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Ascend Math Introduces Virtual Study Guide Markup Feature to Enhance Student Learning and Save Schools Money by Going Paperless

Shreveport, LA – March 19, 2025 – Ascend Math is proud to announce the launch of its new **Virtual Study Guide Markup Feature**. This enhancement allows students to write directly on study guides within the platform, eliminating the need for printed copies while improving accessibility and engagement.

Previously, Ascend Math's study guides were available in digital format, but students could only view them without the ability to annotate. With the new digital markup feature, students can now interact with study guides virtually—writing, highlighting, and saving their work seamlessly. This innovation not only streamlines the learning experience but also provides significant cost savings for schools facing budget constraints.

"We understand the challenges educators face in providing quality resources while managing tight budgets," said **Kevin Briley, CEO of Ascend Math**. "With the new Virtual Study Guide Markup feature, we are giving teachers and students a more efficient, interactive, and budget-friendly way to use study guides. Schools no longer have to worry about printing costs or lost materials—everything is saved digitally, allowing for greater flexibility and ease of use."

A recent **blog post** from Ascend Math highlights the importance of writing math by hand to improve understanding and retention. The new markup feature aligns perfectly with this research, allowing students to show their work and engage more deeply with math concepts, just as they would with a printed guide—without the added hassle of paper copies.

This latest update aligns with Ascend Math's mission to deliver effective and personalized learning solutions. By incorporating digital annotation capabilities, students can actively engage with their study materials, reinforcing key concepts and improving retention.

The Virtual Study Guide Markup Feature is available now for all Ascend Math users. For more information, visit **ascendmath.com** or contact <u>info@ascendmath.com</u>.

About Ascend Math®

Ascend Math[®] is personalized online math instruction that provides each student with a unique study path through skill gaps at each level. Individual study plans are prescriptive, adaptive and automatically assigned.

Ascend Math[®] has demonstrated results that enable students to grow two or more grade levels in one semester. This research-based program is an online individualized instructional resource which identifies skill gaps, prescribes targeted instruction and motivates students to succeed. Schools may use Ascend Math as a Core Math Curriculum or a Supplemental Math Curriculum to target the needs of special populations including Tier II and Tier III Interventions, Special Ed, High Ability, Algebra Readiness, Acceleration and Credit Recovery.

Ascend's fully automated solution reduces the demands on teachers' time. Ascend's approach supports improved math achievement regardless of students' reading levels. This resource provides important support for ELL and students with special needs using video, audio, and multimedia components. Ascend's real-time reports will assist in simplifying progress monitoring and helping meet Federal audit guidelines.

Study plans align by grade level to rigorous state standards. Instruction is delivered in a logical math sequence and students can progress at their own pace and track their own progress and success. Ascend Math is currently used by hundreds of schools and districts serving tens of thousands of students throughout the U.S. and Canada. Visit www.ascendmath.com