

2025 Contest Format

University of Houston Math Contest

SUBJECT EXAM FORMAT

This format applies to the following subject exams:

Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Precalculus, Calculus, Statistics, Physics, and Calculation

1. For each subject exam, participants will receive one question at a time, with a time limit on each question. Throughout the exam, all students taking that subject exam will be working on the same question at the same time.
2. When participants receive a question: They will see the time limit for that question and a countdown clock. Answers must be submitted for that question before the time expires; otherwise the participant will receive no credit for that question. Answers can be changed for that question until the time for that question has expired. (There is no penalty for guessing.) Once the time limit for the question has expired, the question will be closed and graded. Further answers cannot be submitted for that question, and participants cannot return to that question.
3. There is a pause between the end of a question and the start of the next question. A countdown timer will appear during this pause. During this participants can view their total number of correct answers up to that point in the exam, and a graph of the number of correct answers of top participants (without listing the names of the other participants).
4. The next question will then appear on the screen and will follow the same pattern described above. The student will continue to work through the exam in this manner until the time limit for the last question has expired.
5. Winners will be selected based upon the number of questions answered correctly, and ties will be broken using the total time taken to submit correct answers.

NUMBER SENSE AND SMACKDOWN FORMATS

The Number Sense exam and SmackDown competitions will follow the same format as our previous virtual contests, **except that the Number Sense exam will be 20 minutes long instead of 30 minutes long, to better mirror the UIL Number Sense exam**; see our [Exam Content Information](#) page for more details.