

Online Math Homework

Dear Math 7 Parents,

Homework will be required to be completed online, however all work must still be shown. Problems and ALL work will be completed in the notebook.

Why Online?

Since utilizing the online HW program, and I have seen a remarkable difference in the students' understanding of the concepts and, thus better test grades.

By completing the problems online, students get immediate feedback. If their answer is wrong, they will be able to try the problem again until they get the correct answer. If they still get it wrong, the program offers video help and, on some problems, a live tutor.

I find that very few students will correct their homework in class and won't ask questions. They simply do the work required, turn it in and get credit for work that could potentially be all wrong, thus learning nothing from the process (except how to do the problem incorrectly).

Recent research has found that making mistakes helps the brain grow. Being able to get immediate feedback and then correcting the mistake will help students' brains grow in math.

How Homework Will Be Completed

Students will be required to do homework online and in their notebook. Students are expected to write the problems and show all work. This will be completed in their notebook immediately after the in-class notes and practice. Students' HW in the notebook will be part of their notebook grade.

1. Log on to Big Ideas (every student has an account)
2. Click on Assignments at top of page and find the assignment.
3. Click enter to start.
4. Students will complete all written work in notebook.
5. Students will correct any problems they miss (can use online help tools, book, and/or notes)
6. Students will note any problems they couldn't get correct and I will go over in class.
7. Students will have the opportunity after class to go back and correct the problems they needed help on.
8. HW will be submitted online and the HW grade will be based on the online score (not the written work – this will be part of the notebook grade).

The best browsers to use for the website are Chrome, Firefox and Safari. Other browsers sometimes have glitches. I highly recommend monitoring your student's Big Ideas online account.

If your child can't log on – please email me. They have a user name and password. I can see their user name, but not their password. If they forget their password, they will need to come see me.

IMPORTANT – HW will only be accepted online. Students can access the site from a computer, a tablet and even a smart phone.