



## Guide for Teachers

Welcome to NSTEP's Study Buddy internet math homework help program which is being made available to your students at no cost this year through a generous grant. Your students can receive immediate help from a peer when they run into stumbling blocks with their math homework.

### How do I register my students?

I. Have the students and parents fill out and return the parental consent form.

II. Log into the Study Buddy Homepage: [www.studybuddyhelp.org](http://www.studybuddyhelp.org)

III. Click the link Registered Teachers, on the right side of the page, to add or edit students.

Registered Teachers:

[Are you ready to register your students?](#)

[Click here!](#)

IV. Log in with your e-mail and password that you used to register yourself and follow the prompts to register your students. You will need each student's name, e-mail address and class or group. The parent's e-mail address (if they have one and want to be involved) is on the parental consent form.

V. Click Add Student after each student.

Add Student

VI. WHEN YOU ARE DONE ADDING STUDENTS, SCROLL TO THE BOTTOM AND CLICK SUBMIT CHANGES TO SEND YOUR INFORMATION.

Submit Changes

**Your students can log into their online workbooks and get tutoring as soon as you complete their registration!**

### Questions?

Please contact us at [studybuddy@nstep-online.org](mailto:studybuddy@nstep-online.org).



### **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 in an online notebook which resembles a standard paper notebook with more than 1000 pages. However 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.

### **Who are the peer-to-peer tutors?**

Study Buddy tutors are high school student volunteers who 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?**

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 see all their students' books, when they last used them, and submitted questions. Teachers can upload work into student books with the click of a button. All work and interactions between tutors and tutees is saved indefinitely within the books and can't be deleted.

### **How can my math honor students become Study Buddy tutors?**

NSTEP is also looking for students who have excelled in math to be volunteer tutors. Our tutors have completed up through pre-calculus with honors, or are members of their school's math honor society. In order to register as a tutor, a student's teacher, academic advisor, or honor society club leader must contact NSTEP at [studybuddy@nstep-online.org](mailto:studybuddy@nstep-online.org) with a recommendation for that student. **The teacher will then be given a code to provide to the student when the student registers as a tutor on our website [www.studybuddyhelp.org](http://www.studybuddyhelp.org).** While NSTEP's tutors are volunteers, NSTEP will verify the tutor's hours worked and send periodic reports to the teacher, advisor or club leader so that the tutor can be awarded appropriate community service credit. Tutors log into a scheduling website to schedule time in half hour increments. NSTEP does not have a minimum time commitment for tutors, but asks only that the tutor be available for the times to which he or she has committed.

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