



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Beginning in April, your child will take the Algebra End-of-Course exam – a high-stakes test that will determine her/his future. To propel her/his success, the University of Florida has joined forces with Study Edge to create and deliver **ALGEBRA NATION** – a highly effective, intensive, online learning, 24/7, free End-of-Course exam preparation resource.

What is the Algebra End-of-Course exam?

- For your child to receive algebra credit and graduate from high school, she/he must pass this test at the end of the semester.
- This test is a **computer-based exam** that will have 35-40 multiple-choice questions and 20-25 fill-in response questions.

What is Algebra Nation?

- Algebra Nation meets your child on his/her own time in a familiar, comfortable pressure free environment. Algebra Nation is available on Facebook, iPhones, Android phones, and iPads.
- Highly interactive and fun videos help your child review the material they learn in the classroom after school or on the weekends.
- Study guide packets come with every video. Your child can print out study guides and use them to follow along with the videos.
- The "Test Yourself!" practice (only available online) tool after each section allows your student to check if s/he understood the material. The "Test Yourself!" section also looks similar to the EOC, so it will also help your child get comfortable with computer-based testing.
 - o The results page will not only show which problems your child got right or wrong, but will also feature videos that break down how to solve each problem.
- Algebra Nation Wall: interactive discussion forum where students can ask and answer questions anytime about the material.
 - o Study Experts and Florida teachers answer questions and read every thread to ensure the accuracy of peer replies.
- Students receive Karma Points for asking and answering questions on the Algebra Wall. By helping others, students understand the material better.
 - o UF and Study Edge award prizes for karma points:
 - o "75 for 75": The first 75 classrooms in Florida to earn 10,000 karma points as a class will win \$75 for a pizza party for their class.
 - o The students with the most karma points at the end of February, March, and April will receive an iPad

What security measures are in place?

- Algebra Nation is a planet in the Facebook universe: that means we can make our own rules. Our wall is unique. We have one wall for the entire state of Florida, so the wall is completely transparent – there are no private chats or interactions. Students cannot click on another students' picture, message another student, or friend each other on Algebra Nation.
- All Study Experts and teachers have undergone background checks.

What can I do to help my child succeed?

- Go to www.AlgebraNation.com and visit the "Parents" page to watch a quick video on how to get started.
- Start watching Algebra Nation videos yourself! We suggest you simply start at Section 1. That way, you will cover everything that your child will see on the End of Course exam and you'll be able to help your student with any homework questions s/he may have.
- Make sure your child uses **ALGEBRA NATION** resource. Encourage her or him to go to www.AlgebraNation.com and visit the "Students" page to watch the quick video on how to get started.
- Ask your child to watch videos to help him/her on homework, to review for a test, or to ask questions that weren't answered in class. Also encourage your child to regularly use the "Test Yourself!" tool. The self-test will help your student see which parts of the material she/he understood, and which videos she/he should review.

To get started, please sign up at AlgebraNation.com. We have a dedicated staff available to answer questions through email and phone. Contact us at Help@AlgebraNation.com or (888) 97-STUDY.

Sincerely,

The Algebra Nation team