



eLearning News

Homework Help Edition

NEW & IMPROVED HOMEWORK HELP LAUNCHED SEPTEMBER 25TH PROVINCE WIDE

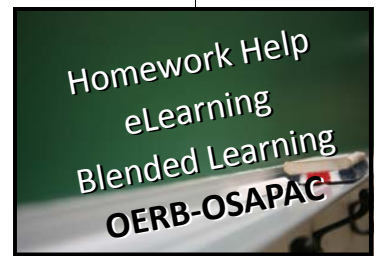
Again this year, all Grade 7-10 Mathematics students in the BWDSB will have access to the [Homework Help](#) website.

The Independent Learning Centre (ILC), along with the Ministry of Education, has expanded to include all 60 English-speaking school Boards in Ontario, with over 600,000 students participating.

Since Sunday, September 25th, 2011, students, who register on the site, have been able to access live, online help in Mathematics from certified Ontario teachers. Tutors are online from Sunday through Thursday between 5:30 - 9:30 pm EST. Many other resources are available 24/7 on the site including Tutorials, a Student Locker, and more!

New features at Homework Help...

- [More rooms](#) and audio enabled tutors each night
- Brand new [lobby](#) to display more rooms for easy access
- [Topic designated rooms](#) (i.e. fractions, algebra, EQAO, etc.)
- New [‘Tag’ feature](#) for students to save other student’s chat sessions to their locker
- Classroom tools available for teachers - great introduction during registration
- Guest users can register as Guardians or Educators for tailored content
- Hundreds of Best Sessions online covering a wide range of topics including [great seminars](#) for grades 9 and 10
- [Two interactive whiteboards](#) for easier lessons



In the news...

News from across our Board

Last year, over 4500 students from our Board registered on Homework Help...

they visited the Tutor Chat rooms 3600 times and asked *(and got help for)* over 1700 questions!

Did you know?

On the interactive white-board, students can draw geometric shapes, angles, and lines

please see page 4 for examples

Learning is Fun :)

HOW DO I START GETTING HELP IN MATH ?

Students may register today using their Ontario Education Number (OEN)* at:



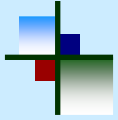
homeworkhelp.ilc.org

The Independent Learning Centre is the designated provider of distance education for the Ministry of Education

Please contact Rob Davidson, e-Learning Contact for the BWDSB for registration information.

rob_davidson@bwdsb.on.ca

** The OEN may be found on any Provincial Report Card or may be obtained from your teacher*



FAQ

Answers to some Frequently Asked Questions about Homework Help

Q. What is the Independent Learning Centre (ILC)?

The ILC is an educational organization run through TV Ontario and is designated as the official distance education provider by the Ontario Ministry of Education.

Q. Will the ILC have access to student's personal information?

NO. Individual students and/or school boards will not be identified to the ILC.

After students activate their accounts, they will be known to the ILC as their Username and Password.

Q. Who are the tutors who will be assisting my child?

The tutors are Ontario certified mathematics teachers from school boards across Ontario, including Bluewater District School Board.

Q. Why would my son/daughter go to Homework Help when they could just 'Google it' ?

Homework Help provides a safe, reliable resource provided by the ILC, through the Ministry of Education, with Ontario teachers who know and teach the Ontario Curriculum.

Each student gets to keep what they have learned in their own locker.

Q. Does my daughter/son have to provide an email address?

While an email address field is present when the students register, entering an email address is completely optional. The ILC does not share email addresses with any other organization.

If an email address is provided, Homework Help will be able to...

- assist if students forget their Username or Password*
- inform students about key times during the school year; exams, EQAO, and upcoming events*

If an email address is not provided...

- Students, who forget their Username or Password, may recover their account by entering their birth date and Ontario Education Number (OEN) which can be found on their report card.*

Q. How does my son/daughter remain anonymous when they are getting help ?

Student names appear only as STUDENT when they are being tutored to anyone else who is in the Tutor Chat Room.

FREE MATH TUTORING

For Grade 7 to 10 Math Students



Homework Help

**One-on-one, confidential
live tutoring sessions**

Sunday to Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

- Ask a question
- Draw on the interactive whiteboard
- Watch and learn online

Plus

- Virtual locker, videos of best tutorials, math games and more — available anytime!

HomeworkHelp.ilc.org



reach every student



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HELP !!

Sample Tutoring Sessions from Homework Help

Graphing Quadratics - an Easy Method

By understanding the step pattern and role of the vertex, the student learned how to quickly graph quadratics in vertex form

5 minutes

Perfect Squares and GCFs

In this session, the student learned about perfect squares and its application to real life

2 minutes 9 seconds

Determining the Equation of a Line

In this session, the student developed an equation, and a graph, to show the cost for a cell-phone plan

15 minutes 54 seconds

Ratios and Percent

In this session the student learned how to express parts of a garden as ratios in lowest terms and then as percents

17 minutes 28 seconds

Geometric Properties

The student proved that the triangle formed by the midpoints is one quarter of the area of the large triangle

3 minutes 18 seconds

Solving a Simple Equation

Here, the student reviewed the zero property and how to solve a simple algebraic equation

2 minutes 15 seconds