

Section 1414: CALCULATOR APPLICATIONS

- (a) THE CONTEST.
 - (1) *Summary.* This contest is designed to stimulate the development of mathematical and calculator skills. Goals are both intellectual and practical: developing mathematical reasoning and knowledge and requiring the application of problem-solving skills toward realistic problems.
 - (2) *Contest Format.* Students will take a test containing 80 problems. The contest consists of problems that may include calculations involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, roots and powers. It also includes straightforward calculation problems and simple geometric and stated problems similar to those found in recently adopted textbooks. Districts shall offer either a separate division for each participating grade level or combined grade level divisions as specified in official contest procedures.
- (b) REPRESENTATION.
 - (1) *Contestants.* Students in officially prescribed grade levels below 9th grade who are eligible under Sections 1400 and 1405 may enter this contest.
 - (2) *Divisions.* Districts shall offer either a separate division for each participating grade level or combined grade level divisions as specified in official contest procedures.
 - (3) *Individual Competition.* For each division, each participant school may enter as many as three contestants in the district meet.
 - (4) *Team Competition.* If the district has elected to include team competition, the combined scores of the three contestants in each divi-

sion from a school shall constitute the school's team score. A team shall have three contestants compete to participate in the team competition.

(c) CONTEST ADMINISTRATION.

- (1) *Personnel.* All personnel in this contest may be coaches of participating students.
- (2) *Verification Period.* Contestants and coaches shall be given a period not to exceed 15 minutes to examine their test papers with official keys. Unofficial results should be posted. Questions should be directed to the contest director, whose decision will be final.
- (3) *Official Results.* After the verification period has ended and all test papers have been collected, the contest director shall announce the official results. Official results, once announced, are final.
- (4) *Points and Ties.* Points are awarded as specified in Section 1408 (i). Tied individual or teams split the total points equally for the two or more places in which a tie exists. Should there be a tie for first place, there will be no second place. Should there be a tie for second place, there will be no third place, etc.
- (5) *Returning Materials.* No materials from district contests may be returned to contestants prior to official release dates.