

Most Frequently Asked Questions
GACS - Dwight Love Math Tournament
March 15, 2008

Levels: Students may take a test in a higher level, but not in a lower level. If your school has a 4x4 block system, they may take the test of the last class completed. They may only cipher in the same level as the written test.

Divisions: On Pre-algebra and Algebra 1 levels, teams are classified as small or large according to the school size.

Ciphering: There are 4 ciphering rounds of 5 questions each. A different team member participates in each round. If you have less than 4 team members, then your school may choose the round or rounds in which not to participate. The student name and school name must be written on each sheet for the round. The answers must be written in the box provided on the sheet. Generally within a round the questions may get harder, but not from one round to the other (the last round is not necessarily harder than the first round).

The ciphering is three intervals of 30 seconds each. Points are given according to the interval turned in. Five are given if correct in the first interval, three in the second, and one in the third. A 5-second warning is given before the end of each interval. Completed sheets should be folded and raised at that point.

Written tests: No calculators are permitted. Students may take the written test of 25 questions that matches the class they are presently attending. The score is determined by the formula $4C - I$, where C = number correct and I = number incorrect. A fifth choice ("E") may be chosen if no answer is correct or the problem is defective. All testing will begin at the same time by an announcement on the intercom. Students are not allowed to leave the testing room after the test begins until all are dismissed. Late arrivals may still need to finish in the time period.

Guessing: If a student can definitely eliminate two of the answers and make a logical guess with the other two, it could be better than leaving it blank. Each wrong answer deducts one point from the score. A blank is zero.

Answer keys will be posted in the Bradford gym lobby and in the refreshment area after each testing period. Tests and answer keys will be provided to sponsors in Fields Hall 30 minutes after the test begins. Any sponsor wishing to contest a problem must do so within 30 minutes after that test is concluded. Challenges should be taken to Junior High building, room JH122 and placed in the box marked "Challenges".

Food is served outside in the pavilion. Students are asked not to take food in the buildings. **Refreshments for the sponsors will be served in Student/Family Center.**