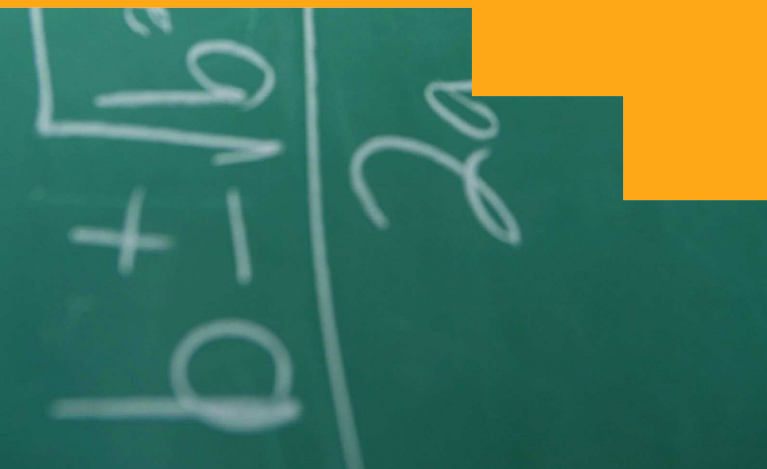




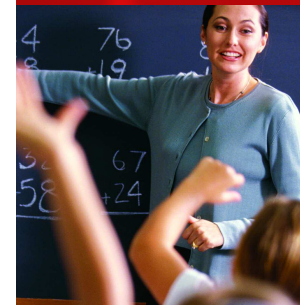
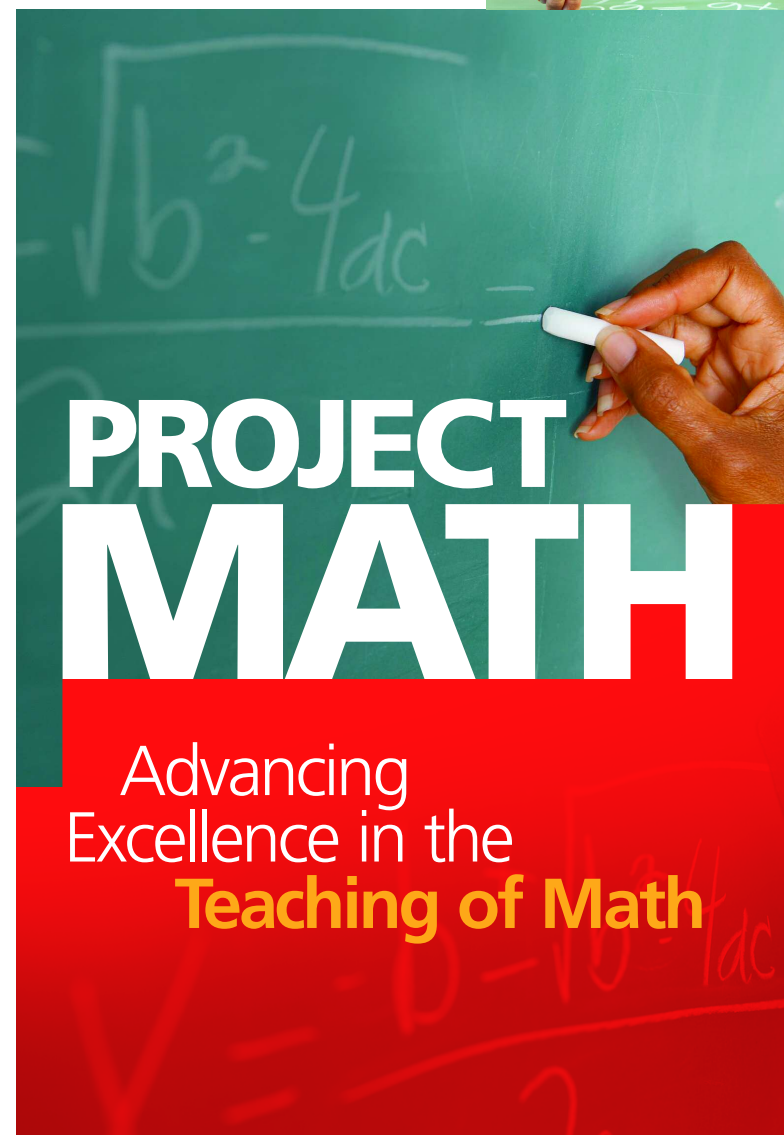
MasterCard Worldwide is committed to advancing education through its global corporate giving programs.

In the St. Louis region, home to MasterCard's Global Technology and Operations headquarters, MasterCard is focusing its local giving on a pressing education issue that requires new resources and innovative solutions: math achievement.



About MasterCard Worldwide

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The current state of U.S. math achievement has serious implications for the employability of tomorrow's workforce. To meet this challenge, MasterCard is streamlining its St. Louis educational support into one focused effort, called Project Math, to help advance regional math achievement.

There is widespread evidence of the need for improved math achievement. Recent statistics highlight the severity of the situation:

- In Missouri, only 31% of fourth-graders and 26% of eighth-graders are performing at proficient levels in math.

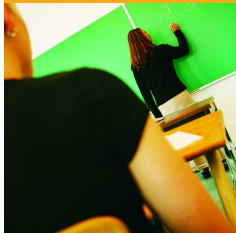
—National Center for Education Statistics

- The math proficiency of St. Louis city students is lower than the statewide average: 28.7% of fourth-graders, 7.5% of eighth-graders and 3.1% of tenth-graders are proficient in math. —Missouri Assessment Program



- Seventy percent of middle-school students are assigned to teachers who lack certification and/or a major in mathematics. —U.S. Dept. of Education

About PROJECT MATH



Teachers hold one of the most powerful positions in our society, to educate and prepare our children for the future. Yet compared to other professions, resources for the professional development of teachers are often lacking.

MasterCard believes it can best impact regional math achievement by dedicating resources and supporting professional development opportunities for math teachers. To reach this goal, MasterCard is focusing on five key areas:

- Engaging National and International Expertise
- Deepening Involvement with Local Districts
- Developing Regional Partnerships
- Sharing Intellectual Resources
- Providing Technology Donations



PROJECT MATH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Project Math grant applicants must make sure their initiatives and organizations meet the criteria listed below:

- Influence math teachers directly, rather than students
- Specifically target math education, rather than a broader science classification
- Impact a system or approach for teaching math
- Include a detailed budget of how funds will be spent
- Incorporate a measurement process for assessing results
- Serve teachers located in the Greater St. Louis metropolitan area

SUBMITTING FUNDING REQUESTS

All applications must be submitted online. For more information or to submit an application, visit: <http://www.mastercard.com/us/company/en/corporategiving/index.html>

Engaging National and International Expertise

MasterCard is seeking notable speakers and learning opportunities to bring to the local community. As an example, Singapore leads the world in student math achievement. MasterCard's global presence uniquely positions the company to connect international expertise with local math education efforts, such as hosting visits by Singapore educators and curriculum experts, to share best practices with local educators and meet with regional business and education leaders.

Deepening Involvement with Local Districts

MasterCard is helping underwrite solutions for local school districts that have identified their most pressing math education needs. Support may include materials and professional development opportunities for local math teachers.

Developing Regional Partnerships

Through a series of regional partnerships with universities and math and science organizations, MasterCard is supporting programs to provide coaching and professional development opportunities for local math teachers.

Sharing Intellectual Resources

MasterCard employees promote math achievement by heightening awareness of the importance of math skills for employability. Whether volunteering to provide financial literacy lessons, support robotics competition teams or serve education organizations, MasterCard employees support the goals of Project Math by helping students connect academics to careers.

Providing Technology Donations

Through ongoing technology donations, MasterCard distributes computers to local schools as equipment upgrades are completed at its technology headquarters in St. Louis.