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Ocean State Academy Captures Rhode Island State Championship

Cranston School Earns Top State Ranking in World's Biggest Math Competition, Then Competes Nationally

CRANSTON, R.I. (June 8, 2026) — Ocean State Academy (OSA), a private school for students with disabilities, is celebrating a remarkable achievement: a Rhode Island State Championship in the Prodigy State Challenge™, the world's largest math competition.

What makes the feat even more extraordinary is that 98% of OSA's elementary and middle school students took part — a school-wide show of commitment.

The Prodigy State Challenge is a free, game-based national math competition open to all U.S. schools using Prodigy Math, an interactive, curriculum-aligned online learning platform.

Running from September through May, the competition pits 1st- to 8th-grade students against peers across the country: every math question a student answers correctly — whether in class or at home — counts toward their school's monthly total. The school that answers the most questions correctly in a given month earns the title of State Champion for that month.

This past school year, more than 6 million students from nearly 78,000 schools nationwide participated, collectively answering hundreds of millions of math questions. Monthly state champions automatically qualify for the Prodigy National Cup™, the competition's grand finale held each May, where schools compete for technology grants valued at more than \$200,000.

Under the leadership of Academic Coordinator Djinia Itetia, OSA students entered the competition last September with a clear sense of purpose. Competing against more than 1,400 schools nationwide, students answered 7,374 questions correctly in that opening round — enough to claim the Rhode Island State Championship. That title also automatically secured OSA's berth in the Prodigy National Cup finals, which took place in May.

Building on that momentum through the spring National Cup, OSA students answered an outstanding 10,019 math questions correctly during the finale, competing against 1,400 other schools in its category.

OSA was successful here as well, ranking in the top 7.4% of competing schools and scoring better than 92.6% of the others.

“We are incredibly proud of our students for representing Ocean State Academy with excellence,” Itetia said. “This achievement reflects their hard work, determination, and commitment to learning. When students are motivated and engaged, there is no limit to what they can accomplish.”

What distinguishes OSA’s achievement is the breadth of participation. With 98% of students taking part, the competition became a true school-wide event — uniting classrooms, building school spirit, and transforming daily math practice into something students looked forward to. The Prodigy platform’s game-based format motivates students to strengthen critical-thinking and problem-solving skills through interactive, standards-aligned challenges, making practice feel less like homework and more like an adventure.

“OSA students answered a combined total of more than 17,000 questions correctly across both rounds of competition — a testament to the culture of perseverance and academic excellence that the entire OSA school community has cultivated,” said School Principal Robert Picard.

OSA is a Rhode Island State Department of Education–approved private special education school for K–12 students, ages 5–21. It serves students with a variety of needs, such as autism, emotional/behavioral disorders, and specific learning disabilities. Learn more at oceanstateacademy.com