

DEAR PARENT/GUARDIAN,

Your child has been enrolled in Think Through Math, the Texas SUCCESS Math provider. Texas SUCCESS provides state-funded access to interactive math and reading programs for Texas students in grades 3–8. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has selected Think Through Math, a groundbreaking Web-based math program, as the Texas SUCCESS math provider.

Research shows that students typically lose over 1–3 months of math learning during the summer months¹. This summer, you can help your child overcome the “summer slide” by encouraging your student to utilize Think Through Math for a few hours per week.

To assist you in monitoring your student’s progress in Think Through Math, Texas parents can sign up for a Think Through Math parent account:

- ▶ Visit www.texassuccess.org to enroll.
- ▶ Click the **Sign Up** link under the Math heading at the top of the page.
- ▶ Select the parent option and enter the requested information.
- ▶ You will receive an e-mail explaining the steps for activating your account. *Be sure to check your junk mail if our e-mail does not appear in your inbox.*

Once you finalize and log in to your account, you will be asked to add your student’s username and password. That information is below:

STUDENT USERNAME: _____ STUDENT PASSWORD: _____

How to Best Support Your Student’s Use of Think Through Math

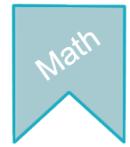
To support your student at home, a Texas Summer SUCCESS Toolkit for Parents has been created to provide you with all the resources you need. You can access this toolkit by going to <http://texassuccess.org>. In addition, a prerecorded tutorial, just for parents, can be viewed at: http://texassuccess.org/math/get_to_know_ttm.

Important Tips and Recommendations

Think Through Math personalizes student learning with unprecedented levels of differentiation, explicit instruction, meaningful practice, fun and engaging motivational tools, and access to live, certified math teachers (including Spanish-speaking teachers).

Because Think Through Math is Web-based, your child can access the program from any desktop or laptop computer that is connected to the Internet. In other words, if you do not have Internet access at home, your student can still access Think Through Math at your local library or community center.

¹Alexander, K. L., Entwisle, D. R., & Olson, L. S. (2007). *Summer learning and its implications: Insights from the Beginning School Study*. *New Directions for Youth Development*, 2007: 11–32.



Think Through Math is most effective when implemented 2 to 3 times each week, or about 90 minutes per week. Here are a few recommendations:

1. Encourage your child to work on TTM regularly. The more time your students engage with the program, the more they will experience success, and the more they will learn.
2. Encourage thoughtfulness. The program provides constant support and immediate feedback, including Live Help from certified math teachers, especially in those areas in which students tend to struggle. Live teachers are available in the Guided Learning and the Problem Solving activities.

Getting Help

If you encounter any technical issues, you can get help from a Think Through Math Instructional Coach covering the Educational Service Center region where your child’s school resides. A list of Instructional Coaches, their e-mail addresses, and the regions they cover is provided below.

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Jessica Davis jdavis@thinkthroughmath.com	11, 14, 16, 17	Jayne Shanklin jshanklin@thinkthroughmath.com	Online Support and Region 20
Lonzetta Dunson ldunson@thinkthroughmath.com	7, 10, 12	Karen Tillett ktillett@thinkthroughmath.com	4, 5

If you do not know in which region your student’s school district resides, you can e-mail help@texassuccess.org, or call toll-free 877-315-4918. You can also find out by going to this site: <http://mansfield.tea.state.tx.us/TEA.AskTED.Web/Forms/QuickSearch.aspx>. Enter the district name in the space provided and click the Search button to see the list of results—including the region—for your student’s district.

For questions about Texas SUCCESS, please visit www.texassuccess.org, e-mail help@texassuccess.org, or call toll-free 877-315-4918. To learn more about Texas Success and Think Through Math teaming up together, visit www.texassuccess.org or www.tmtexas.com.

Sincerely,

Your Friends at Think Through Math