

Implementation Strategies

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Scenario: Homeschool Core Curriculum

Purpose: Enrichment/Gifted and Talented

Time Spent in ALEKS: 30–45 minutes per day, 4–5 days per week

Time Spent in QuickTables: 30–45 minutes, 1 day per week

Total Time Spent Per Course: 32 hours per course

ALEKS Course: Mathematics – LV 5 (with QuickTables), Middle School Math Course 2

Overall Experience:

After just three months, my two children have both completed their respective current grade level courses. They love working at their own speed and are excited to move on to their next courses.

What challenges did the student face in math prior to using ALEKS?

Math before ALEKS and homeschooling was boring. Even though both children were in advanced math, they moved at the speed of the rest of their class rather than their own speed.

What were you looking for in an online math tool?

I was looking for a program that would allow my children to work at their own pace and also ensure that they have all around knowledge of mathematics, not just the things they like to do.

What math progress has the student experienced since using ALEKS?

Both children have completed their first courses.

How does the student feel about his/her progress in ALEKS?

The children are very proud to have completed their current grade level so early in the year, and have discovered that they can figure out problems on their own using the explanation provided by ALEKS with very little input from anyone.

Are there any best practices you would like to share with other ALEKS users?

Both children interact with the program differently. My daughter likes to have me provide explanations along with the program. My son likes to figure things out by himself.