

Math Madness Bracket Challenge

Help your students put their math skills to the test in a fun, head-to-head competition—just like a basketball bracket! Over 4 weeks, students will work through 8 skills, competing against themselves to find their strongest skill or the toughest one to master.



HOW IT WORKS

1 Choose 8 Skills

Students select 8 skills from their **Student Roadmap** or your **Assigned Skills List**. They write them in the spaces provided on the bracket.

2 Face-off each week

Each week, students **practice two skills** and compare them. They rate each skill using two scores:

- **Mastery Level (1-5)**
How well did they learn the skill?
- **Effort Required (1-5)**
How hard was it to learn?

The skill with the higher total score moves to the next round! If there's a tie, the skill that was the most fun to learn moves forward.

3 The Final Showdown!

By Week 4, students will have **one champion skill**—either their strongest skill or the hardest one to master. Encourage students to **reflect on their progress** and set goals for continued improvement.

HOW TO ENTER

- Students complete their bracket by **March 31**
- Take a picture of each completed bracket (with the student is even better if you have permission for us to share) and **email it to support4roadmaps@teachtoone.org by April 4**
- **10 winners** across Teach to One Roadmaps users will be randomly **drawn on April 7!**

SCORING GUIDE

Mastery Level (1-5)

How well do you know the skill?

- 5 I've completely mastered it (100%)!
- 4 I'm really good at it!
- 3 Took me two tries, but I got it!
- 2 Watched the video and practiced before passing.
- 1 Got it on the first try—easy!

Effort Required (1-5)

How hard was it to learn?

- 5 I needed help from my teacher and lots of practice.
- 4 Used extra resources and tried twice or more.
- 3 Passed after two tries.
- 2 Just needed a video and some practice.
- 1 Got it on my first try!

IDEAS FOR SUPPORTING & MOTIVATING STUDENTS

Use the Bracket to Track Progress

- Print and display student brackets in the classroom or create a large classroom bracket to show student progress.
- Allow students to decorate their brackets for added motivation!

Build Excitement with Friendly Competition

- Encourage students to set personal goals.
- Offer classroom incentives (e.g., extra break time, stickers, or small prizes) for completing rounds.

Celebrate Every Student's Growth!

- Give out certificates of completion for finishing the challenge.
- Recognize effort and improvement alongside mastery.
- Have students reflect on their winning skill—why was it their strongest or hardest to master?

