

Spring Branch Independent School District

Agenda Item Information

Date of Board Meeting: September 28, 2026

Subject: Recognition of National Math Stars Students

Administrator Responsible:

Name: Linda Buchman

Position: Associate Superintendent for Communications and Community Engagement

Purpose of Agenda Item: Special Presentation

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR BACK-UP:

We are pleased to recognize Valley Oaks Elementary School and Spring Branch Academic Institute students who were selected by National Math Stars (NMS) as exceptional Texas students to take part in its core program. NMS supports high-performing math students beginning in elementary school.

Launched in 2023, NMS identifies mathematically extraordinary second- and third-graders and provides long-term, individualized support to help them maximize their talents. Applicants complete a multi-stage evaluation process that assesses each student's mathematical aptitude, eagerness for deeper STEM exploration, and the program's potential impact on their trajectory.

These students were selected for demonstrating 1-in-1,000 talent and aptitude for math from a pool of nearly 9,000 applicants from around the country. As a National Math Star, these students will receive 10 years of support, including advanced math learning opportunities, mentorship and guidance, financial support, STEM enrichment experiences, and more

Congratulations to these students:

Tobin Yen, Valley Oaks Elementary School
Sian Gao, Spring Branch Academic Institute
Owen T Cui, Spring Branch Academic Institute
Dax Patel, Spring Branch Academic Institute
Ella Zhang, Spring Branch Academic Institute
Emily Zhang, Spring Branch Academic Institute