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Free Online Math Tutoring is Coming to Your Child's School!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Toronto District School Board has partnered with the Ministry of Education to provide **Free Online Math Tutoring** to students in grades 7 to 10.

What does this mean for your child?



Your child will be able to access **free online math tutoring** provided by Ontario certified teachers **Sunday to Thursday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** through a website called Homework Help that is run by the Independent Learning Centre, through TV Ontario. (<https://homeworkhelpilc.org>)

Please be advised that in order to register your child in the Homework Help program, we must provide his/her Ontario Educational Number (OEN), birth date, grade, and math course number to the Independent Learning Centre. The Independent Learning Centre, through TV Ontario, has the authority to collect and use this information to provide educational services, and is required to keep the information confidential.

By permitting your child to register for the online math tutoring, you are consenting to the provision of the above personal information to the Independent Learning Centre.

Please see reverse for answers to frequently asked questions. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact: bea.meglio@tdsb.on.ca

If you do **NOT** want your child to register at the Homework Help website, please complete the section below and return it to the Principal at your child's school.

I do **NOT** give permission for my child, _____, who is registered at _____ to participate in the Homework Help project.

Printed Name of Your Child's School

Print name of Parent/Guardian _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____

Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

Q. Why does the ILC need access to my child's Ontario Educational Number (OEN) and date of birth?

The ILC needs two pieces of information to establish an account for a student. *Students will not be identified by name to the ILC.* The OEN and the date of birth will be used to ensure that the student has the right to establish a Homework Help account.

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

The tutors are Ontario certified mathematics teachers from 32 school boards that are participating in the Homework Help project.

Q. Will the ILC be collecting data on my child?

The ILC will monitor and collect usage data such as queue wait times; types of questions being asked; time spent within the Homework Help website (i.e. login and logout); and time spent with one-to-one tutoring.

The ILC will forward Homework Help student activity information to the Ontario Ministry of Education. Ministry staff will use this information as part of the assessment of the Homework Help project.

Q. How safe are the 'Ask A Tutor' Chat Rooms?

Very - Students can only chat with our tutors, not with each other. All tutors are Ontario Certified Teachers in good standing and all interactions are visible. All tutor sessions are recorded and reviewed regularly.

Homework Help is completely anonymous and no personal information should be shared in the chat rooms.