

Implementation Strategies

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Scenario: Homeschool Core Curriculum

Purpose: Personalized Learning

Time Spent in ALEKS: 1 hour per day, 4–5 days per week

ALEKS Course: Mathematics – LV 4 (with QuickTables), Mathematics – LV 5 (with QuickTables)

Overall Experience:

ALEKS is a great program! My son thoroughly enjoys filling in his pie chart. When he moved on to the next course in ALEKS, he was shocked to see that 60 percent of his pie chart was still full. Very motivating! When I am busy with my other children and my son does not understand a topic, it is very liberating to him to choose another section of the pie to work on until I was available. This has drastically cut back on the "down time" that many homeschoolers face with multiple children.

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

Our major issue was wasted time waiting for mom's help when my son didn't understand something.

What were you looking for in an online math tool?

My son enjoyed computers and we needed a program that allowed him to be in charge of his progress.

What math progress has the student experienced since using ALEKS?

My son is excited to do math now, and was elated to see that he had finished 60 percent of the subsequent course due to the overlap in material.

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

My son is VERY happy with his math skills, and just as happy to be in charge of his own learning! The independence ALEKS has provided him in choosing his own learning path is priceless!

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

Just stick with it. There is no reason to be looking over your student's shoulder. Also, be sure to check the reports because they are very helpful.