



Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child can be enrolled in a **free** math homework help program called Study Buddy. Study Buddy is being offered by the National Science & Technology Education Partnership (NSTEP) through generous grants from corporations and foundations.

Study Buddy is offered over the internet, not in person. Your child will be provided with their own online notebook. All Study Buddy tutoring sessions are conducted on the “pages” of this notebook which are viewed and written on over the internet, on any computer (**with high speed internet access**) at home, school, after school or at the library. **Your child will access the notebook and our tutors by following these simple steps:**

1. **Go to NSTEP’s website: www.studybuddyhelp.org**
2. **Enter their e-mail address and password (password is preset as child’s last name)**
3. **Click the “Choose a Subject” and then the “Request a Tutor” Box at the top of the page.**

A waiting tutor will be immediately brought into the online book to conduct the homework help session LIVE. Our tutors are high school students who have proven their success in math. Many are members of their schools’ math honor societies and all have been recommended by their teachers for this program. These peer tutors provide a comfortable and unintimidating, but knowledgeable resource for your child, **BEFORE they slam their math book shut in frustration.**

NSTEP’s Study Buddy program allows YOU to monitor your child’s activity. By providing your child’s teacher with your e-mail address, you can have access to your child’s book. Follow these simple steps:

1. **Go to NSTEP’s website: www.studybuddyhelp.org**
2. **Enter YOUR e-mail address and YOUR CHILD’S last name as password**
3. **Click the + on the left hand side until your child’s VviewBook identifier appears in the main column of your page. Click the identifier to open the book.**

You can log into your child’s notebook at any time from any computer, during an actual tutoring session, or at any other time to see the actual pages of the notebook and the work they’ve done. NSTEP and your child’s math teacher also have access to your child’s book.

If your child is not already registered in this program but would like your child to be able to participate, please contact your child’s teacher about registering. If you have questions about the program, please email us at studybuddy@nstep-online.org or visit us on the web at www.studybuddyhelp.org. We look forward to your child’s success.



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 student 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 student 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. NSTEP is also working with elite prep schools and national consortium schools to build our tutoring base.

What does Study Buddy offer to my child?

Students 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 students 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 students is saved indefinitely within the books and can't be deleted.

The National Science and Technology Education Partnership is a non-profit organization working to create interest and promote achievement in math, science and technology. NSTEP creates partnerships between industry leaders and neighborhood schools in its mission to improve students' understanding of math, science and technology and its real world application in their lives.



Please sign this registration form and return to your child's math teacher.

PLEASE PRINT NAME AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES CLEARLY SO THAT WE CAN ACCURATELY REGISTER YOUR CHILD!

I _____ understand that neither NSTEP nor
(print name of parent/guardian)

your child's school nor the school district, their officers, employees and agents can monitor the content of the online Study Buddy notebooks at all times. I hereby release NSTEP, my child's school and the school district, their officers, employees and agents from any liability arising from inappropriate content found in a Study Buddy notebook. I hereby give my consent for

(PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS first and last name of child)

to receive tutoring through NSTEP's Study Buddy online tutoring program.

(signature of parent/guardian)

(date)

(PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS student e-mail address – **REQUIRED**)

(PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS parent e-mail address – **RECOMMENDED**)