

IXL Math Survey September, 2011

1. Did your child/children use IXL Math this summer?

	Response Percent	Response Count
yes	99.0%	99
no	1.0%	1

2. If yes, please indicate the current grade levels of your children who used the IXL Math program.

	Response Percent	Response Count
2nd grade	21.2%	21
3rd grade	20.2%	20
4th grade	20.2%	20
5th grade	19.2%	19
6th grade	29.3%	29
7th grade	22.2%	22
8th grade Introduction to Algebra	6.1%	6
8th grade Algebra	11.1%	11

3. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the IXL Math Program with 1 being highly satisfied and 5 being highly dissatisfied.

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3. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the IXL Math Program with 1 being highly satisfied and 5 being highly dissatisfied.

1 - highly satisfied	18.0%	18
2 - mostly satisfied	25.0%	25
3 - satisfied but not enthusiastic	33.0%	33
4 - mostly dissatisfied	16.0%	16
5 - highly dissatisfied	8.0%	8

Please explain your level of satisfaction. 73

4. If dissatisfied, would reducing the number of problems required for each section and/or grade level make you more satisfied with the program?

	Response Percent	Response Count
yes	67.6%	48
No	32.4%	23

5. Has the additional practice provided by IXL Math improved your child/children's Math skill?

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5. Has the additional practice provided by IXL Math improved your child/children's Math skill?

1 - great improvement	15.5%	15
2 - some improvement	64.9%	63
3 - no improvement	19.6%	19

6. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with your child/children's current Math skill level. If you have more than one child at HCA, please answer regarding your oldest child.

	Response Percent	Response Count
1 - highly satisfied	29.0%	29
2 - satisfied	61.0%	61
3 - dissatisfied	10.0%	10
	Optional comments	25

7. Please provide any other comments about the IXL Math Program or Summer Math in general.

8. Please provide your name and email address so that we can contact you to continue the discussion or ask for clarification. Thank you for responding to our survey.

Your input is very helpful. Have a blessed day. Sr. Susan Louise

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Summary of Comments:

As the survey indicates, there was not universal agreement about the IXL Math Program. Some families did not like it at all and others were very enthusiastic about it. The majority were *satisfied but not enthusiastic*.

The most frequent comments were these:

- 1 – The on-line format is good; it is preferable to the paper packet.
- 2 – There were too many problems.
- 3 – Lowering the score when the student gets a problem wrong is frustrating for the students.
- 4 – The mastery level is too high.
- 5 – The program expects a certain format for the answer so students were sometimes marked wrong when their answers were actually correct.
- 6 – The timer was a problem for some students.

Conclusions:

On-line practice with the possibility of differentiation of assignments is a wonderful concept. The flexibility of the program in requiring extra practice for the skills the students have trouble completing is a plus.

We cannot change how the program operates since it is not our program. We can not set a different mastery level for the program and we cannot stop the program from lowering the score when the students answer incorrectly or in a different format.

We can change **our expected mastery level** and the total number of problems students will complete.

We will look at different programs throughout this coming year and compare them to IXL Math. We will look for a program that will better meet our needs and the expectations of our school families.

We appreciate the time that so many of our families took in completing this survey. We will use the results and your experience from this past summer in choosing a program for next summer.

The IXL Math contract will last us through this school year. If your children need extra help in a given area, this is a good resource that you can use.