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Seventh and eighth-grade mathematics teachers who wish to participate in an in-service institute conducted by Montana State University should submit applications by Nov. 1, according to Dr. William R. Ballard, institute director.

The institute, supported by a $19,590 National Science Foundation grant to the University, will begin Jan. 8 and continue until May 20, 1962, in five cities, the director said.

The course will cover the most important of the recent changes in school mathematics curricula, Dr. Ballard said. It will offer instruction in the subject matter of the junior high school mathematics books prepared by the School Mathematics Study Group. These texts give more emphasis than do traditional books to the structure of arithmetic and to the aspects of geometry that do not deal with the idea of distance, he explained.

The class centers and the instructor for each are Great Falls, John Greer of Simms High School; Kalispell, Frank McElwain of Flathead County High School; Miles City, James Forker of Custer County Junior College; Sidney, James Wood of Sidney High School, and Missoula, Dr. Ballard of the MSU mathematics faculty.

Each class will normally meet for two two-hour periods each week at times arranged to suit the convenience of participants.

The course is unique among NSF institutes in employing high school teachers to conduct offcampus classes, Dr. Ballard noted.

The course is offered through the MSU Extension Division and carries five-quarter hours of credit. The NSF grant will pay travel and book expenses of participants, and the University will waive the extension fees.

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Between 20 and 30 persons will be accepted at each class center, according to Dr. Ballard. A few non-stipend participants may be allowed to take the course at the discretion of the instructor, but such students must pay the MSU extension fees in order to receive academic credit, he said.

The prospective applicant may obtain an application form from Dr. Ballard at MSU or from the instructor in the city where he wishes to attend. The form should be returned by Nov. 1, Dr. Ballard stressed.