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**MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS ACADEMY NAMED A 2020 ASCEND MATH GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENT**

**Shreveport, LA May 20, 2020** Ascend Education announced today that Mountain Heights Academy in West Jordan, UT will receive a 2020 Gold Medal.

The Gold Medal Award was established in 2010 to honor the schools or districts that best demonstrate a dedication to ensuring that all students become successful at math. The strategies employed by this year's Gold Medal honorees made use of Ascend Math, an online individualized math instructional resource, to accelerate math learning and improve standardized test scores.

Mountain Heights implements Ascend Math with students that have previously failed math classes. They have seen these students become successful in Ascend Math and begin to pass their math classes. Over 66% of students have completed more than one grade level with 28% completing 2 or more levels.

In her submission for Mountain Heights Academy Sarah Weston wrote, "We have seen a change in attitudes toward math and students changing a "can't do" attitude into a "can do" attitude."

"Congratulations to Mountain Heights Academy students for the perseverance and hard work that led to their exceptional results," said Kevin Briley, CEO of Ascend Education. "We are extremely proud of the important job the educators at Mountain Heights Academy are doing to help their students succeed in math, gain confidence and positively advance in life." "During this unusually trying time, we have heard countless ways in which schools have continued with math learning using Ascend Math. These educators reported grade level growth, students completing their year's work, and many other positive touch points and outcomes. We are so thankful for our Gold Medal schools, what they are doing to support their students and the ways they have shared their models to help other educators learn best practices."

Mountain Heights Academy will be featured on the Ascend Math website throughout the next year and receive a plaque commemorating their success. The complete honor roll can be viewed at [https://ascendmath.com/gold\\_2020/](https://ascendmath.com/gold_2020/)

**About Ascend Math®**

Ascend Math is personalized online math instruction that provides each student with a unique study path through skill gaps at each level. Individual study plans are prescriptive, adaptive, and automatically assigned. In addition, Ascend Math provides all the interactive instruction each student needs. Students using Ascend fill skill gaps quickly and often improve one to two grade levels the first few months. Real time data makes progress monitoring easy and gives teachers a quick snapshot on what needs to happen next.

Ascend Math is written to rigorous state standards. Instruction is delivered in a logical math sequence and students can progress at their own pace and track their own progress and success. Ascend Math® is currently used by hundreds of schools and districts serving more than one hundred thousand students throughout the U.S. and Canada. Visit [www.ascendmath.com](http://www.ascendmath.com)