

Vedic Math Academy to open centers in Greater Chicago

Chicago: Eighth graders in the US have been placed in an unenviable 15th place in the highly influential study 2003 TIMSS. While Far Eastern countries lead the pack, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Russia, and the Slovak Republic are ahead of the United States. Confirming this sad state of affairs the 2006 PISA study reveals that US 15-year olds dropped by 2 percent points to a rank of 32 among 57 countries with Azerbaijan, Russia, Czech Republic, the UK and Canada ahead of the US.

How long can the US, the richest country and the current world technology leader, be expected to stay competitive with sub-standard mathematics education? Vedic Math Academy (VMA), Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio, now offers a solution. From India, the land that invented Zero and Infinity (and much in between), VMA brings Vedic

Mathematics teaching to US children. VMA has designed two programs: SAT/ACT Prep using Vedic Math (Ages 13-17), and, Math Enrichment using Vedic Math (Ages 8-12). Programs will be offered in an intensive one weeklong or weekend workshop format during Summer 2008. A separate, semester (Fall/Spring)

format is also offered in the academic year, but during weekends. VMA currently has centers in Detroit Metro area (a joint project with Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh), and has opened an office in Algonquin to serve the Greater Chicago community.



Above: A file picture of students from Vedic Math Academy, Troy Center at the Bharatiya Temple, Troy, MI, holding the Vedic Math course certificate during the commendation ceremony on December 14, 2007. Srinu Sastry, VMA Instructor, (second from left - top row), followed by "HP" Venkatesh Haranahalli (VMA Instructor), and Prof. Sree N. Sreenath, Director of Vedic Math Academy, Jamuna Mysore, Coordinator, VMA, is at the far right side. Right: Another file picture of Prof. Sreenath, Founder and Director of Vedic Math Academy, and "HP" Venkatesh Haranahalli (VMA Instructor) with students and parents.

VMA is offering free informational events in the Greater Chicago area to educate students and parents on: "What is Vedic Math? Why should I learn it? How do I benefit?" The events are free and are being presented on two days. On Saturday, May 3, at 4:45 p.m., a session will be held at Yamunotri Chinmaya Mission,

30877 N. Fairfield Road, Chinmaya Mission, Grayslake (Nash: 847-840-2094). The session is a dual session with Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh organizers of Kaun Banega Ramayan Expert Contest providing information on this upcoming contest. Sessions

will also be held on Sunday, May 4, at 11:30 a.m., at Sri Venkateswara Temple of Greater Chicago, 1145 W. Sullivan Rd., Aurora (Prasad: 847-372-3567 or Ravi: 603-233-0087); and at 2:30 p.m., at Chinmaya Mission-Chicago, 115080 Route 83, Willowbrook (Krish: 847-409-5907). A free diagnostic test at the end of the event is available to test how fast your child is.

Prof. Sree N. Sreenath, Director of VMA, and architect of the VMA syllabus, explains that Vedic Math is an

easy to learn, simple to use, quick mental computation method that is suitable for all ages. "In a globalized, competitive world, a difference of 20 points in SAT could mean a world of difference — a difference between admission to an Ivy league school and tens of thousands of dollars in scholarship money," opines Prof. Sreenath. With 25 years of teaching experience, Prof. Sreenath is also a faculty member at the Electrical Engineering and Computer



Science Department and the Director of Complex Systems Biology Center at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, a leading research university.

VMA considers social responsibility as an essential part of learning, and donates part of its income to educational charities in India. "It is important that every Indian-American child in the US appreciates our culture and feels connected to a needy child back in India," says Prof. Sreenath.

Vedic Math Academy (VMA) Inc., has been providing supplementary math education

through their out-of-school enrichment programs over the last seven years. VMA has delivered the training through a variety of formats, including a semester program, a Kumon like walk-in self-paced program, correspondence courses, and, training workshops. VMA has now developed a SAT/ACT Prep using Vedic Math program for teens. Over 300 children have taken the after-school curriculum VMA has developed with a

goal of providing students with foundational skills for success in Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), American College Test (ACT), state-level proficiency tests and higher-level math. VMA has two Vedic Math Centers in Detroit Metro Area (a joint project with Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh) and has opened an office in Algonquin to serve the Greater Chicago area.

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