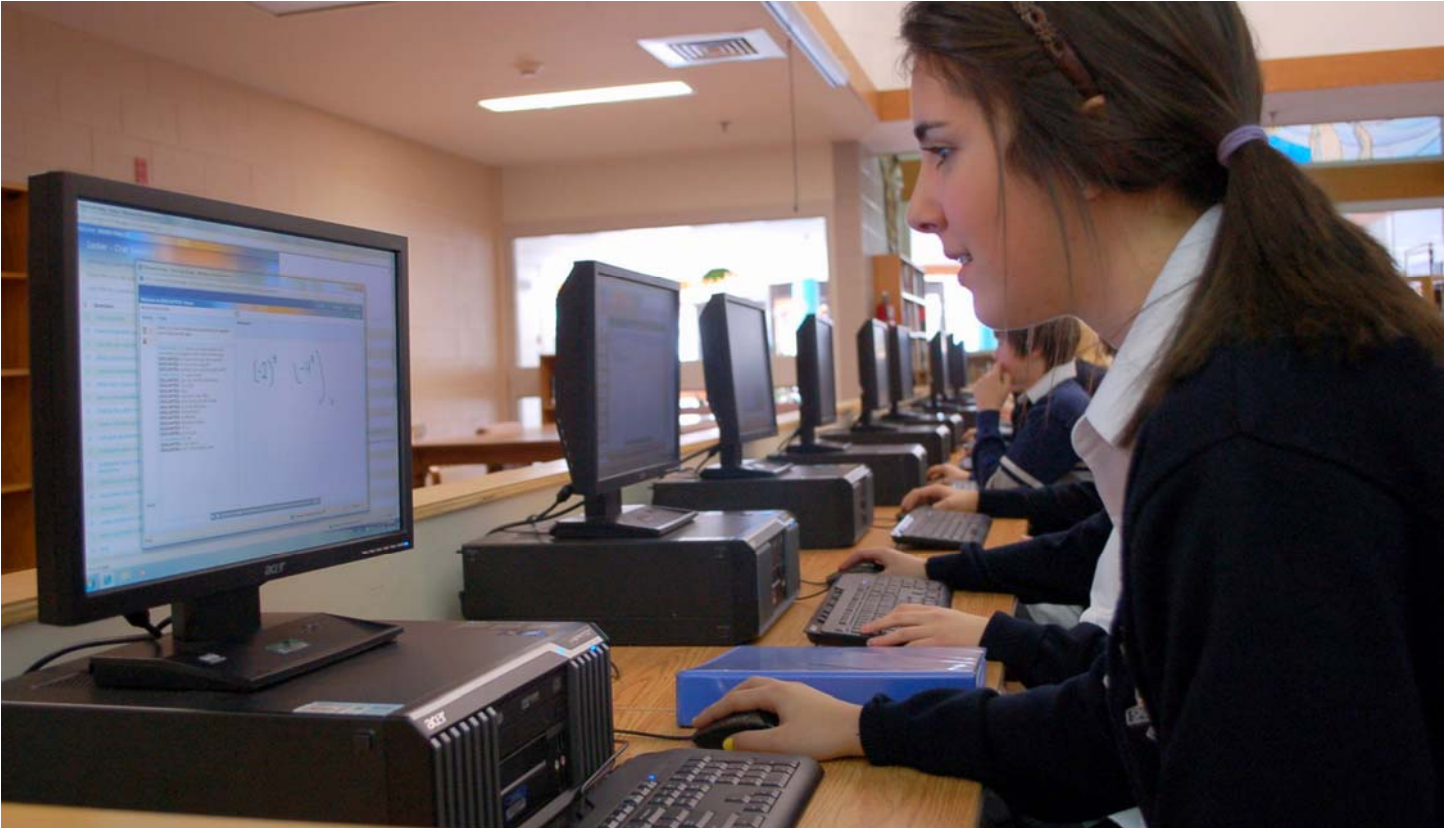


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Math Made Easier with Online Homework Help



North Bay ON - Jenna Tignanelli calls it a “saving grace”, and over seven hundred other students of the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board have logged on to check it out. Homework Help is a free, real-time, online math tutoring service for grade 7 to 10 mathematics students found at homeworkhelp.ilc.org. Introduced as part of the province’s e-learning strategy, the service is available to over 235,000 students in the province from Sunday to Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This gives each student the option to receive 20 additional hours of individualized, confidential math tutoring per week.

Jenna calls it the perfect solution for students who hesitate to raise their hand in class. “If something in class throws you off but you’re too shy to ask a question in front of your classmates, it’s comforting to know you can go home, log on to Homework Help and ask a tutor.”

All tutors are certified Ontario teachers familiar with the province’s Intermediate math curriculum. Access to discussion rooms is a main feature of the website, where students can choose to join in and see what questions other students are asking, watch the tutors draw on the whiteboard, and ask their own question for on-the-spot help. Another option available is to watch videos of Tutorials and Best Sessions (commonly asked questions), which are available anytime.

“Homework Help is perfectly aligned with our Board’s ongoing efforts to meet the needs of the 21st century learner,” said Peter Anello, NPSC e-learning contact. “It’s a great tool for learning, and for student and parent engagement as well.”

Homework Help began as a pilot program at Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic DSB and Hamilton-Wentworth DSB in 2007. Provided by the ILC, it has now expanded to 31 English-language boards across Ontario and became available at NPSC in the Fall of 2010. Students and parents can log on at homeworkhelp.ilc.org.

For more information, contact Peter Anello, NPSC e-learning contact at 705-472-1201, ext. 2224 or at homeworkhelp@npsc.ca.

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