

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back to the 2018-2019 school year! If you had a student(s) in one of our K – 5 buildings you're already familiar with DreamBox and all that it has to offer students when it comes to increasing their mathematical development and reasoning. If you are a new parent to the district, you will soon discover what a powerful learning environment DreamBox provides students.

Some facts about DreamBox that you may or may not already know

DreamBox Learning is an online, *Intelligent Adaptive Learning*^(tm) program that supports the development of students' mathematical proficiency levels. (See the attached document for more information on the power of DreamBox and how it adjusts for optimal student learning.) Because DreamBox is an online program - there's no software to download! All you need is a high-speed Internet connection, a PC or an iPad and Adobe Flash. Adobe Flash is free and is included with many Internet browsers. **For more information**, feel free to explore the DreamBox website at www.dreambox.com.

Accessing DreamBox

You and your student can easily access DreamBox Learning from any computer, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by visiting the Colonial School District webpage. Students will use their **STUDENT ID#** that they use for lunch.

The directions for **accessing DreamBox** on the **district web page** are as follows:

1. Go to www.colonialsd.org
2. First, click on **STUDENTS** in the upper right-hand corner of the district webpage.
3. Next, click on **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** then click on **MATH. THIS WILL TAKE YOU TO A PAGE THAT READS MATH RESOURCES.**
4. Then, on the right side of the page find your elementary school and click- this will send you to the log-in page for Clever. Have your student enter their **Student ID Number** for both username and password.
5. This will take your student to a page with the DreamBox icon. Click on the DreamBox icon on the left.

Creating a DreamBox Parent Account – *this is recommended so you can be updated regularly.*

A great feature for parents of students using DreamBox is the ability to access your child's academic progress and receive updates from DreamBox. To take advantage of this opportunity, you will need to set up a DreamBox Parent Account.

*** Please follow these steps to create your free Parent Account – *In order to set up your parent account, you will need to use an email address.**

1. Go to www.colonialsd.org and follow the steps for student log-in above
2. Next, you will be on your student's page
3. Click *Setup Parent Access* at the very bottom of the page in the right lower corner
4. Follow instructions to create a new login and password
5. Read *Terms of Use* and *Privacy Policy*
6. Click "Submit"
7. If you have more than one child, you must set up a parent account for each student. Simply repeat the process as a **Returning Customer – you must set up accounts for each student.**
8. Make a selection under "**What do you want to do now?**" Begin exploring as a parent 😊

Directions for logging into your home account after set up to check student progress

1. Go to 'Clever' in the same way students will through the district webpage.
2. Enter your email address and your password.
3. If you would like to see your student's progress, click the "Parent Dashboard" button.

Setting up an iPad for DreamBox use

1. Download the free app from the App Store – search DreamBox and Clever (install both)
2. When prompted for a school code, please use the appropriate code below for your school
3. Check that your iPad has the latest version of Adobe Flash
4. Log onto DreamBox through the Clever app

School Codes are used for setting up DreamBox Math for iPad.

School Name	School Code
Conshohocken	55qh/conshohocken
Plymouth	55qh/plymouth
Ridge Park	55qh/ridgep
Whitemarsh	55qh/whitemarsh
Colonial Elementary	55qh/colonial

If you have any curriculum or technology related questions: blank screens, unable to login or any type of error message, please do not hesitate to make the following contacts:

- Kindergarten – Third Grade parents will contact Michelle Gilbert at mgilbert@colonialsd.org

You may also contact DreamBox Client Care directly by calling them at 877-451-7845 (weekdays 7am to 5pm, Pacific Time), or email support@dreambox.com. **Please allow up to 72 hours or 3 business days** to have your message or email returned from DreamBox.

Welcome to DreamBox and happy playing!!

Sincerely,

Edward F. Merk, Jr.

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The DreamBox Learning Difference for Parents

When you want to support your child's mathematical development, overcome math anxiety, erase math boredom, or just help your kids to learn to love math, you'll find the answer inside DreamBox Learning.

DreamBox Learning provides a deeply personalized online math learning experience that differentiates content, pace, and sequence for the highest levels of student achievement.

Powered by Intelligent Adaptive Learning™ technology, DreamBox Learning is accessible through the use of a desktop, laptop, and an iPad. ® DreamBox combines rigorous elementary math, an engaging, game-like learning environment and real-time feedback for each student. It motivates and guides all levels of learners to persist, progress and achieve math proficiency. The result is increased achievement, deep understanding, and life-long confidence in math.

Adaptive, Rigorous, Engaging

With the firm belief that all students can become proficient in mathematics, DreamBox was built around a rigorous curriculum focused on the Common Core Standards and an Intelligent Adaptive Learning™ engine. Set in two motivating learning environments (primary and intermediate), DreamBox delivers millions of individualized learning paths, each one tailored to a student's unique needs. Every day in thousands of classrooms and homes around the country, DreamBox delivers proven results for students.

A deep math learning curriculum

The curriculum supports the [National Common Core Standards](#) and the [8 Mathematical Practice Standards](#), with over 1,300 lessons customized for your child's development. The DreamBox Learning math curriculum develops computational fluency, true conceptual understanding, and problem-solving ability in a fun engaging environment.

Adapts to every child at every learning level

DreamBox works for every child: those who need extra math practice but are working at grade level, struggling math students who need extra help, or advanced students who need a challenge. Your child will experience a new way to learn with a 'virtual math tutor' that provides 'just right' lessons and infinite patience.

- **Tailored to the individual child.** Unlike other learning products, DreamBox Learning Math's adaptive learning looks beyond right or wrong answers, assessing a student's strategy. Simply getting the answer right isn't enough. How quickly did a student answer? Did he need extra hints? Did she improve? The lesson, difficulty, number and type of hints given, pacing, sequence, and much more are adapted to the student.
- **Ongoing assessment.** Placement lessons throughout the adventures assess students' knowledge, so they can skip what they know and focus on what they're ready to learn.
- **Many pathways to accommodate the learner.** DreamBox Learning provides millions of different paths through our curriculum.



An engaging learning environment that doesn't sacrifice fun

When DreamBox was in the developing stages, creating an experience that captured a student's imagination and attention was important. In addition to the two immersive environments (primary and intermediate) that personalize learning with games and themes that turn lessons into adventures, students have multiple opportunities to model their thinking with unique virtual manipulatives. Modeling or representing their mathematical thinking, encourages children to explain, discuss, and defend their solutions. DreamBox Learning Math supports children to find success with mathematics.

Current progress reports on the Parent Dashboard

Because family involvement is so important to a child's success in school, the DreamBox Parent Dashboard provides a detailed current view of your child's academic and story progress. Once parents activate their Parent Dashboard, DreamBox will also email parents about significant academic milestones their children achieve in the lesson games. Some emails include a Certificate of Achievement for your child. Also included are parent tips for family activities that reinforce the lessons learned. With the Progress Snapshot, you'll get a quick look at what your child is learning. If you have more than one child in DreamBox, you can see them all at a glance.

- **Overall progress:** how much of the math curriculum your child is currently working in, how much she's completed and skipped, and how much she has yet to learn.
- **Academics:** what math concepts your child is currently learning.
- **Time:** The amount of time your child has played.

For parents who want more detail, you also get a page dedicated to each child with a more detailed academic progress report and view of the curriculum.

- **Progress graphing:** See progress in each major curriculum category. These categories are based on the key learning goals for each grade determined by standards categories.
- **Expandable views:** See all lesson groups within curriculum categories, with a description of the specific math concept your child is learning.

The Parent Dashboard also gives you access to all of your account settings. DreamBox is committed to supporting parents who want to be involved in their children's education.