

MathXL Student Instruction

What do I need to get started?

Valid Email Address

Student Access Code – located in your MathXL Student Access Kit

Your section number

If you bought a **NEW book at the bookstore** your access card was packaged with your text.

If you bought a **USED book**, you can purchase a [MathXL access code](#) when you register at <http://www.mathxl.com>, click on “Register” (located under Students) and follow the directions to “Purchase online access”. Then select a username (4+ characters) and password (8+ characters).

Open your access card to find your student code (or use the electronic code sent to you) , and then follow steps below.

Enter your six-word access code (one word in each box, no dashes), school zip code (59717) and country.

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Once you log in and click on Enter MathXL you will click on the circle in front of “taking a course”. A new window will open where you select Tom Hayes followed by your section number.

The first time you enter the site from your computer **and** any time you use a new computer, click on the **Installation Wizard**. (Note: the software is already installed in the school labs.) You only need MathXL player and Active X

Need Technical Help? Call Tech Support at 800-677-6337, Mon – Fri 8a – 8p, Sun 5p – 12a EST.

Things you can do in MathXL to insure a better grade:

1. **Take a PRACTICE TEST:** Click on the TAKE A TEST button on the left on your home page. Choose any chapter and take the test (there are two tests per chapter). Once you have completed the test you can review it and get immediate feedback. After reviewing your test, go to the Study Plan. Your Study Plan has exercises, animations, videos and help/tips on working exercises in each chapter.
2. **Use your personalized STUDY PLAN:** Click on the **STUDY PLAN** button on the left on your home page. The test you just took created a personalized “study plan” which will help you focus on those areas that caused you difficulty. Select a chapter and then click on the section you want to work on (found in the middle of the page). A list of exercises will appear. You can work each exercise as many times as you want as the numbers will change *each time* you do the problem.
3. **Do HOMEWORK online:** Homework has been assigned by your instructor. These assignments are located in the HOMEWORK & TESTS button, and are assigned by your instructor specifically for your course.
4. **Get HELP and immediate FEEDBACK while working homework or study plan exercises:**
 - a. Click on **HELP ME SOLVE THIS** and get step-by-step help--but you provide the answer at each step (so that you learn the process of answering that type of problem).
 - b. Click on **VIEW AN EXAMPLE** to see a similar exercise explained step-by-step (click the CONTINUE button on the bottom of the screen to advance).
 - c. A number of exercises may have **VIDEOS** and **ANIMATIONS**, showing how to work that type of exercise.
 - d. Click on **TEXTBOOK PAGES** to view the e-book where you can read about this type of exercise in your actual textbook.
 - e. Click on **PRINT** and you can print out the exercise to work at your leisure.
 - f. Work each exercise as many times as you need to improve your understanding.