

# Department Chair Report Hesperia HS Math and Science Board Meeting Report December 13, 2021

The Math and Science department comprises 5 members and instructs the following courses
Jose Capella - Math III, Precalculus Honors, Calculus Honors
Bernard Iyawe - Math I
Sophia Munoz - Math I, Math I Honors, and Math II
☐ Vanessa Crook- Environmental Science
☐ Vacant Science Teacher - Chemistry I/IHonors, Chemistry II Honors,
Donald Hodges- Biology, Anatomy
This report highlights the team's best practices and accomplishments.



## **Math**

#### MyPath:

How MyPath 6-12 Works

- A Built-in placement exam determines students' initial proficiency level or integration with NWEA® MAP® Growth™, Scantron® Performance Series®, and Renaissance Star 360® assessments.
- A library of standards-based lessons from the 3rd-11th grade is built explicitly for older students so teachers can provide engaging, age-appropriate instructional content that keeps learners motivated.
- Gradual release, explicit instruction with answer-specific feedback that promotes confidence and conceptual understanding.
- Progress monitoring and skills-based reporting help inform small-group instruction or one-on-one with students, whether in-class or at home.
   (edgenuity.com)



### Math Benchmarks & Math MyPath Course

Students take a benchmark assessment at the start of the year and based on their score, they are each assigned a math course on Edgenuity under the MyPath courses.

Three levels a student can be placed in:

- -Basic Math
- -Foundational Math
- -Advanced Math

Each level then has multiple courses available such as "Basic Math A" or "Basic Math B" this is to ensure that the student can still be placed within the correct level. Maybe they are at a basic math level but towards the end of the basic math spectrum and so a higher letter will be assigned for the student's course.

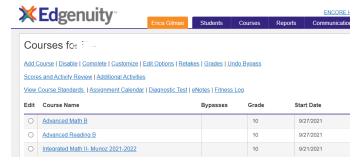
Once the student is assigned a course, the student then works on this course throughout the semester to prepare for the second benchmark which takes place around mid academic year. The MyPath program is designed to aid the student in covering concepts they don't understand and to challenge them on existing mastered concepts. If a student is in the 10th grade with a 6th grade level math score, then the mypath course will help the student achieve grade level understanding of corresponding mathematical concepts.

Essentially, the mypath courses he;p bridge the learning gaps many students are experiencing due to the setbacks from Covid19 and distance learning.

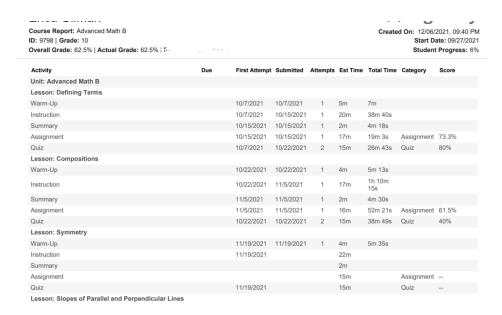


# Student Sample:

The following student has been placed in "Advanced Math B." Student placement based on September benchmark scores.



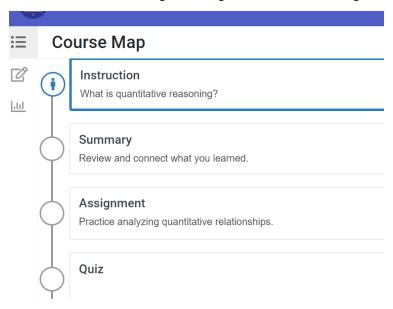
Student sample work progress: Through Edgenuity teachers can keep track of the progress of each student. Aside from scores, teachers can check the dates they have worked and the amount of time spent. This student has been successfully working on their mypath course throughout the semester.



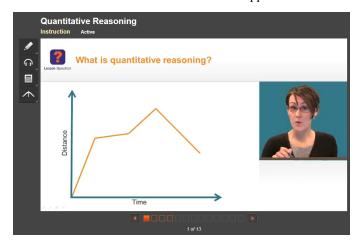


# **Edgenuity Courses & Curriculum**

Edgenuity math courses are the online curriculum that is implemented in the class. Edgenuity offers a variety of resources as the student navigates through the lesson and the assignments.

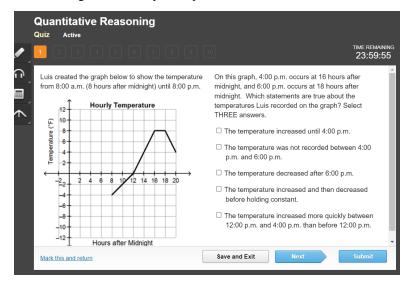


Video led instruction lesson for additional support.





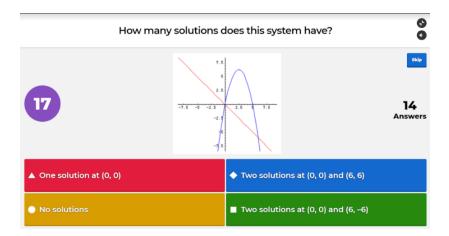
Practice assignments and quizzes provide immediate feedback for students.



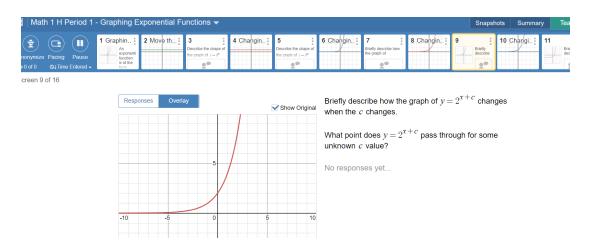


#### **Additional Learning Resources**

★ Kahoot is effective as a review and as an assessment of current knowledge. Many students enjoy the competitive nature of the Kahoots and the immediate feedback it provides.



★ Desmos Activity Builder - can be added to instruction time as a review or as a guided step by step lesson. Desmos activity builder allows the students to demonstrate their understanding of the topic. Interactive and creates an outlet for higher level critical thinking.

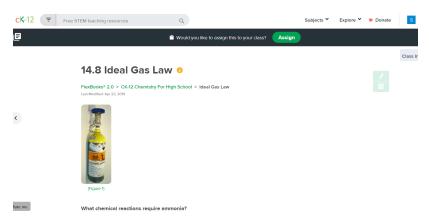




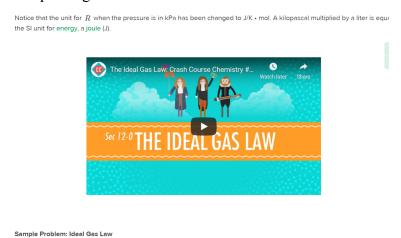
# **Science**

#### CK-12

CK-12 offers science interactive assignments that teachers can link through their google classroom. Assignments are posted and students are able to further enhance their understanding on any given science topic by completing the interactive assignment where videos and follow up questions are assigned.



Additional resources such as videos are included within the lesson for students to reinforce concepts taught.





Through the Ck-12 platform students can further explore the topic through videos that are meant to explain the details of the lesson. For example "why does soda go flat?" is a question that can be answered in a simple sentence or two but through ck-12 students can see in action what is happening throughout the entire process.

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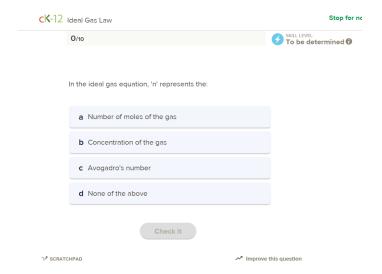
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Additional questions are set at the end of the interactive assignment to make sure that students



have learned the intended concepts for that lesson.



# Labster

#### Check our Student guide video below:





# **Labster**

Virtual Labs



Virtual lab simulations allow students to complete laboratory experiments online and explore abstract concepts and complex theories without stepping into a physical science lab. Labster simulations visualize science at a molecular level, offering open access to students. They can then apply their scientific knowledge and use advanced lab equipment to solve real-world challenges, such as DNA and gene sequencing, chemical reactions and cancer treatment responses. The gamified 3D learning virtual environment may be a laboratory, a forest or the desert plains of our imaginary exoplanet — Astakos IV, and is combined with engaging storytelling and a scoring system. (labster.com)

Labster provides STEM curriculum-aligned virtual laboratory simulations within biology, biochemistry, genetics, biotechnology, chemistry, physics and more.



-Use of team based and game format activities such as Escape Rooms enables students to reinforce learned concepts and collaborate with other students.

-Utilize lab simulations to supplement concepts discussed. In the simulation Build an Atom, students were able to use the <u>phet</u> simulation that enables to visualize the different subatomic particles and explain the role of these particles in atoms.

