MAA AMC Student Guide

How to Register for the MAA AMC and Use the AMC Student Portal

About This Guide

This guide is for **students** taking part in the MAA American Mathematics Competitions (MAA AMC) in the United States and Canada: the AMC 8, AMC 10, and AMC 12. It is also for their **parents and guardians**. *Students participating in the AMC International program may contact their relevant International Group Leader for instructions and guidance.*

This guide walks you through registering for a competition (Part 1) and using the AMC Student Portal, including taking the competition digitally (Part 2).

To participate, you must find a site that is already registered with the MAA to offer the MAA AMC (your school, or a nearby university or learning center), or request a teacher to register your school. Your competition will be run by a **Competition Manager (CM)**, usually a teacher or program leader at the competition site. Your CM sends you the student registration link, approves your registration, and runs Competition Day.

Student registration usually occurs September through early November (for the AMC 10 and AMC 12), and through early January for the AMC 8.

Part 1: Registering for a Competition

Before You Register: Eligibility & Key Rules

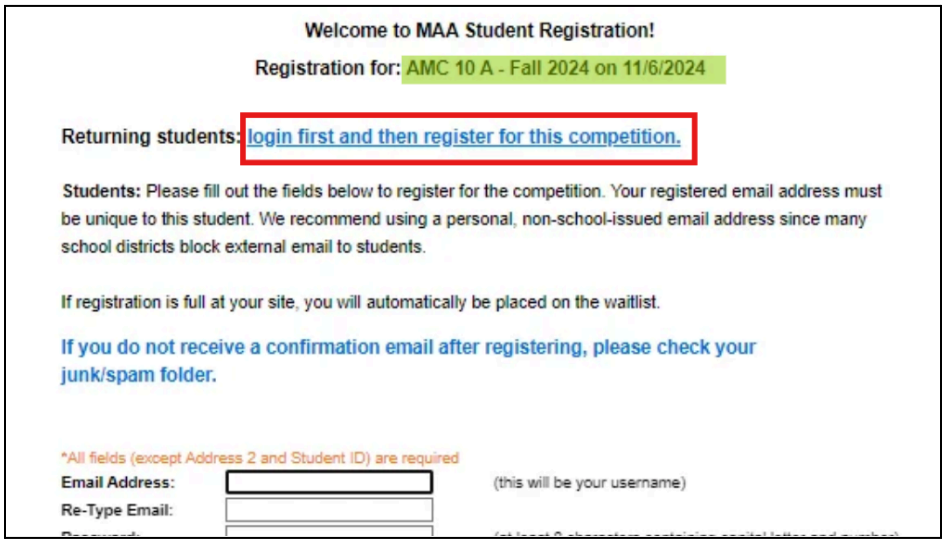
Competition	You may participate if you are…
AMC 8	In grade 8 or below, and under 15.5 years of age on the day of the competition.
AMC 10	In grade 10 or below, and under 17.5 years of age on the day of the competition.
AMC 12	In grade 12 or below, and under 19.5 years of age on the day of the competition.

- **AMC 8, AMC 10, and AMC 12** students must be enrolled full-time in a school, located in the U.S. or Canada, that is authorized to provide primary or secondary education by the relevant governmental or educational authority in the jurisdiction where the school is located. Students must also be physically attending school in the US (including U.S. territories and DoDEA schools) or Canada.
- **AMC 10 & AMC 12:** You can take only ONE of these competitions on each Competition Day. For example, you can take either the AMC 10A or the AMC 12A, but not both.
- **AMC 8:** Students may only take the AMC 8 once during Competition Week. Check whether your school is hosting it before registering at another location. Scores will be canceled for students who take the AMC 8 twice in the same year.

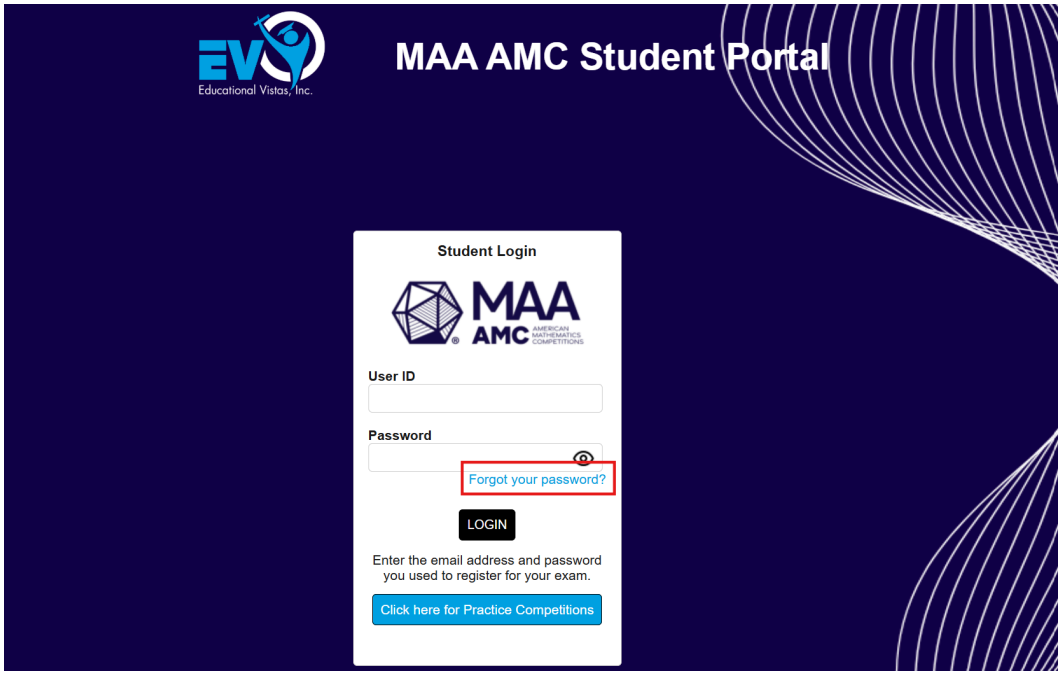
Step 1: Open the Registration Form

Your CM will send you a registration link. It should open to a student registration page with the correct competition listed at the top.

If it doesn't look like the image below, or does not have the relevant competition listed, it is not the correct link, and you should ask your CM for the right one.



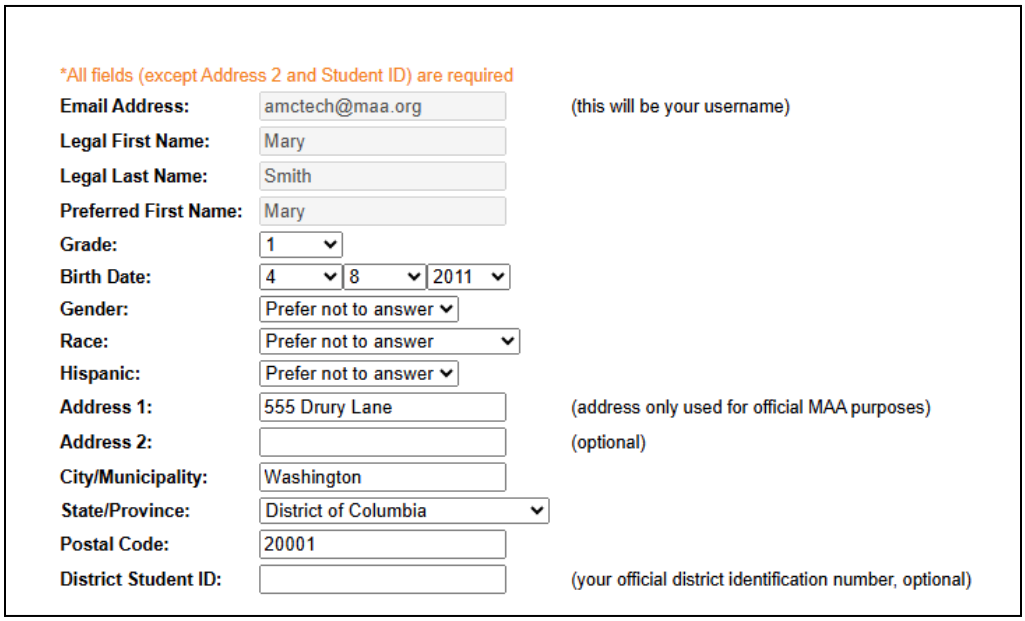
Returning students: if you have taken the MAA AMC before, log in to your existing account using the link at the top of the page. **Do NOT create a new account**. You will be redirected to the AMC Student Portal login page. Log in with the email address (User ID) and password from the account you created when you first registered.



- Forgot your password? Click “Forgot your password?” on the login page.
- If the password reset email is blocked by your school's email system, or you can't remember which email address you used, ask your CM, who can reset your password and check your email address from their registration page on last cycle's portal.

Step 2: Complete the Registration Form

Returning Students: After you log in, you'll be redirected back to the registration page with your existing profile details filled in. You cannot directly edit your email address or name, but your CM can after you register. Make any other needed edits, including updating your grade.



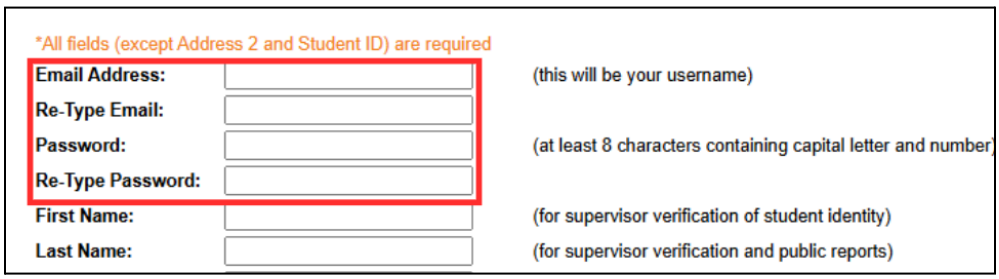
New Students: You will be creating your account on the AMC Student Portal and registering for the competition at the same time when you complete this form. Please follow these steps:

1) Create your account credentials. The email address you choose becomes your User ID.

- Non-school email addresses are preferable, since many school districts block outside email.
- You may use a parent's email address.

Create a password you will remember. Record your User ID and password in a secure place.

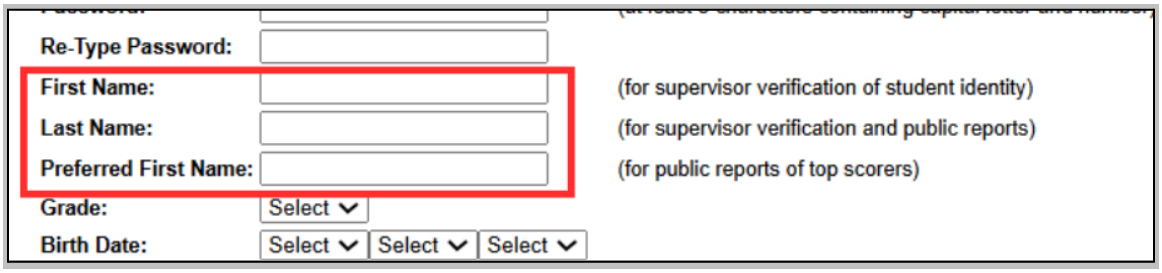
Write your email address and password in a secure place, and bring this information with you on Competition Day if you are taking the competition digitally.



2) Fill in YOUR name (not a parent's name).

- Type your legal first name/given name in the first box.
- Type your last name/family name in the second box.
- If you have a preferred name different from your legal name, type it in the third box. Otherwise, type your first name/given name again.

What you put in the "Preferred First Name" field is what will automatically appear on your answer sheet, the registration list, and elsewhere.

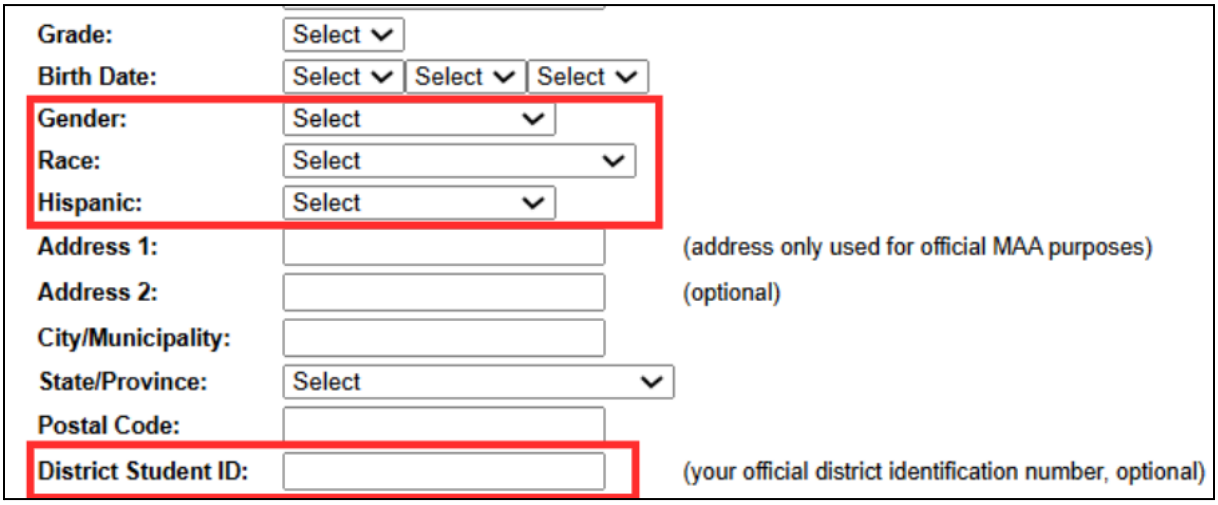


3) Fill in the remaining fields

All fields except for "Address 2" and "District Student ID" are required to be completed for the AMC 10/AMC 12. Address fields besides postal code are not requested for the AMC 8.

Demographic questions: Select the relevant options that describe you, or choose the "Prefer not to answer" option if you do not wish to share this information.

District Student ID: Enter your local school district ID number ONLY if your CM asks you to. Otherwise, leave it blank.



Step 3: Answer the Consent Questions and Submit

Have your parent or guardian review and complete all of the consent questions before you finish registering.

- Only AMC 12 students who are 18 or older may answer the consent questions themselves.
- All students under 18 who select the "I am the student" option will be recorded as "no consent."

With permission, the MAA provides regional and national recognition for student awardees in the American Mathematics Competitions (including AMC, AIME, USAMO/USAJMO, MOP and international teams). Consenting gives the MAA permission to include your name and school affiliation (including state/country) in publications, including on the MAA's website, if you qualify for recognition in the program. Your score will not be affected if you do not opt-in.

- ○ I am the student named above, am at least 18 years of age, and I consent to have my name included in publications recognizing achievement.
- ○ I am the parent or legal guardian of the student named above and I consent to have their name included in publications recognizing achievement.
- ○ Do not publish this student's name in publications recognizing achievement.

With permission, the MAA sends communications to students who participate in the American Mathematical Competitions (including AMC, AIME, USAMO/USAJMO, MOP and international teams) with information from third parties, including marketing information or invitations to be contacted directly by educational institutions, organizations, donors and sponsors, and others who we deem to have a legitimate interest for recruitment, academic or other career and education-related purposes. Students who opt out may not be eligible for awards sponsored by third parties. Your score will not be affected if you do not opt-in.

- ○ I am the student named above, am at least 18 years of age, and I consent to receive communications from the MAA as described.
- ○ I am the parent or legal guardian of the student named above and I consent to allowing the MAA to send communications as described.
- ○ Do not send communications to this student that are not directly related to participation in the competitions..

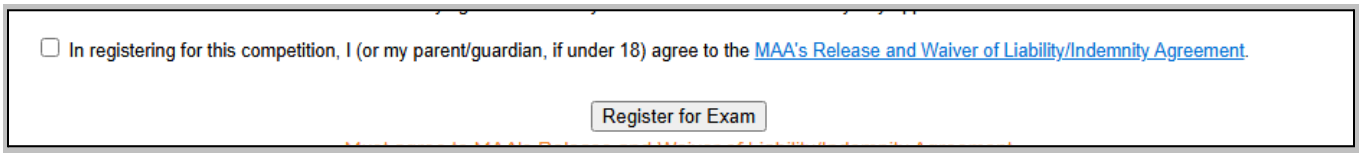
With permission, the MAA shares names and contact information of students who participate in the American Mathematical Competitions (including AMC, AIME, and USAMO/USAJMO, MOP and international teams) with educational institutions, organizations, donors and sponsors, and others who we deem to have a legitimate interest in this information for recruitment, academic or other career and education-related purposes.
Any of the information provided may be shared including names, email addresses, school name and address, demographic information (gender/race/ethnicity/age/grade level), mailing addresses, competitions in which the student participated, scores, and information about the student's score (such as whether it fell in a certain range).
Consenting gives the MAA permission to release your information to third party organizations as described above. Students who opt out may not be eligible for awards sponsored by third parties. Your score will not be affected if you do not opt-in.

- ○ I am the student named above, am at least 18 years of age, and I consent to have my information shared as described.
- ○ I am the parent or legal guardian of the student named above and I consent to have their information shared as described.
- ○ Do not share this student's information.

With permission, the MAA retains student scores with the student's identifying information for up to 5 years after the end of the competition cycle. Consenting gives the MAA permission to retain these scores and information for 5 years. Otherwise, scores will be de-identified and/or deleted according to applicable laws.

- ○ I am the student named above, am at least 18 years of age, and I consent to have my scores and identifying information retained as described above.
- ○ I am the parent or legal guardian of the student named above and I consent to have their scores and identifying information retained as described above.
- ○ Do not retain this student's scores with identifying information beyond the timeframe indicated by any applicable laws.

Before registering, you (if 18 and older) or your parent/guardian must also agree to the MAA's Release and Waiver of Liability/Indemnity Agreement.



☐ In registering for this competition, I (or my parent/guardian, if under 18) agree to the MAA's Release and Waiver of Liability/Indemnity Agreement.

Register for Exam

Don't forget to click the "Register for Exam" button at the end. Your registration is not submitted until you do.

Step 4: Confirmation

After submitting, you'll be redirected to your AMC profile page. Your competition should appear under "Competitions Pending Approval." Once your CM approves you on their registration page, it will move to "Competitions Available in the Future."

If you have questions about whether your registration went through, or when it will stop showing as pending, contact your CM.

Part 2: Using the AMC Student Portal

The AMC Student Portal is where you manage your MAA AMC account and take the competition digitally. Log in at: https://maa.edvistas.com/datamate/studentlogin.aspx

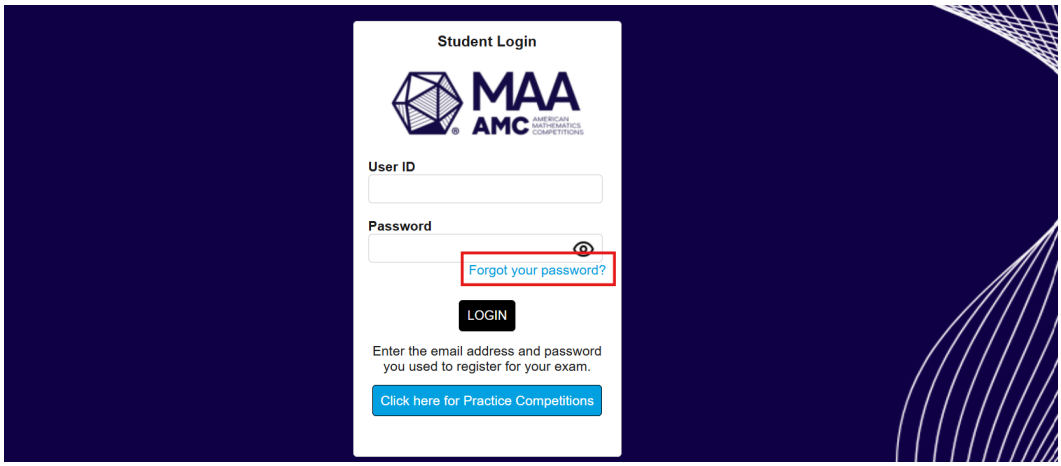
In the AMC Student Portal, you can:

- See your registration status for each competition.
- Update some of your profile information and consent answers after registering.
- View your past scores, beginning with the 2022–23 MAA AMC cycle.
- Take practice competitions in the digital format.
- Take the MAA AMC digitally under your CM's supervision.

Logging In

Log in using the email address (User ID) and password for the account you created when you first registered.

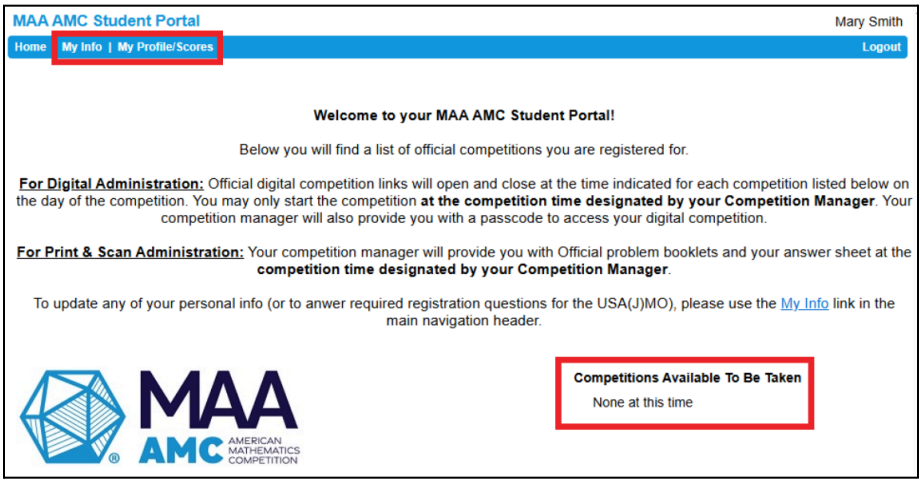
- Can't remember your password? Click "Forgot your password?"
- If the reset email is blocked by your school's email system, or you can't remember which email you used, ask your CM to reset your password and check your email address from their registration page.



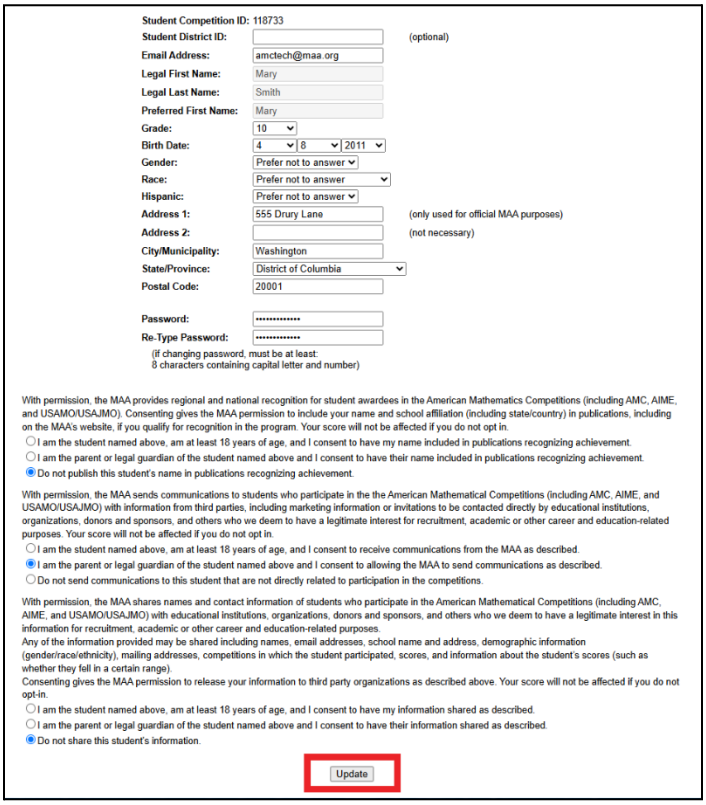
Finding Your Way Around

On the home page of the AMC Student Portal:

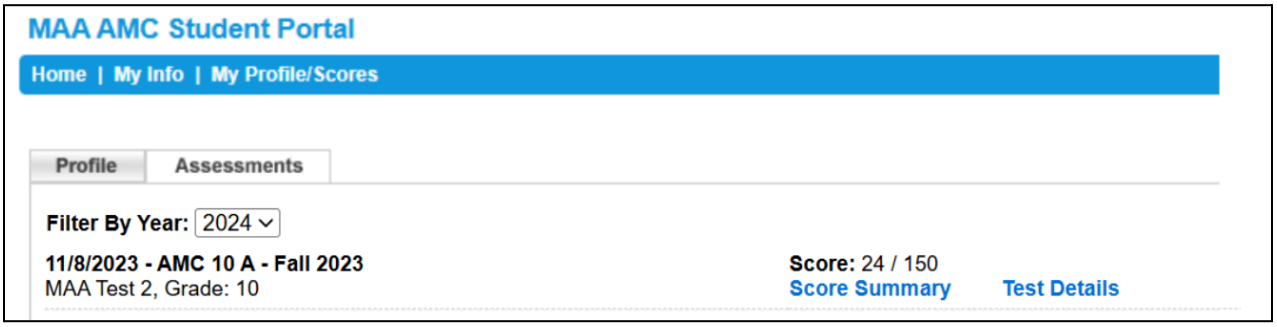
- Click **"My Info"** to edit profile information or change permissions.
- Click **"My Profile/Scores"** to see your past MAA AMC scores.
- The link to the digital competition you are registered in appears when it becomes available on Competition Day. Your registration status for each competition also appears on this page.



My Info: On this page, you can edit any profile information or permissions that need updating, except your name, which a CM must edit. Don't forget to click the "Update" button at the bottom.



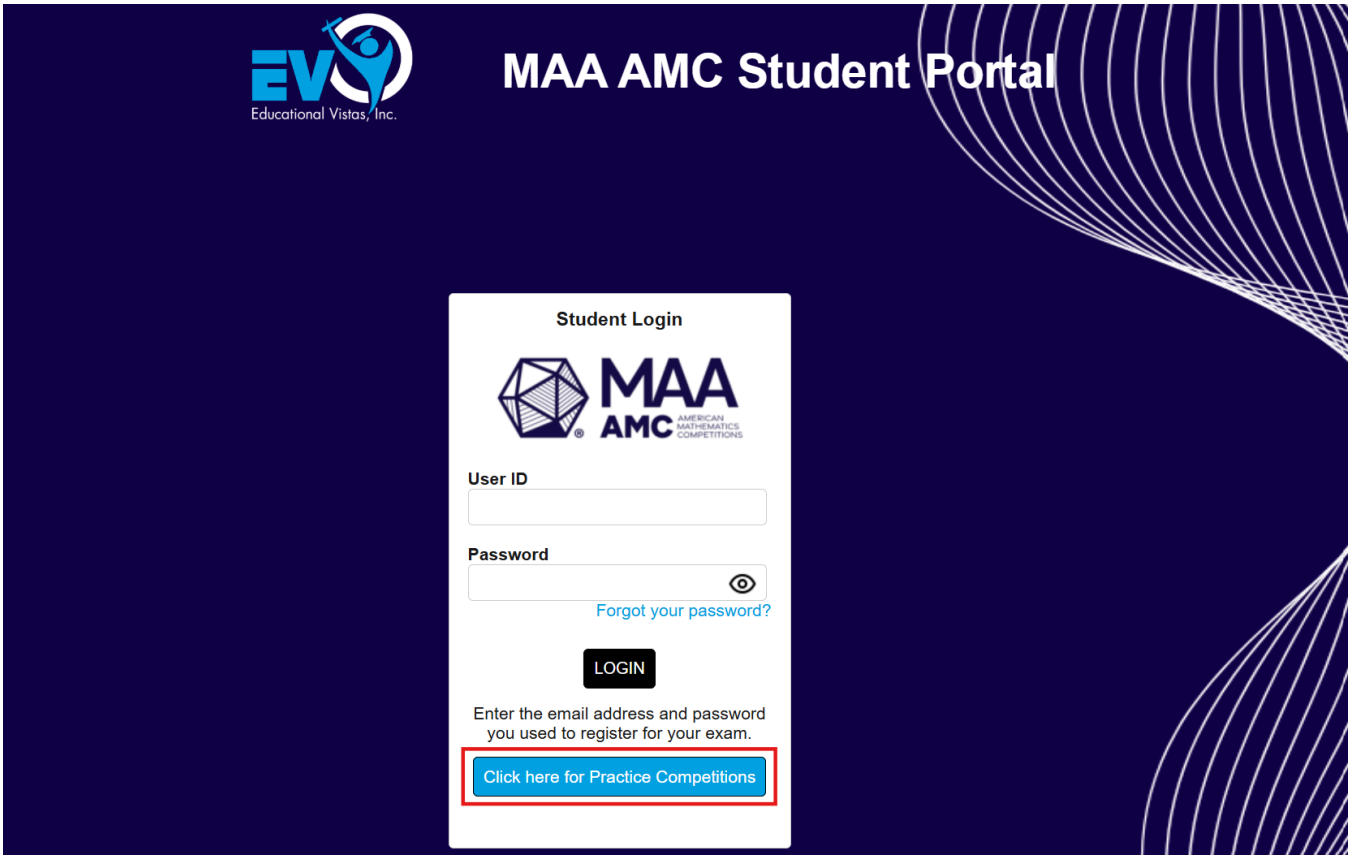
My Profile/Scores: Click the "Assessments" tab to see scores. Use the "Filter By Year" drop-down to see scores from previous cycles. Each year listed is the ending year of an MAA AMC cycle. For example, for Fall 2023 scores, select "2024." Click "Score Summary" to see your full score report showing which questions you got correct, and "Test Details" (if applicable) to see the test questions.

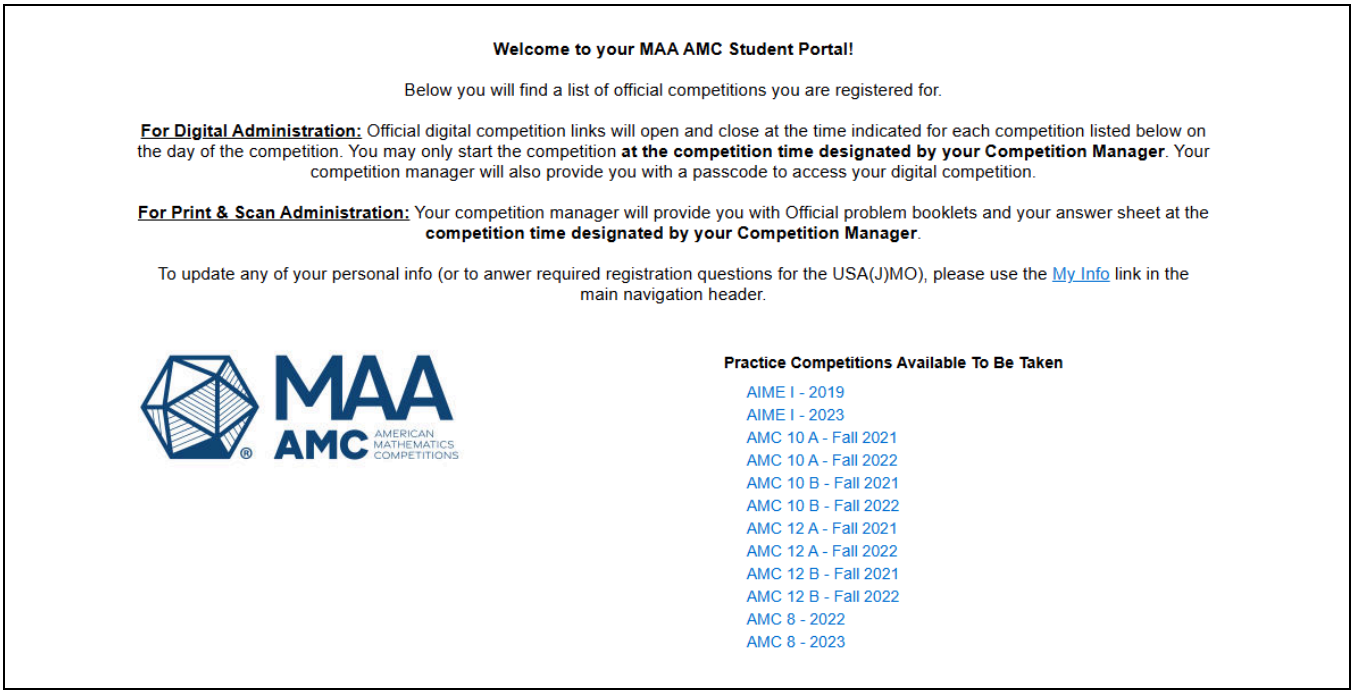


Try a Practice Competition First

We strongly encourage you to try a digital practice competition before Competition Day. It's the best way to get comfortable with the layout and tools, and to confirm your device, browser, and internet connection all work.

Log out of your account. On the AMC Student Portal login page, click the "Click here for Practice Competitions" button under the Login section, then choose a practice competition.





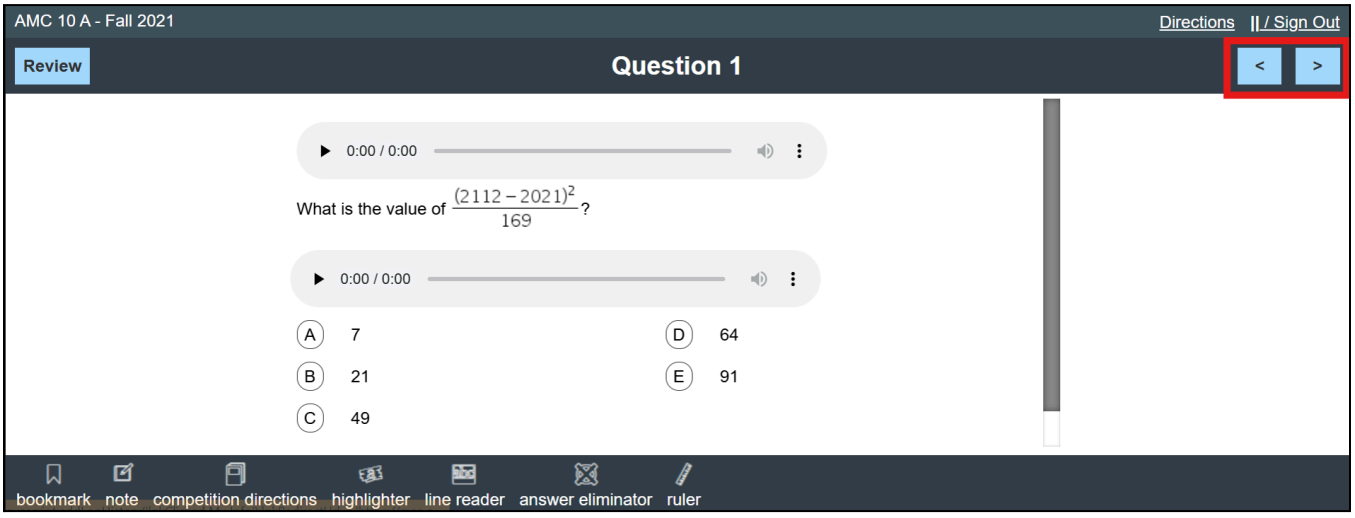
If you run into technical trouble with a practice competition, email amctech@maa.org.

Taking the Competition: Navigation

Familiarize yourself with the buttons and tools of the digital competition in advance of Competition Day.

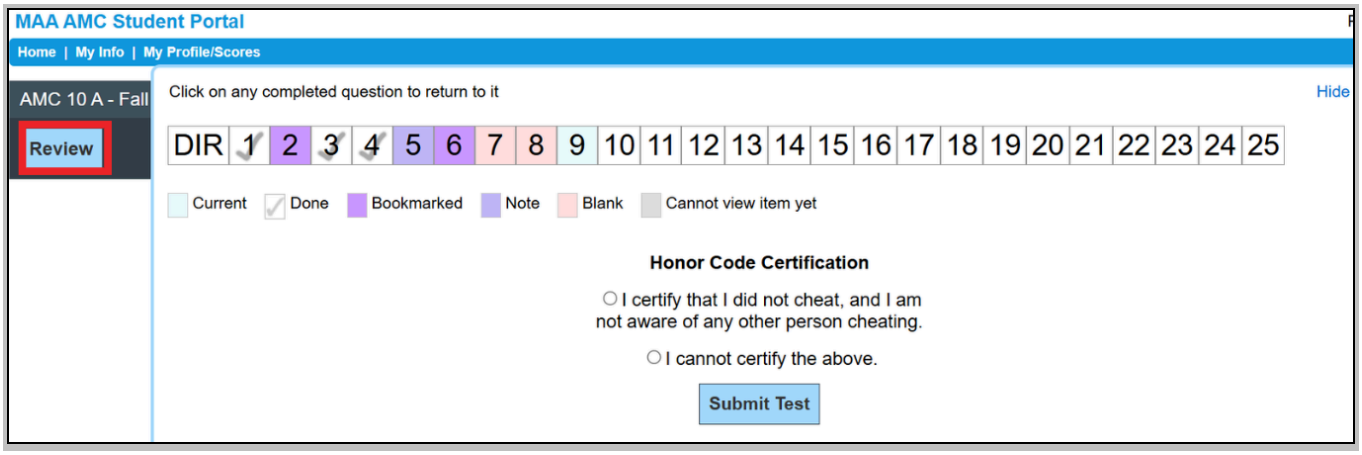
1) Moving between questions and submitting your work

Use the arrows (upper right corner) to move forward or back one problem at a time.



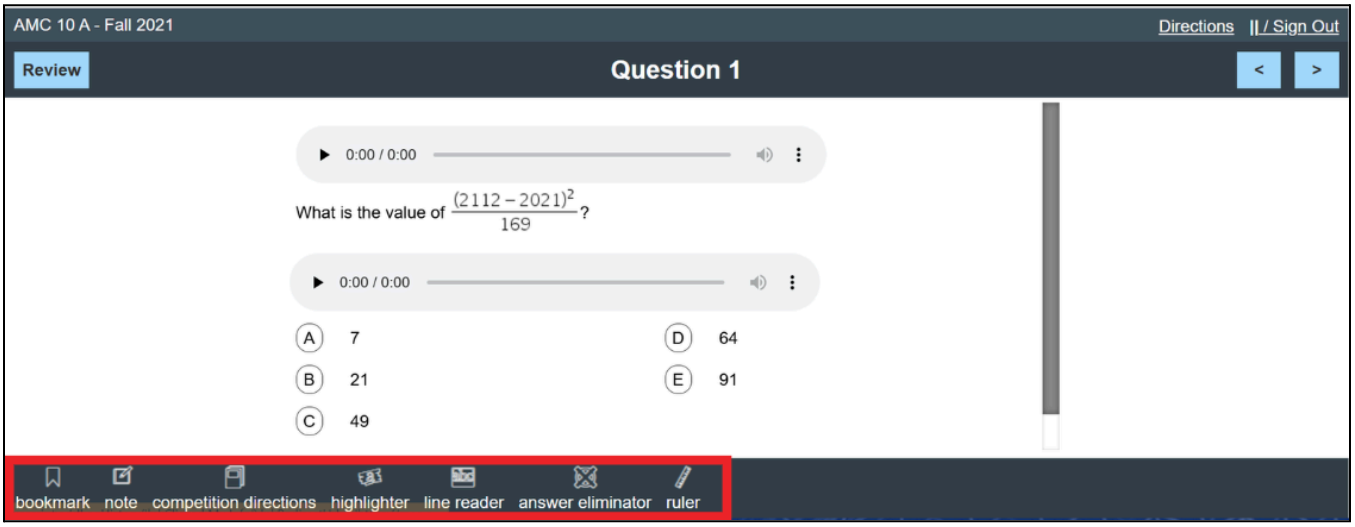
Click the "Review" button (upper left corner) to move between all problems and submit your competition.

- You can see which problems you have completed, left blank, or bookmarked for later. Click on any number to go to that problem.
- When it is time to submit your work, select an answer for the Honor Code Certification and then the "Submit Test" button.



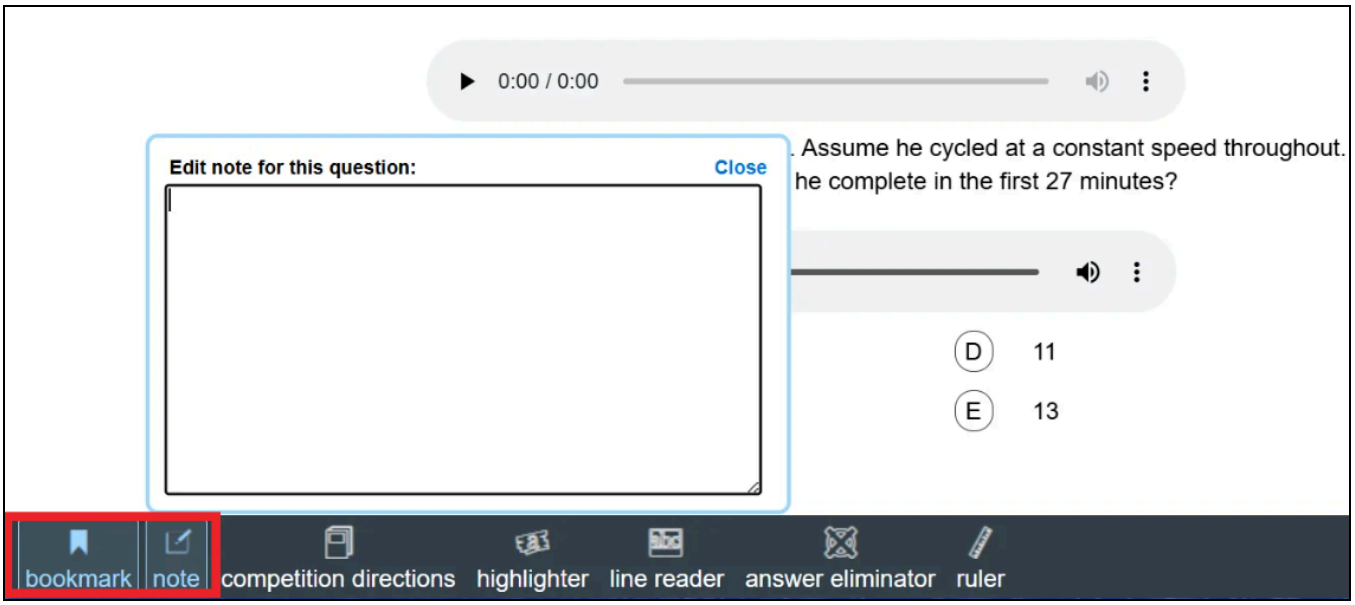
2) Using the digital competition tools

The menu at the bottom of the screen has tools for marking up problems and taking notes, plus a link back to the directions for taking the competition. Directions for using the digital platform are linked in the upper right corner.

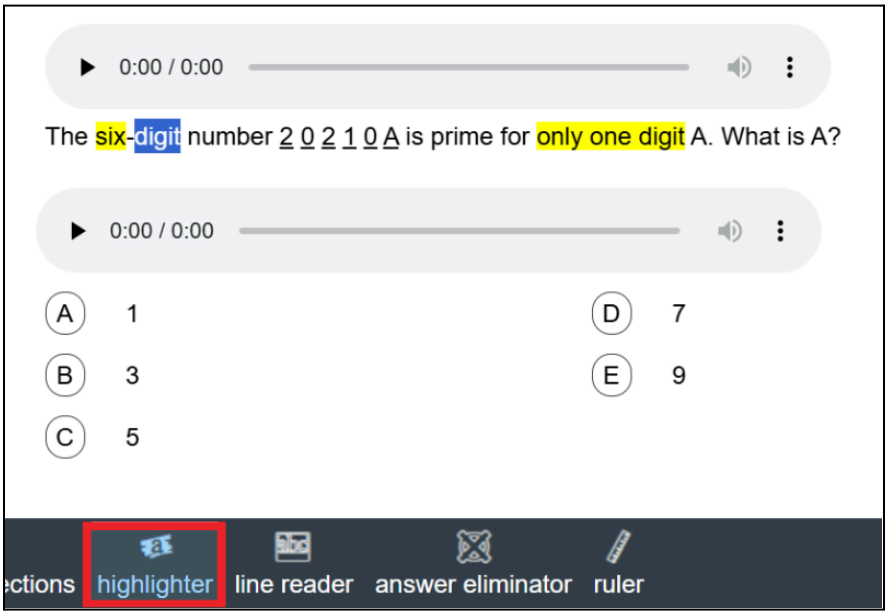


Bookmark: Press this button to mark a question you want to return to at a later time. Anything you've bookmarked can be seen from the review screen.

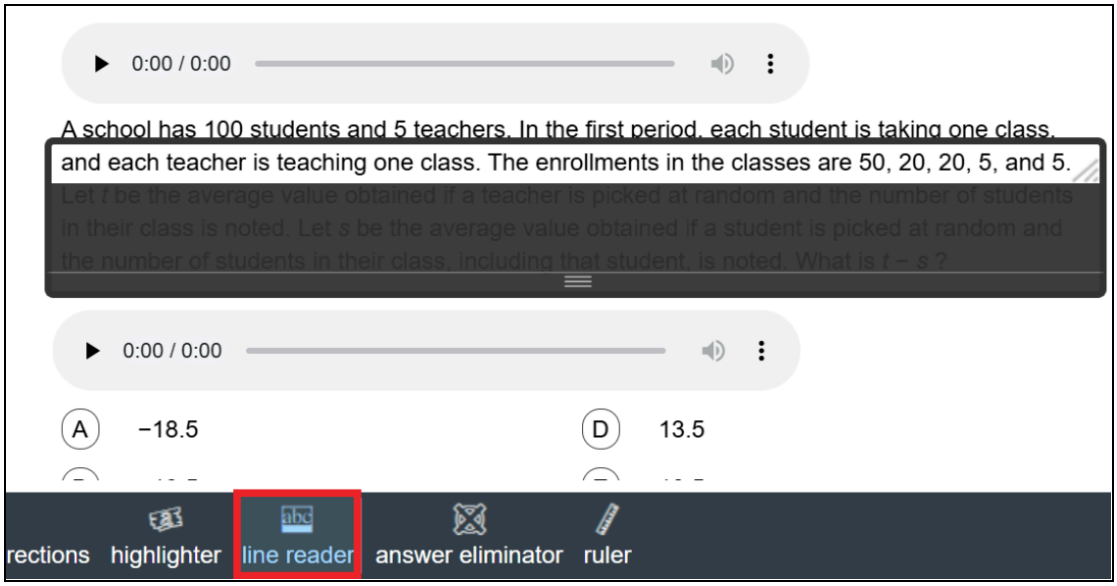
Note: Press this button to open an area where you can leave yourself a note to review later.



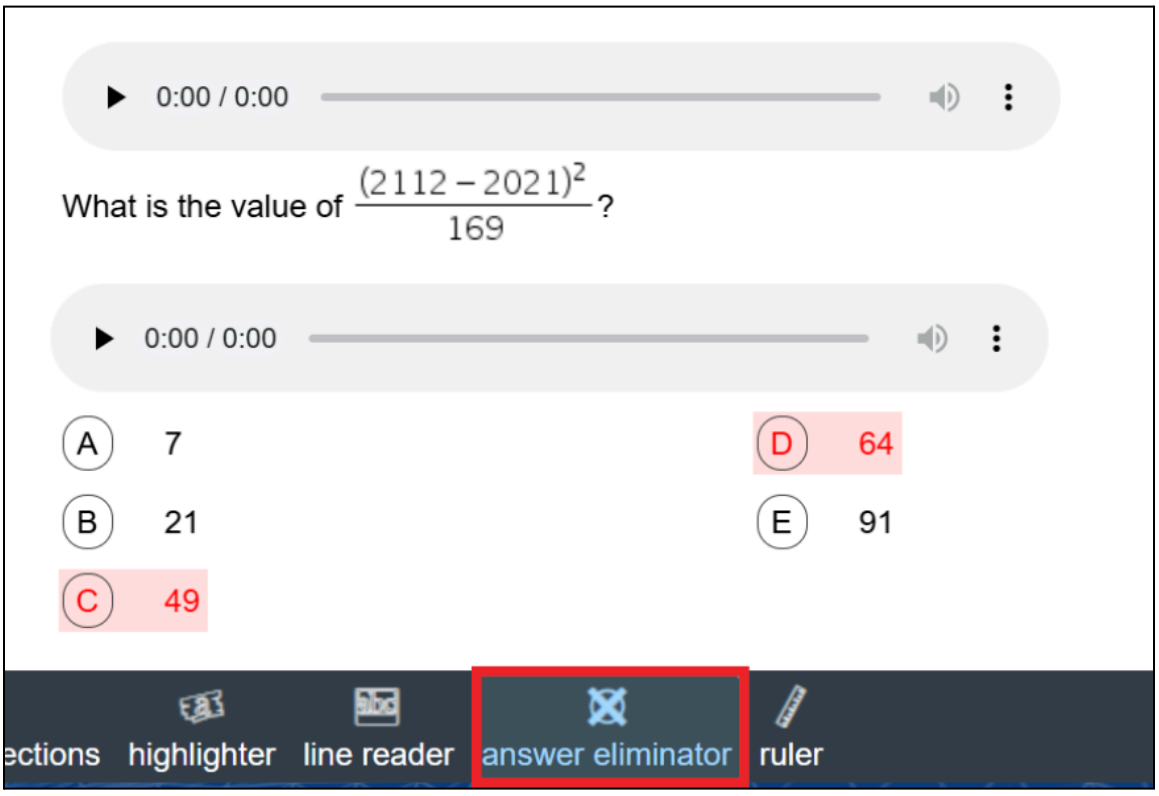
Highlighter: This tool can be used to highlight part of your test for emphasis. Clear highlights by clicking on them again with the tool active.



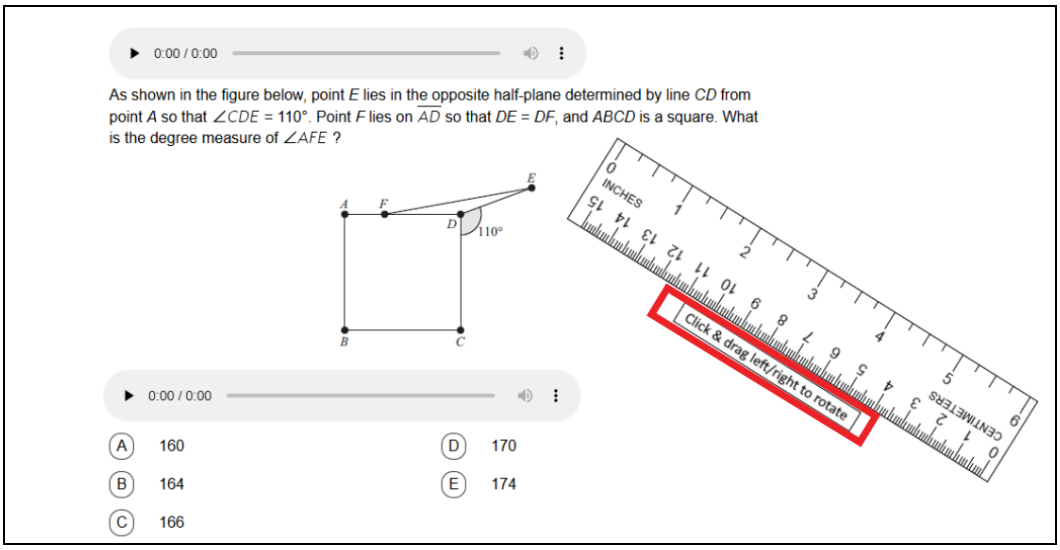
Line Reader: Use this to view one line at a time.



Answer Eliminator: Use this tool to mark answers you think are incorrect. Click the button in the menu, then click the answers you have ruled out.



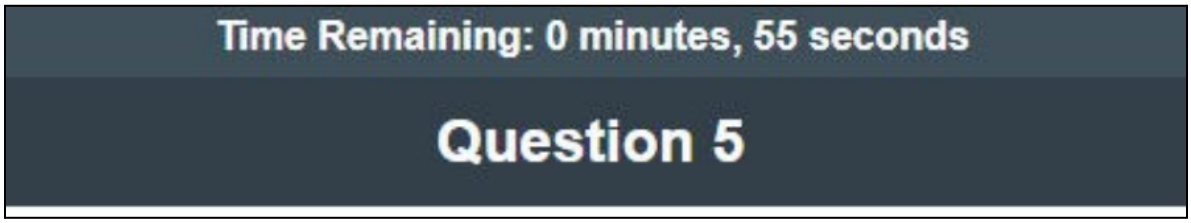
Ruler: Open the ruler to measure items on your test. Click on the box in order to rotate the ruler. Click on the ruler itself to drag it around the page.



The Timer: An Important Difference

You'll see a countdown clock at the top of the official competition. How it behaves depends on which competition you're taking:

- **AMC 10 and AMC 12:** The clock is a real timer. It forces you to submit your work when the 75 minutes are up.
- **AMC 8:** The clock is a reference only. Your CM will time the 40 minutes independently and announce when time is up and you must submit.



Troubleshooting Issues on Competition Day

Here are some tips for how to quickly resolve issues that may arise while taking the competition digitally:

- You don't see the competition available when you log into the AMC Student Portal.
  - Ask your Competition Manager to check their registration list and tell you which email address you are registered under. You might have accidentally made multiple accounts and are logging into the wrong one. (Once the competition is over, contact amctech@maa.org to get your two accounts combined).
- You can't remember your password and are not receiving the reset email.
  - Ask your Competition Manager to reset your password from their registration list and tell you the temporary password they made.
- Your screen freezes.
  - Refresh the page or log out and log back in again. It should resume where you left off.

- You have lost a significant amount of time (over 5 minutes) due to screen freezing or any other technical issues.
    - Ask your Competition Manager to email amctech@maa.org ASAP, before the competition time is up. (Note: we will only respond to requests from Competition Managers).
- Your competition does not seem to be submitting when you press the button.
    - Your Competition Manager can email amctech@maa.org and we will force submit it for you.

After the Competition

Keep the problems to yourself for now. Problems and solutions must not be discussed in any online or public forum until the following times for each competition:

- AMC 10A or AMC 12A: 8:00 am ET Friday, November 6, 2026
- AMC 10B or AMC 12B: 8:00 am ET Tuesday, November 17, 2026
- AMC 8: 8:00 am ET Thursday, January 28, 2027

Sharing or discussing the problems early is a rules violation and will result in disqualification.

Your scores: Your CM will receive preliminary score reports first, according to the dates listed in the section above. For those who take the competition digitally, CMs can share scores the day they become available; for those who take the competition on paper, we ask CMs to wait to share them until scores are finalized a few weeks later. Once scores are all finalized, we will release them to the AMC Student Portal so you can view them yourself.

Questions?

Topic	Who to contact
Your registration(s), approval status, Competition Day logistics	Your Competition Manager
Technical issues on Competition Day (e.g., losing time because your screen freezes)	Your Competition Manager (who should then contact amctech@maa.org)
Technical issues with the portal or a practice digital competition	amctech@maa.org
General MAA AMC questions	amcinfo@maa.org