



What is Study Buddy?

Study Buddy is online, peer-to-peer math homework help. All Study Buddy homework help sessions occur online so the tutor and the tutee do not have to be in the same location. All work is in an online notebook which resembles a standard paper notebook with more than 1000 pages. The Study Buddy online notebook offers so much more than a standard paper notebook such as short instructional videos, a graphing calculator, equation editor, chat box, and most importantly...a live tutor. The tutor and tutee can simultaneously work on math problems. Parents also have the option of reviewing their children's online notebook work anytime. All tutoring sessions are recorded and reviewed by NSTEP.

Who qualifies for Study Buddy?

NSTEP Study Buddy, designed to address low math scores of underperforming middle and high school students. Struggling students that attend Title One schools, qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch or are covered by a foundation/corporation grant receive unlimited tutoring for one year at no cost.

Who are the peer-to-peer tutors?

Study Buddy tutors are high school student volunteers that have taken three years of high school math with a B+ or better and are recommended by their teachers to be tutors. Many are members of their schools' math honor societies, or international baccalaureate programs, and receive credit towards their community service requirements for tutoring. Mu Alpha Theta, the national math honor society recently endorsed Study Buddy to their national members to become tutors.

What does Study Buddy offer to my students and to me?

Unlimited math homework help in General Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus AB/BC and Statistics. Tutees and tutors can work together in a variety of ways. We offer a library of more than 300 worksheets with notes and practice sheets that are easily uploaded into a notebook, or tutees may submit a question if they would rather work on their own. Submitted questions are answered asynchronously by tutors. Also available are videos that succinctly explain challenging math concepts, in English or Spanish, and include practice quizzes and chapter tests.

Teachers have their own administrative page where they can view their students' books, recent activity and submitted questions. Teachers can upload assignments into student books with the click of a button. All work and interactions between tutors and tutees is saved in tutee online notebooks.

How can my math honor students become Study Buddy tutors?

Students that have excelled in math and meet the credentials outlined above may be considered to be tutors. If you have a student who would make a great tutor, please contact NSTEP at studybuddy@nstep-online.org with their recommendation. NSTEP will verify all volunteer tutors' hours worked and send monthly reports to the teacher contact for community service credit. Tutors enjoy the flexibility of scheduling their volunteer time in half hour increments.

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