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## Floyd Middle School Student Scores Well in National Math Competition!

**Ting Ting Yan** student one of 576 chosen to compete in national math competition and the *only student from Georgia*

*Ting Ting Yan beat almost 50,000 applicants across 43 states to qualify for the Chicago event*

**Mableton** - A student from Floyd Middle School in Mableton, GA qualified to compete in the National **MathCON** 2017 Finals. There were approximately 50,000 online round participants from across the country. **Ting Ting Yan** qualified among the top 1 percent in the country and was invited to Chicago to compete face to face. There were a total of 109 seventh graders who competed for grand champion, gold, silver, bronze and honorable mention recognition. Ting Ting Yan was a winner of this National Championship Honorable Mention Medal. This means she had to finish in the top half of those seventh graders who competed Saturday, April 22. To sum it up, Ting Ting finished in the top half of the top 1 percent of math students from across the country. **She was the only student from Georgia participating!!** Floyd Middle School, MathCON Sponsors Timothy Coefield and Laura Thomson, and Ting Ting's Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Xue Yan, are very grateful for the Partners in Education who made this trip possible: Floyd PTSA, Kiwanis of Greater South Cobb, Don Johnson State Farm Agency, Horace Mann/Shawntae Royston, Pace Cettters, Ms. Karen Adkins, Ms. Alicia Gutierrez, Mr. Henry Lust, and Mr. Ray Tiyamiyu. **MathCON** is a prestigious academic competition hosted by Concept Schools every year in Chicago during April.



**MathCON** was created in 2008 by Concept Schools as a Midwest competition with just 125 participants, and has since grown to a national event. MathCON's goal is to engage students in STEM outside of the classroom, and encourage more students to enter the STEM fields, which are currently some of the fastest-growing industries in the United States.

*"We're incredibly proud when any of our students earn recognition for their accomplishments, and we're so excited to have Ting Ting Yan representing Floyd Middle School advancing to the finals.", Mr. Timothy Coefield, MathCON Sponsor, said. "The STEM field is such an important part of the future, and we actively encourage our teachers and students to find fun ways to use STEM inside and outside of the classroom. This is a great honor not only for Ting Ting Yan but also for Floyd Middle School."*

*"MathCON is our way of inspiring the future leaders in science, technology, math and engineering by engaging students at a young age, making STEM fun and demonstrating its real-world applications," said Ayhan Caputlu, Director of Mathematics Education at Concept Schools, which organizes the event. "The competition allows us to reach students from all over the nation and help them establish, improve and maintain skills that can lead to many possibilities throughout their educational careers and beyond."*



In addition to the finals testing, students at this year's competition will enjoy a math comedy show, a pizza party with other participants, while also having the chance to play an array of STEM-related games. For a full agenda, visit [mathcon.org](http://mathcon.org).

**"Stronger Math, Brighter Future!"** Check out [www.mathcon.org](http://www.mathcon.org)