

M³RP 2003-2004

As described during the DLT Session in Lansing on May 12, 2003, M³RP is in the process of planning for the activities for school year 2003-2004. Based on the interest expressed by districts at the DLT session, it is clear that there is more interest in the project extension than there is funding to support the large numbers. For that reason, not all districts wishing to participate will be able to next year. As much as we would like to work with every district that would like to continue, our financial constraints make that impossible.

Because the focus of the work next year will be on articulation of standards-based mathematics programming, in particular, from middle school through high school, the project has made the following prerequisites for participation.

- 1) The district must have adopted and be implementing, at the middle school level, one of the standards-based programs heavily utilized during M³RP (CMP, MathScape, Math Thematics, or Mathematics in Context).
- 2) The district must be able to field a committed team of middle and high school mathematics teachers that will work together on articulating the mathematics programming at the district. Minimally, this team should include M³RP Teacher Leaders and at least 2 high school mathematics teachers, with one of them being the department chairperson. Depending on the size of the district, the numbers may increase. As you think about a team, please think in terms of constructing a group of people that will form the initial critical mass with the influence and wherewithal to produce results.

We understand that these criteria may be problematic for some districts. If you would like to participate but cannot meet the prerequisites, please provide a written rationale for being included in the extension. Exceptions may be granted for districts that provide a compelling case for participation. Exceptions will be on a case by case basis. The expectation is that the project will be working with districts implementing standards-based mathematics programs at the middle school to address the issues in their particular circumstance and to help develop solutions and paths that will enable students to pass seamlessly from the middle school to the high school and beyond. Yes, this is a monumental task. At best, we will be able to begin the process, however, we believe that with a strong team of committed individuals willing to work together on what is best for kids, we can make a difference!

The plans for the year include a one-day session in the fall (4 different dates) and a one-day session in the spring (4 different dates) for the teams of middle and high school mathematics teachers. There will be pre-session readings and post-session activities associated with each session. Depending on the response of districts to this announcement, the project is still debating on whether to also host a statewide conference. As the information becomes available, we will keep you posted.

If you would like to be considered for participation in the activities next year, please complete the next 2 pages and return to the project office by July 18, 2003. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

M³RP Extension Application

District Name _____ Date _____

Person submitting this form _____ Position _____

Middle School Materials CMP MathScape Math Thematics MiC Year implemented _____
circle one

High School Text(s) & Year(s) implemented _____

Suggested Team (please provide name, grade level/math courses taught)

Middle School M ³ RP Teacher Leaders (at least 2)	High School Mathematics Teachers (at least 2)
	Dept. Chair (or appropriate lead person)

PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF WRITTEN EXPLANATION DESCRIBING WHY YOUR DISTRICT WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS EXTENSION. INCLUDE IN YOUR EXPLANATION THE RATIONALE FOR SELECTING THE TEAM MEMBERS LISTED ABOVE. (use the next page as necessary)

EXPLANATION (continued)

For each session below, review the available dates. Please select your first choice by putting a 1 in the CHOICE column. Then select your second choice by putting a 2 in the CHOICE column. We will do our best to accommodate district needs. We currently expect that all sessions will be held at the Holiday Inn--South Lansing Conference Center.

Fall Session		Spring Session	
Will deal heavily with the issue of ALGEBRA in the middle and high school mathematics curriculum		Will deal with issues of GEOMETRY and OTHER STRANDS throughout the mathematics curriculum	
CHOICE		CHOICE	
	October 29, 2003		April 13, 2004
	October 30, 2003		May 11, 2004
	November 11, 2003		May 12, 2004
	November 12, 2003		May 13, 2004

The project will support the costs of substitutes for teachers attending the sessions and mileage costs for drivers. Continental breakfasts and lunch will be provided.