

# Learning & Teaching

**MTLT FAQ**  
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## **Why did NCTM decide to transition to one journal instead of the traditional three?**

While NCTM has published three school journals for 25 years, for many years there was only *Mathematics Teacher*, which contained articles for teachers in all grades. Other countries that have mathematics education journals have a single journal for all grades from early childhood through secondary school.

Entering its second century in 2020, NCTM feels that it is time to do something new. The hallmarks of this new journal will be its nature as a digital first publication and the opportunity to publish articles that deal with vertically-aligned content. Making use of the opportunities that digital media afford is essential if we are to meet the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> century educators. And it is long past time that there is a venue for authors who wish to write about ideas that cross grade bands.

## **Why am I losing my current journal?**

You aren't really losing "your" journal. *MTLT* will include articles just like those you have enjoyed reading in the school journals and much, much more. *MTLT* will appear monthly instead of seven times per year, and the increased frequency of publication will allow the new journal to be current and vibrant. *MTLT* will be a digital first journal, going beyond the printed word with vertically-aligned content. Instead of enjoying "your" journal you will be able to enjoy "our" journal.

## **When will the new journal begin publication?**

*MTLT*'s first issue will appear in January 2020.

## **Who is the Editor-in-Chief?**

Angela T. Barlow, Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Central Arkansas and long-time mathematics teacher and mathematics teacher educator has already assumed the role of editor-in-chief of the new journal.

## **I reviewed manuscripts for *TCM/MTMS/MT* will I also be asked to review submissions for *MTLT*?**

Past reviewers are not automatically reviewers for *MTLT*. To review for *MTLT* you must first create an account on the manuscript submission and review site

<https://mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/mtltpk12>

**Where can I learn more about reviewing manuscripts for *MTLT*?**

Detailed review instructions can be accessed at <https://www.nctm.org/Review-Instructions-for-MTLT/>

**I've heard a lot about "digital first" but I don't know what it means. Can you explain?**

A digital first journal takes advantage of 21<sup>st</sup> century technology to go beyond the printed word. For example, instead of a static vignette included in a print article, the new journal would include an embedded video that puts the reader right inside the classroom, where student-student and student-teacher interactions can be observed. Links to podcasts, apps, or interactive white board files are just a few of the many opportunities that the new journal holds for authors and readers. While the journal will be "digital first," it will also be available in print to members who request that format.

**I have written print articles for the school journals. Will I be able to submit as before?**

Yes, *MTLT* welcomes traditional print articles along the same lines as manuscripts authors would submit to the three practitioner journals in the past. However, we also encourage authors to focus on the priorities of digital first or pan-grade band articles.

Submissions may be uploaded at <https://mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/mtlt>

**When will *MTLT* begin accepting submissions?**

We are now receiving submissions at <https://mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/mtlt>

**Are there any active calls for manuscripts?**

Yes! All active calls for manuscripts are located at <https://www.nctm.org/Write-for-MTLT/> along with general information about the various types of manuscripts the *MTLT* Editorial Board seeks to publish.