

# CHAPTER PURPOSE

The purpose of the Mu Alpha Theta Chapter is to inspire a keen interest in mathematics, to develop strong scholarship in mathematics, and to promote the enjoyment of mathematics among high school students.



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## Qualifications

Students must complete at least three (3) mathematics courses, each grade being at least 85%, and have earned an average of at least 90% in all the mathematics courses that they have completed.

## Benefits

- Student scholars are recognized by the schools
- The school encourages students who enjoy and excel in mathematics.
- Students get the opportunity to participate in the mathematics-related national conventions and interact with others from across the United States.
- Students can receive scholarships and grants by the National Chapter.

## Mu Alpha Theta History

The Mu Alpha Theta National High School was founded in 1957 by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Andree at the University of Oklahoma. In his words, Mu Alpha Theta is "an organization dedicated to promoting scholarship in mathematics and establishing mathematics as an integral part of high school and junior college education." The name Mu Alpha Theta was constructed from the Greek lettering for the phonemes m, a, and th. In June 2015, Mu Alpha Theta served over 108,000 student members in over 2,200 chapters in the United States and in 20 foreign countries.

The St. Croix Educational Complex High School Chapter of the Mu Alpha Theta National Mathematics Honor Society was initiated in March 2014. The First Annual Induction Ceremony was held on Wednesday, April 23rd, 2014, where 33 students were inducted. The chapter currently has 20 members.

## Chapter Goals

- To stimulate enthusiasm and a love for mathematics
- To introduce important mathematical concepts
- To teach major strategies for problem-solving
- To develop mathematical flexibility in solving problems
- To strengthen mathematical intuition
- To foster mathematical creativity and ingenuity
- To provide for the satisfaction, joy, and thrill of meeting challenges