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Virtual School Student Registration Policy

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A student who attends a Virtual School[1] should first try to register as a school-based competitor through their virtual school by contacting school administrators/educators. A virtual school student should register as an NSC *only* if their virtual school will not register for the Competition Series and will not support their participation through the school.

Regardless of how they register, students who attend virtual schools must register for the chapter that serves their home ZIP Code, not the school's ZIP Code, and should use the chapter name as part of the school name, e.g., "Virtual School — San Mateo" or "Virtual School — San Joaquin."

This is the same protocol used for Home Schools[2] that are under an administration located in a different chapter from the student's home. Home school students should not register as NSCs and instead should register as school-based competitors and complete the 2025-2026 Home School Participation Form.

Students who are registered in the incorrect chapter will be reassigned during registration review.

[1]Virtual School: Refers to educating children online, rather than a brick-and-mortar school. Virtual schools have a structured curriculum and instruction from certified teachers in a virtual setting, similar to traditional schooling, with a structured day schedule and traditional academic year calendar. Only virtual schools with students in grades 6-8 are eligible to participate in MATHCOUNTS, even if students are advanced in mathematics.

[2]Home School: Refers to educating children inside the home, rather than a brick-and mortar school. In homeschooling, a parent is generally the primary instructor and has the freedom to create a highly customized, individual-centered curriculum and learning experience. Only home schools with students in grades 6-8 are eligible to participate in MATHCOUNTS, even if students are advanced in mathematics.