



Ascend Math August 2012...

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[Upcoming Conferences](#)

- **September 24-25** [AdvanceED WY](#); Cheyenne, WY
- **October 10-12** [NCTM Regional](#); Dallas, TX
- **October 14-16** [Texas ASCD](#); Dallas, TX

Tip of the Month – Beginning of Year Setup



Welcome back to a new school year! As you prepare for new students and/or a new classroom or lab for Ascend Math, you should find the following resources helpful: Fidelity & Integrity Plan, Technology Setup Checklist, and Ascend User Updates.

Please use the easy to follow [Fidelity & Integrity Plan](#) to review and set your implementation goals and the steps to achieve them. It will assist in streamlining your implementation goals or to identify if any changes are necessary.

The [Technology Setup Checklist](#) assists your school technologists in reviewing the initial Ascend setup. Please complete all 6 steps of the checklist prior to your student's start date, including the online survey, to verify you have completed the setup successfully.

Please use the section labeled "[Creating Teachers, Classes, and Students](#)" in the Administrator Training and Reference Guide to assist you with any user updates for the 2012/13 school year.

PLEASE NOTE: use your Ascend user login to access these documents whenever prompted.

Breaking News! - Ascend Math Version 5.0



We are excited to announce the improvements you'll find in the latest version of Ascend Math! Our product development team compiled partner feedback resulting in the release of Ascend Math version 5.0. I've summarized the 5.0 updates that will affect you below:

- Screen size widened so no more scrolling required
- New look to Student Home page, Ascend Climber, and Student Menu with motivational icons for units and levels completed
- New look to Student Lesson Menu including Activity icons added for ease of use
- New teacher Reports Menu will include favorites and move all reports under one tab

For more information on Ascend Math version 5.0 visit [What's New with Ascend](#)

Ascend Math Tech Tips – iPad Pop-up Blocker



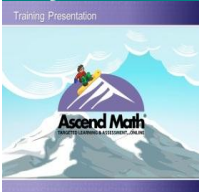
As mentioned in previous versions of the newsletter, Ascend Math is now compatible with iPads. If you plan to use Ascend Math with iPads in your classroom this school year, please ensure that pop-ups have been allowed from www.siascend.com or that the pop-up blocker is turned off. If pop-ups are not allowed, you may experience issues when generating the reports in Ascend. The pop-up blocker feature can be accessed by clicking “Settings” in Safari. If you have any questions regarding Ascend Math use on iPads, please contact Ascend Customer Support at support@ascendmath.com.

Recent News – LR in Spanish



As you prepare your student roster for the new school year, assigning the LR is essential in determining student's functional level before they begin to use Ascend Math. Ascend now offers the LR questions in both English and Spanish. The Spanish version of the level recommendation will allow teachers and administrators to identify math gaps regardless of student mastery of the English Language. School Administrators can easily select the preferred LR language when first assigning the student to the assessment. As you may recall, Ascend Math engages students through video and audio support thereby creating a limited emphasis on reading. In addition, Ascend Math provides study guides in both English and Spanish, and closed captioning in Spanish for all of its instructional videos. For additional information on assigning students to the LR in Spanish, please review the article "[Level Recommendation in Spanish](#)" within the Ascend Support Knowledge Base.

Keys to a Successful Implementation - Quick Start Training Webinar



The Quick Start Training webinar series is designed to address the needs of districts and schools that have single teachers who are assigned to Ascend Math AFTER a full school or district training occurs. The training is not designed to replace the onsite trainings that our Ascend Math Representatives deliver as part of an adoption; rather they are a catch up or refresher to ensure the retention of best practices implementations. The training webinars cover day-to-day Ascend topics, such as: steps of the Fidelity & Integrity Plan, generating reports, student learning center, and more! The next webinar will be held August 30th at 3:00 PM CST. If you would like to attend the webinar, please complete the training sign up form [HERE](#). For additional information on the Quick Start Training Webinar, please contact Ascend Customer Support at support@ascendmath.com.

Ascend Math Partner School Highlight



The Swanton Middle School Bulldogs of Swanton, Ohio definitely know how to put up a fight when it comes to crushing math deficiencies and building their math scores! Of the 300 students who used Ascend last school year, 44% completed levels! The Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA) math passing results corroborate Ascend reports, showing students increasing math scores approximately 30% from their 5th grade year to their 7th grade year! Those are some amazing results! You may be asking, “How did the school achieve these results?” I’ll let Ted Haselman, principal of Swanton Middle School, tell you their secret of success:

“Swanton Middle School’s Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA) scores have increased tremendously in math over the past few years. We have used Ascend Math for three years now and are very pleased with the results. These incredible results are a combination of our great math teachers and implementing and supplementing Ascend Math into the curriculum” said Ted Haselman, Swanton Middle School principal.”

Don't Be Left Out!



Are there fellow educators at your school who are not receiving this newsletter? More product enhancements, exciting new programs, and a major contest are on the way. They will not want to be left out. Please [Forward To A Friend!](#)

Facebook Surprises!



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Do you have helpful Ascend tips or success stories you’d like to share? We would love to hear what’s working for you and share the tips with other educators in our monthly newsletter. Please submit your successful tips [here](#) and receive a cup of Starbuck’s coffee on us! We will select one tip each month to publish in our monthly newsletter.

About Ascend:

Ascend Math has proven results that can drive students to achieve up to two grade level gains in one school year! This online individualized intervention resource identifies skill gaps, prescribes targeted instruction and motivates students to achieve their maximum performance.

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