

Helping Our Children Realize Their Potential

All parents want the best for their children, and one of the best things we can do for our kids is help them realize their full potential. Developing and helping your child reach their educational goals is the biggest gift any parent can give. It is through education that our children will learn to be self sufficient and prosper in a world where the average high school graduate earns \$1.2 million MORE during their working life and the average college graduate earns \$2.1 Million MORE!

But, how do we do what's best for our children? The first step is to set some specific goals in regards to their education. These goals should be established by middle school and should take into account whether or not college is in the future and what type of college they hope to attend. For example; if your child hopes to attend UCLA then the goals need to account for finishing algebra in the 8th grade and taking as many honors classes as possible while in high school. The average freshman admitted to UCLA does so with a 4.25 high school GPA, a 2,020 SAT score and 19 honors and AP classes including calculus. Students who want to go to a four year College will also need to be competitive.

Educational institutions budgets are significantly reduced resulting in fewer opportunities at all levels of education. Additionally, community colleges are overcrowded and may not be an acceptable option for completing the transfer requirements in two years.

Tutoring is another popular option to help your children achieve their goals. Tutoring is no longer just for remedial purposes. Many students are turning to tutoring to help them stay on top of a course load that can include several AP courses. The same theory applies to music lessons. You would not simply hand your child a flute and expect them to play, you would get them lessons, the same kind of lessons you would give a student in a high-level math class. A once per week tutoring session focused on curriculum that is being covered in school can help students stay in control and create a path for success.

Math Support Services is number one in providing support and courses for students in mathematics. We can help you and your children achieve their educational goals. If you have any questions regarding our services or if you would like to discuss an education plan for mathematics, please call our office at (661) 255-1730. You can also find us on the web at www.mathsupportservices to see all of the programs available or contact us at (661) 255-1730.