Mathematics Senior Primary Phase Results

Grades 4 – 7 • 2026 Olympiad

SA Olympiads, in conjunction with FEMSSISA, produced the Mathematics Olympiads for grades 4 – 7 in 2026. This report covers the Senior Primary Phase; the Foundation and high-school phases are reported separately.

An Olympiad asks a learner to do more than recall what has been taught. It sets unfamiliar problems in a familiar subject, and rewards the learner who reads carefully, reasons clearly and is willing to attempt a question whose method is not obvious.

That is a different skill from writing a school test, and it is one that grows with practice. Learners who sit Olympiads tend to approach their own examinations more confidently, because they have met questions that cannot be answered by memory alone. The habits it builds – structured reasoning, persistence, checking your own work – carry well beyond the subject itself.

Our thanks to every school that entered this year, and to the teachers who prepared learners and ran the sittings.

A. Overall Results

More than 111 100 learners and 1 010 schools participated in these Olympiads in 2026, making this one of the biggest Olympiads in South Africa. The total number which entered this phase was approximately 50 500 learners. Performance was consistent across the four grades, as it was in 2025. Grade 6 was the strongest, with 13% of learners achieving silver and 27% bronze, and the smallest participation band of the phase at 55%. Grade 4 and Grade 5 both lifted their gold share from 3% to 6%. Grade 7 was the one grade to fall back: its participation band rose from 52% in 2025 to 62%, and it is no longer the leading grade of the phase. At a high level there are key areas of development which need to be addressed. However, where your school has performed better than below, these educators must be applauded for their outstanding work.

A summary of the performance in terms of the gold, silver, bronze and participation categories is detailed below:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Participation
Grade 4	6%	7%	20%	67%
Grade 5	6%	10%	20%	64%
Grade 6	5%	13%	27%	55%
Grade 7	5%	9%	24%	62%
Overall	**5%**	**10%**	**23%**	**62%**

Table 1

B. Top Learners per Grade

The top 20 learners per grade are listed below, being the learners with the highest marks for that grade-specific Olympiad. Where several learners from one school placed in the leading positions, a maximum of three learners per school is listed, so that the table reflects the spread of performance across schools. These learners will receive medals and discounted fees on the digital courses at www.saolympiads.co.za, and those shaded in gold will receive cash prizes.

Grade 4

Position	Name	School
1	Michael Gibbs	Thomas More College
1	Ayaan Ismail	The Learning Legacy
2	Mpakwana Mila	St Martin’s Private School
3	Mehlomakulu Iminathi	Good Shepherd School
3	Andries Strauss	Laerskool Tygerpoort
4	Youvay Naidoo	St Stithians Boys' Prep
5	Ciaran Steyn	Capella House
5	Enzo Grauso	Capella House
5	Gabriella Woodward	Capella House
5	Hlaluminathi Mraji	Libode
5	Thapedi Maimela	Royal Mount Riverside
6	Nikraad Manouchehri	Blouberg International School
6	Leago Mooketsi	Curro Mahikeng
6	Shaurya Sahoo	Pinnacle College Waterfall
7	Mabitla Kgahliso	Cum Laude
7	Nobanda Esethu	Curro Douglasdale
7	Saranya Pillay	Epworth Preparatory
7	Jana du Toit	Hoërskool Hopetown
7	Nsovo Pearl Nukeri	Royal Mount Riverside
7	Bhani Inathi	Zamilizwe

Grade 5

Position	Name	School
1	Miesha Iqbal	Crawford International Sandton
2	Lathan Smit	Drakensberg PS
2	Yogendra Sudhasen Deonath	Pinnacle College Linden
3	Rachel Letago Gororo	Independent Candidate
3	Schalk Van Der Westhuyzen	Laerskool Tygerpoort
4	Jeevith Sathya	Morning Star Montessori
4	Yash Munien	Northdene Preparatory School
4	Swelihle Alwande Mthethwa	Phoenix Heights Primary
4	Zoe Maria Banks	SBCS
4	Xozwa Liwa	St Martin’s Private School
5	Mduli Avethandwa	Good Shepherd School
6	Linshuang Dong	Eduplex
6	Edwin Strydom	Jacobsdal PS
6	Wanran Zheng	Woodhill College
7	Nuoheng Chen	Capella House
7	Sihe Mngomezulu	Curro Pretoria
7	Hunter Fannin	Howick Prep
7	Iyana Mjali	Libode
7	Luke Du Toit	St Stithians Boys' Prep
7	Max Muir	Umhlali Preparatory School

Grade 6

Position	Name	School
1	Nikhira Roy Govender	Curro Vanderbijlpark
2	Juan Van Huyssteen	Laerskool Tygerpoort
2	Aleiyah Wadia	The Learning Legacy
2	Ruhan Chanderdhev	Valbonne College
3	Marno Liebenberg	Laerskool Tygerpoort
3	Mianique Van Staden	Laerskool Tygerpoort
3	Shu Wang	Northwest Christian School
3	Arthur Kurebwa	St Stithians Boys' Prep
3	Abdul Hamid Laher	The Learning Legacy
3	Tasmiyah Sayed	The Learning Legacy
4	Savannah Harding	Beaulieu Preparatory School
4	Corben Miljak	Curro Aurora
4	Beemsen Sohalia	Curro Douglasdale
4	Cassandra Bleeker	Epworth Preparatory
4	Ambesiwe Zimela	Libode
4	Rozália Zoé Munsamy	Maidstone PS
4	Asonele Mthethwa	Phoenix Heights Primary
4	Jeevesh Subroyen	Pinnacle College Linden
4	Prabhav Soobramany	Pinnacle College Waterfall
4	Olivia Pomario	Valbonne College

Grade 7

Position	Name	School
1	Yikai Yan	St Stithians Boys' Prep
2	Selani Linomusa	Curro Douglasdale
2	Danicia Coetzee	Drakensberg PS
2	Sune-Mari Scheepers	Drakensberg PS
2	Siphahlanga Okuhle	Good Shepherd School
2	Fahima Zondi	Hillbrow PS
2	Donovan Freemantle	Northwest Christian School
2	Londisizwe Letswalo	Royal Mount Cosmo
2	Bebeza Siposethu	St Martin's Private School
2	Harinaksi Bevarah	Teneo
2	Cuan Ten Bokum	Umhlali Preparatory School
3	Mahi Rajpaul	Beaulieu Preparatory School
3	Tiaan Laatz	Drakensberg PS
3	Rachel Merryweather	Epworth Preparatory
3	Zian Vorster	Glenwood House
3	Michael Ade	Howick Prep
3	Daksh Agarwal	St Johns Preparatory School
3	Nivesh Bhatia	Southdowns College
3	Alunamda Zimela	Kidlands PS
3	Lolwethu Ngwenze	Kidlands PS

C. Concluding Remarks

An Olympiad exists to find the learners who think well under an unfamiliar question, and to give schools a measure of where their learners stand against the country rather than against one another.

The performance in the 2026 Olympiads has shown encouraging results, with gold and silver gradings holding or improving in three of the four grades. Schools should not be disappointed if the results did not meet their expectations. They should rather see this as an opportunity to improve learners in the gaps identified, particularly in Grade 7.

The learners listed above will write the National VIAMC Round, to be written online on 31 October 2026. The best learners will qualify for the international round in March 2027, held in Vietnam, and for the South African International Mathematics Olympiad in August 2027.

Past papers and guides are available on **www.saolympiads.co.za** which should help you prepare for the Olympiads.

Digital courses for learners are now available on **www.saolympiads.co.za** as well, provided by our partner the Virtual School of Africa.

D. Important Dates to Diarise

Registration:	Open now at saolympiads.co.za
2026 prices held until:	31 March 2027
Written – 3-term schools:	Last school week before Term 2 closes
Written – 4-term schools:	August 2027, on the published subject dates
National VIAMC round:	31 October 2026, written online
International round, Vietnam:	March 2027
SA International Maths Olympiad:	August 2027

Register and pay before 31 March 2027 to hold 2026 prices – from R35 per learner per subject; every price rises by R5 from 1 April 2027. Papers are emailed to your school one week before the write date.