

Pointers For Parents

Math-Tutoring Web Site 'Adds Up' For Students

(NAPSA)—Good news for parents who want to help their child master mathematics: A popular math-tutoring system has updated its graphics, added interactive lessons and installed them on the Internet. The system also has an instant feedback function that can be used to measure a student's personal progress. Due to several factors—overcrowded classrooms, overworked teachers and the lack of individualized resources—students often have trouble mastering mathematics, a fundamental educational subject.

Additionally, many children who could benefit from extra help do not have access to tutors or to after-school learning centers. Fortunately, this new tutoring system is available to fill the gap and help the U.S. regain its competitive edge. Called TutorialChannel.com, its subscription memberships start at only \$9.95 per month. With this program, math tutors can communicate live with students using electronic whiteboards, online chat and voice communications. The channel also provides students with access to online exams, printable workbooks, streaming video and audio lectures and regular progress assessments.

The site can also be used to help students prepare for exams, make up missed classes, solve difficult homework assignments, and review supplemental material. The site was developed and is run



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by a publicly traded educational services company, Multimedia Tutorial Services, best known for its popular "Math Made Easy" all-math program. The lessons are offered at the preschool, grade and high school levels.

The company estimates that over 1 million students have used "Math Made Easy" DVDs, making it an active player in the private education industry. The market for these services is estimated to be in excess of \$100 billion. Multimedia Tutorial Services is also developing an English as a Second Language product and a standardized test prep service. To learn more, visit www.mathmadeeasy.com.