

GOOD NEWS: MATHEMATICS ACHIEVEMENT FUND 2025-2026

The KCM is thrilled to kick off another year collaborating with the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) as we support MAF math coaches across the state! The KCM values our partnership with the KDE as we continue to grow teacher capacity and strengthen math proficiency in Kentucky.

[The Mathematics Achievement Fund](#) was created to support students from primary through grade 12 with diagnostic assessments and targeted interventions, helping every learner work toward math proficiency. Through this grant, schools receive funding to provide release time for teachers to serve as math coaches in grades K–5. We now have **45 schools** across the state implementing the MAF coaching grant for the 2025-2026 school year.

These 45 MAF math coaches benefit from the partnerships between the KCM, KDE, University of Louisville, M² Consulting, and national experts in the field of mathematics to become experts themselves. Thanks to grant funding, dedicated school-based mathematics coaches work directly with teachers to strengthen math instruction across Kentucky. Together we strive to better equip all students with the support they need to succeed in math and meet grade-level expectations.

Melissa Shaw serves as the MAF math coach at Temple Hill Elementary in Barren County. She had this to say as she reflected on her work through the MAF grant, *“Being an MAF coach has taught me how to empower teachers - and empowered teachers empower students. Every student deserves confidence and curiosity in math, and the Mathematics Achievement Fund is turning that potential into practice.”*

At the KCM, the fantastic MAF Leaders supporting the forty-five 2025-2026 MAF schools include Jackie Damron, Amanda Lee, Shana Lindon, Jamie Reagan, Lisa Riggs, Kelsey Rozanski, Beverly Rutledge, Stephanie Tiller, and Todd Wooldridge, as well as KCM Director Erron Prickett and KCM Executive Director Kelly Stone. The MAF is under the leadership of Co-Directors Erin Chavez and Maggie Doyle at the KDE.