

Web Article – WHAT Grade 7, 8, 9 math homework pilot - TVOntario
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Helping Students With Their Homework

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board is promoting students to use “WHAT” **Wentworth-Hamilton Ask a Teacher**, a program that helps students with better access for online help so they can succeed in school.

The Ontario government has provided funding to TVOntario’s Independent Learning Centre, to expand the online *Ask a Teacher* service in Hamilton. This pilot will allow Grade 7, 8 and 9 students in Hamilton to communicate directly online with teachers who can help with homework.

In addition, students can access Chalk Talk, a virtual online seminar in which a teacher uses audio and other interactive tools to present challenging subjects to a group of students online. Through the service, students are able to ask questions and can respond to the teacher’s questions. *Ask a Teacher* and a suite of learning resources including complete high school courses are available through the Independent Learning Centre at www.ilc.org.

The Features of “WHAT” include:

- Free real-time tutoring with Ontario teachers in good standing,
5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sundays to Thursdays
- 24/7 access to hundreds of math resources presented in a variety of formats, from tips and mini-lessons to interactive tutorials
- Interactive Tools: “content carousel,” scientific calculator, virtual locker, in-depth glossary of math terms, polls and search engine
- Dynamic environment with regular updates including teacher contributions and student feedback
- Coming in February: Listen and Learn, virtual concept-specific seminars – like a “classroom in a computer!”

“WHAT” can be accessed by students when they visit, what.ilc.org. Students need their Ontario Education Number (OEN) as identified on their report cards to access tutors.

“Through the *Ask a Teacher* service, our students can get help with their homework from a teacher after school has finished for the day,” says Director of Education Chris Spence. “This service is just one more way we can support student achievement and help students achieve their full potential.”