

Implementation Strategies

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Scenario: Homeschool Core Curriculum

Purpose: Individualized Tutoring, Extra Practice

Time Spent in ALEKS: 1–4 hours per week

ALEKS Course: Middle School Math Course 3

Overall Experience:

Last year was our first year of homeschooling. I loved the idea of homeschooling, but did not do it for years out of fear that it might ignite World War III in our home; that is exactly what ended up happening with the textbook math course we chose. A friend recommended ALEKS, and the tensions came to an abrupt halt! My son didn't have anyone to fight with and blame, he just did his math. ALEKS is probably the saving factor in our home school venture.

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

My son had problems sticking with math; he had to be hounded in order to complete it, and I still wouldn't know whether he turned it in or not. When he was turning it in, he would get an As, but left on his own, would get Cs and Ds. When we started homeschooling with the textbook, it was awful. He just about hated me every day when it was time for math. He would cry and refuse to do the work and I would become the wicked witch of the west. With ALEKS, the math is his responsibility and I can see his progress instantly.

What were you looking for in an online math tool?

I was looking for conflict reduction and more peace in my home. Mission accomplished!

What math progress has the student experienced since using ALEKS?

I feel confident that he has progressed in math, but more importantly my relationship with my son is no longer being ruined.