practice material, etc)

Pencil Bag

#2 pencils

Blue Ball point pens

Science Workbook—"If you are Trying to Get Better Grade and Higher Test Scores in Science, You've Gotta Have This Book! Grade 6 and up" by Imogene Forte & Marjorie Frank (Barnes and Noble usually carries it or Amazon.com)

Scientific Calculator—Preferably Casio fx-300MS

Practices

Practices will be every Monday after school at Austin Academy in room 10. Practice will begin promptly at 4:00 and end at 5:30. While we understand that some students may ride extended day buses or may have to travel to Austin Academy from their campus, we expect every student to attend practice for at least an hour to remain an active part of the team.

Homework

There will be weekly homework for students to complete throughout the week. The homework is each of the four tests from previous years as well as any extra practice that may have been covered during practice. Students will need to complete each of the tests every week and return their score sheet to the coaches.

Meets

There are approximately two local meets a month from November to March. While students are not required to attend every meet, we encourage students to attend as many as possible. Transportation will be provided to students attending the meets. The bus will leave Austin Academy around 7am and arriving back at Austin Academy between 3pm and 4pm (depending on where the meet is held). While parents are not required to attend, we do invite parents to join us.

Students will be expected to participate in all four tests: Number Sense, Calculator, Math, and Science. The cost for most meets is \$5 per test.

Students will need to bring a lunch or money to buy a lunch (approx. \$5). There will also be down time between finishing the tests and awards. Students may bring cards, iPods, footballs, Frisbees, etc.

State Competition

State competition will be held in San Antonio again this year on April 17th. Students in grades 6th-8th that qualify on **two tests** at Regional Qualifiers are invited to state competition.

Math and Science Team Expectations

The Garland ISD All-City Math and Science Team (MST) has a history of excellence and brings pride to our district. We have great expectations for our students to do their best to display superior behavior and good character at meets and team practice sessions.

In order to continue this history of excellence, team members need to agree to the following expectations:

1. Attend practice after school on Mondays as scheduled. Come in quietly, turn in paperwork and prepare to take a practice number sense test.
2. Students must participate in all four events (number sense, calculator, general math and science) at meets they attend unless there is an unavoidable conflict that is approved by the coaches in advance.
3. Students are expected to do weekly homework assignments and turn in their homework cover sheet filled out stating tests completed and grades scored each week.
4. Students are expected to have appropriate behavior at all times at school and at or in transit to meets. They are expected to be respectful to coaches, parent volunteers, and test proctors, and to have a positive attitude and a healthy competitive spirit.
5. All money and forms must be turned in at after school practices by the deadline in order to attend meets.
6. Students are expected to wear their school or Math and Science Team t-shirt to all meets.
7. Students will pay all test fees. Very limited scholarship funds are available for those needing financial assistance.
8. Students need to be picked up promptly at the school after practices and after returning from meets to avoid detaining coaches. Students not picked up within thirty minutes of practices or meets ending will not be permitted to participate in further activities.
9. At meets, no toys, games, I Pods, etc should be used until after testing is complete.
10. Students must attend and have qualifying scores in at least two events in order to attend the state meet.
11. Any student who does not follow these expectations will not be allowed to continue to participate with the Garland ISD Math and Science team nor attend further contests.

We must all work together to make this a great experience for all involved. Parent participation is always welcome and vitally important to our team's success.

Thank you,

MST Coaches

We understand that this a lot to read and decipher. Please discuss this commitment as a family and contact our coaches with any questions, April Roell ajroell@garlandisd.net.

**Garland ISD All-City
Math and Science Team
2009-2010 Calendar**

November 14 Bear Creek International, Keller

December 5 Cross Timbers, Grapevine

January 30 Franklin Middle School, Dallas

February 20 Long Middle School, Dallas

February 27 Travis TAG, Dallas (Regional Qualifier)

March 6 Cross Timbers, Grapevine (Regional Qualifier)

March 13 Azle High School, Azle (Regional Qualifier)

April 17 Middle School Championship, San Antonio

(must qualify in 2 events at a Qualifier meet to attend, grades 6-8)

The schedule is subject to change as all events have not yet been confirmed.

Please complete this form and return by
Monday, October 26th

We have read and agree to the Garland ISD Math and Science Team expectations.

Student Name _____ Birthday _____

School Attending _____ Grade 5 6 7 8

Parent Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Parent Volunteers:

All adults associated with the Math and Science Team MUST fill out a background check and volunteer form and return them ASAP. Please return the form to your campus or note that one is on file for 2009-2010 already.

Volunteer background check form is on file with the office already for the following adults:
