Table of Contents

Before you start ........................ 1
What is XtraMath? ............... 2
Sign up ................................ 2
Using XtraMath at school? ...... 3
Set up your students .............. 4
Student experience ............... 5
Student progress reports ...... 8
Manage your student’s account . 10
  • About student programs .... 10
  • Adjust student settings .... 12
Manage your account ............ 13
Additional resources .......... 13

Before you start

+ Make sure your student is comfortable with the operations they’ll be practicing.

+ Students should know how to solve the problems (without time pressure). XtraMath will help them move from calculating every time to automatic recall.
What is XtraMath?

XtraMath is an online math fact fluency program. It does not introduce new math concepts to students, but instead helps students develop math fact automaticity. You should make sure your students can answer problems without time pressure before they start to practice an operation in XtraMath.

XtraMath was designed for elementary school students, but it’s also used by older students for review or to catch up. Students of all ages can benefit from XtraMath. XtraMath works best used regularly — like a math vitamin!

In addition to our free website, xtramath.org, we also have a mobile app you can purchase for Apple, Android, and Amazon devices. (We’re a non-profit and have no ads, so these optional app purchases keep our program running!)

Sign up

Go to xtramath.org/#/home/signup to get started. Or, click Sign Up on our website or app’s home screen.

On the signup page, provide your email address, name, and a password. You can also choose to sign up through a service like Google.
Remember me
This allows you to sign in next time by simply clicking your name. Don’t use this option on shared devices or computers!

Sign up
With email jane.doe@example.com
Check one or both: I am a parent using XtraMath with my children. I am a teacher using XtraMath with my students.
Age verification: My age is: 16 or over 15 or under
Select the type of emails you would like to receive. We recommend you select at least reports and alerts:
- Weekly progress reports
- Alerts regarding my account
- Announcements related to XtraMath
- [I agree to be bound by XtraMath’s Terms of Service, which includes its Privacy Policy]

Teacher or Parent?
Teacher accounts have classes that expire at the end of the school year. If you’re using XtraMath at home, a “parent” account works best (even if you’re homeschooling). You won’t be missing out on anything - teacher and family accounts have access to the same report data!

Age verification
Children cannot sign up for XtraMath on their own. A teacher or parent must do it for them.

Email preferences
Report emails are sent once a week (if your class has used XtraMath that week). Alert emails are sent when a student earns a certificate. Announcements are sent a few times a year, with tips and information about new features.

We suggest choosing all email types to begin with so that you don’t miss helpful info. You can always adjust your preferences later!

Using XtraMath at school?
+ If you have a family flyer from your student’s teacher at school, make sure to follow the directions on the flyer.
+ By using the enrollment code, you’ll link your account to their account at school, allowing both you and their teacher to view their progress. Otherwise, your student could end up with two accounts, with their teacher unable to see their progress at home.
Set up your students

Once you’ve signed in to your new account, you’ll need to **create accounts for your students**.

Select the second option on the “Add child” page. Enter the student’s name and select their grade level. The grade level determines your student’s default assignment, but you can always adjust it.

Now you’ll see the student report. Write down your student’s 4-digit PIN... you’ll need this in a minute! To make changes to your student’s program, see the [Adjust student settings](#) section. Otherwise, you’re ready to get your student started!

If you’re sharing a device, sign out of your account so your student can sign in. Next, click the **Students** tab on our website (or go directly to [xtramath.org/#/signin/student](http://xtramath.org/#/signin/student)), or tap **Student** on the app’s home screen.

Your student can sign in by entering your **email address** (the same one you used to create your account), their **name**, and their **4-digit PIN**.

If they check **Remember me** when signing in, next time they will just need to click their name - no more typing required!
Student experience

PLACEMENT & PROGRESS QUIZZES

XtraMath sessions are short — about 10 minutes or less — and are ideally intended to be done once a day. A typical session consists of a few quiz and practice activities, each lasting about two minutes.

Placement Quiz

When a student first begins an operation, they start with a Placement Quiz. The placement quiz takes the form of several quizzes, broken up into short segments over the first few sessions. This goes quicker for some students than others... this is to be expected.

Placement ends when XtraMath is able to determine the initial mastery score. This score is a reference point for teachers and parents so they can track how the student progresses. Learn more in the Student progress reports section.

Activity Videos

A teacher character explains the program to students via short videos. In a group setting you may want to provide headphones.

Fluency Matrix

Before each quiz, the student sees a table with all the operation’s facts. The fluency matrix is updated after the quiz, so students can see the progress they’re making.

Keypad control

The onscreen keypad can be shown on the left, right, or not at all. Whether or not the keypad is shown, students can also use the physical keyboard on their computer (or a peripheral keyboard attached to their tablet).

Timer

An animated timer indicates the progression for each question. A correct answer within the fluency threshold (either 3 or 6 seconds for the default programs) gets a smiley face response. If nothing is entered before timeout (by default, 10 or 20 seconds), the student is shown the correct answer and must enter it to continue.
Once placement is done, each day a student signs into XtraMath they start off with a two minute **Progress Quiz** to check what progress they’ve made. Students do not take more than one progress quiz a day. The mastery score and fluency matrix reflect this progress.

---

**PRACTICES**

**Practice**

After the progress quiz, the student moves on to practice activities called **Race the Teacher**. The student is challenged to answer the problems more quickly than the teacher character, and to see how many correct answers they can get in a row.

Practices are where students develop their fact fluency. XtraMath chooses an individualized set of 10 facts for the student to work on. Spaced repetition is used to solidify knowledge of these particular facts.

---

**Student info**

Click the student’s name and you see a popup with their XtraMath enrollment code and other basic information about their account.

**Answer streak**

During a practice activity, a counter shows the student’s current streak of correct answers.

---

The practice does *not* affect the mastery score (as that would just test short-term memory). Instead, their next progress quiz will assess which facts have been retained.
AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

Students earn trophies for reaching certain milestones in XtraMath. Any new trophies earned are shown to the student at the end of an activity. Each trophy indicates something slightly different. Your online student report shows all the trophies a student has earned. Just click a trophy to see when they achieved it and what it means.

Trophy examples:

- Addition (6 sec)
  Mastery score of 50

- Division
  Mastery score of 100

When a student finishes an operation by mastering all its facts, they earn a certificate. Certificates are designed to be printed and posted on a bulletin board or fridge, to celebrate the student’s accomplishment.

From your online student report, click **Certificates** to view and print any certificates your student has earned.

We also offer other printables, including progress charts for individuals or multiple students, and trophy pages that students can color in. See **Additional resources** section for more info.
Student progress reports

STUDENT REPORT

The student report is visible as soon as you sign into your account. If you choose to, you can also receive a PDF version of this report once a week.

Export data
Download a .csv to make your own custom progress charts. You'll have the option to also download other students' data at the same time.

Student settings
Change their name, PIN or program options.

Sign in as the student
Clicking this will start a normal XtraMath session for this student.

Usage calendar
See which days the student signed into XtraMath. Clicking a date will access the date report, where you can see all activity the student did that day.

List of linked accounts
All linked family members (as well as any teachers) are listed here. Click a name to send them an email.

Awards & certificates
This panel lets you view trophy details and download printable certificates. It is expanded automatically whenever your student has a new trophy or certificate (earned within the last week).

Previous operations
The report also shows any previous operations the student isn’t currently working on. Expand the panel for more detail.

Progress graph
This graph shows how the student’s mastery score for this operation has changed over time. The color of the dots indicate the quality rating for that day’s quiz.

Fact matrix
The color of each square indicates the student’s current fluency in that fact. Click the matrix for a larger view.
What is the **Mastery Score**?

The mastery score shows a student’s progress towards completing their current operation. For example, a student with a mastery score of 75 in addition is about 3/4 of the way towards finishing addition. However, the score should **not** be viewed as a grade (90% = A, etc). Students often start out with a mastery score below 30 and take several weeks of consistent work to finish their first operation.

The score is a weighted percentage based on recent quiz performance, so it will fluctuate up and down. See our FAQ entry for more detail: xtramath.org/#/home/faq?a=mastery-score

---

**DATE REPORT**

As students answer questions, their responses (and response times) are recorded. On the date report you can see every question the student answered on a given day.

This is more detail than consistently needed, but if a student is struggling in XtraMath the date report can help you figure out why.
Answer icons

- Answered correctly within the fluency threshold. This depends on program, but is 3 or 6 seconds by default.
- Answered incorrectly
- No response given before time ran out and correct answer was shown
- Answered correctly, but beyond the fluency threshold
- Idle time after the correct answer was shown

Manage your student’s account

ABOUT STUDENT PROGRAMS

When you create a student, their grade level determines which program is assigned to them by default. These default programs are as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Grade</th>
<th>Age range</th>
<th>Program</th>
<th>Fluency Threshold</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>K</td>
<td>5-6</td>
<td>Beginning Addition</td>
<td>6 sec.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>6-7</td>
<td>Beginning Addition &amp; Subtraction</td>
<td>6 sec.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>7-8</td>
<td>Addition &amp; Subtraction</td>
<td>6 sec.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>8-9</td>
<td>Addition, Subtraction &amp; Multiplication</td>
<td>3 sec.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4+</td>
<td>9-10+</td>
<td>Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication &amp; Division</td>
<td>3 sec.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

When a program includes multiple operations, the student works on them in sequence. For example, a 3rd grader will first work on addition until they achieve fluency. Then they’ll move on to subtraction, followed by multiplication. **All default programs start with addition**, as it is the most basic and foundational skill.
You can customize student programs in the following ways:

- **Operations** - Want students to start with a different operation? Choose an option like “Subtraction” or “Multiplication & Division.”

- **Problem Set** - Regular programs include facts up to 9’s, like 9+9 or 81÷9. *Beginning* addition and subtraction have facts that sum to 10 and their inverses, like 3+7 or 10-1. *Expanded* operations have facts up to 12’s, like 24-12 or 12×12.

- **Fluency Threshold** - A correct answer is considered “fluent” or not depending on how quickly it was entered. Defaults are 3 seconds or 6 seconds, depending on grade level. We recommend that students on a 6 second program proceed to a 3 second one next, as 3 seconds is a research-based measurement for true automaticity.

Programs can also be **Assessment only**. These proceed directly from one placement quiz to the next and can help to identify fluency gaps (especially for higher grade levels). After the assessment is done, you’ll need to assign a new program for the student to actually practice.
ADJUST STUDENT SETTINGS

To change your student’s name, PIN, or assigned program sign in on our website and go to their student report. Click **Child settings** on the left.

In the mobile app, find this in the **Edit** menu in the upper right.

The previous section discusses the available program options. If you don’t see the exact program you want, choose **Custom program** from the drop-down menu, and more options will appear.

You can also choose to **hide the timer** during your student’s XtraMath sessions, or **hide the teacher character** during their practice activities. Note that activities are still timed when the timer is hidden, there is just no visible animated timer. Make sure to save changes before leaving!
Manage your account

To get to your account page, click **Account** at the top of the page. If you’re using the mobile app, tap the menu icon in the upper left, then tap your name.

Here you can change your password, update your name or email address, change email preferences, etc.

Additional resources

Other XtraMath **user guides** include:

- **Teacher Quick Start Guide** - similar to this family / homeschool guide in scope, but includes classroom-specific information like classroom management and the Clever integration.

A variety of printables are available for your use. These include blank certificates, progress charts for individuals or groups of students, fluency matrices, and trophy coloring sheets. Check them out at [cdn0.xtramath.org/static/en/resources.html](http://cdn0.xtramath.org/static/en/resources.html).

Still have questions?

- Check out our **FAQ**: [xtramath.org/#/home/faq](http://xtramath.org/#/home/faq)
- Email support is also available if you can’t find your answers in the guides or FAQ. Email [erika@xtramath.org](mailto:erika@xtramath.org) for assistance.