

## FAQ: The Ascend Math Solution

### 1. What is Ascend?

*Ascend is a web-based math tutorial that goes far beyond drill and practice. Ascend evaluates a student's individual needs, automatically outlines a learning path that is based on national standards, and provides all of the instruction a student needs to learn core mathematical concepts.*

### 2. How does it work?

*Ascend assesses a student's needs through a series of short tests, and then guides the student through award-winning video instruction, practice problems and hands-on math instruction.*

### 3. What grade levels does Ascend cover?

*Third through high school exit exam preparation.*

### 4. Are any special programs required?

*Ascend requires Java, MathType, Adobe Acrobat, Flash & Quick Time. These are free plug-ins, and are easy to install. If you are unsure which programs are on your computer, select [set up this computer](#) from the login screen. Ascend will detect which programs you need to download & provide the necessary links.*

### 5. What makes Ascend different?

*Ascend is the only consumer program that assesses your needs and provides a custom learning path designed specifically for you. Ascend also provides all of the instruction you need to learn mathematical concepts through video instruction, practice problems and hands-on materials.*

### 6. If I finish the grade I signed up for, can I continue without renewing my subscription?

*Yes. You are given access to Ascend based on the length of your subscription, not what lessons you cover. You pick a grade level as a starting point for Ascend. You may advance as fast as you wish.*

**7. What standards is Ascend based on?**

*Ascend is based on NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) standards as well as many state standards.*

**8. Does Ascend provide a complete curriculum?**

*Yes. Because Ascend is based aligned to national standards and contains up to 100 lessons for each grade level.*

**9. Do students do their lessons online?**

*Yes. All of Ascend's lessons are completed online. This allows you to use Ascend where and when it is most convenient for you.*

**10. How much does it cost?**

- *One year subscription:* \$ 39.<sup>95</sup>
- *Six month subscription:* \$ 24.<sup>95</sup>
- *Three month subscription:* \$ 14.<sup>95</sup>

**11. Who teaches the video lessons?**

*The video lessons are taught by master teacher Elayn Martin-Gay, the gold standard in math video instruction and the author of the award winning GraspMath video series and over 20 text books.*

**12. Who should use Ascend?**

*Ascend helps a student get a jump on this year's class – or helps them review what they learned last year. It is also perfect for non-traditional students who need a refresher course in math.*