



# Ascend Math News May 2016

## GOLD MEDAL EDITION

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June 29 - July 1  
San Francisco, CA  
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### Gold Medal Math Problem



Share this one with students to help them remember the order of operations.

$$2X^2+2X^2+2-2X^2 =$$

*See answer at bottom of newsletter*

### Gold Medal Tip



This month's Tip of the Month comes from educators at Desert Edge High School in AZ. High school students at this Gold Medal school are required to pass at least two post assessments weekly in order to obtain an A for the week in Ascend. Previously, they were graded on time spent in Ascend. This did not incentivize students to progress as much as they wanted, so they switched to this model, which has proved very successful.

Do you have a Tip of the Month? Send it to [support@ascendmath.com](mailto:support@ascendmath.com)

### Announcing the 2016 Gold Medal Schools



The Gold Medal Honor Roll for 2016 is now live on the Ascend Math website. Viewing the details from the 17 award winning schools featured here may give you some ideas of your own for next year. [http://ascendmath.com/gold\\_2016.html](http://ascendmath.com/gold_2016.html)

## Partner Feature School of the Month



The partner feature school for May is one of our 2016 Gold Medal Leaders. Congratulations to Fair Park High School in Shreveport, LA. At the start of this year, math scores at Fair Park were scattered across the board with a significant number of ninth and tenth grade students scoring in the third and fourth grade ability level.

Working with Ascend Math students improved from the third grade to the seventh grade level in just 6 weeks. Students taking the PLAN (pre ACT) test improved from a 10.28 average on the EXPLORE test to a 12.85 average on the PLAN test. Another full year of Ascend Math would put most (if not all) of our students on grade level, reports teacher Theda Fielding.



## Current Blog Posts



- [2016 Gold Medal Honors 17 Exceptional Schools](#)
- [NY Times article discusses engagement and gamification](#)
- [Celebrate Earth Day with these Fun Math Problems](#)
- [Prepare for Earth Day with these math problems](#)



## Answer to Gold Medal Math Problem



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