

Saxon Math
(Prices as of January, 2018)

Saxon Algebra ½ Dive CD-Rom - \$55

Each lesson concept in Saxon Math's textbook is taught step-by-step on a digital whiteboard, averaging about 10-15 minutes in length; and because each lesson is stored separately, you can easily move about from lesson-to-lesson as well as maneuver within the lesson you're watching. Taught from a Christian worldview, Dr. David Shormann also provides a weekly syllabus to help students stay on track with the lessons. DIVE teaches the same concepts as Saxon, but does not use the problems given in the text; it cannot be used as a solutions guide.

Algebra 1/2 Home School Kit - \$76

Includes the hardcover student text, softcover answer key and softcover test booklet.

Solutions Manual - \$49.05

This solutions manual accompanies Saxon Math's Home School Kit. Make grading easy with solutions to all textbook practices, problem sets, and additional topic practices. Early solutions that contain every step, and later solutions omit obvious steps; final answers are given in bold type for accurate, efficient grading. Paperback.

Teaching Tape Full Set DVDs - \$185

Teaching Tapes features instruction by a state-certified teacher who explains and demonstrates each concept, example, and practice problem. Perfect for students working at their own pace, Teaching Tape DVDs will help students gain a solid understanding of the material they're working on. Each DVD is approximately 2 hours long. These DVDs cannot be used without the Saxon textbooks.

Home Study Kit & Teaching Tape Technology DVD Set Bundle - \$264.49

This kit includes:

- Set of Teaching Tape Saxon Math Algebra 1/2, 3rd Edition DVDs.
- Saxon Math Algebra 1/2, 3rd Edition Student Text, hardcover.
- Saxon Math Algebra 1/2, 3rd Edition Tests Booklet, softcover.
- Saxon Math Algebra 1/2, 3rd Edition Answer Key, softcover.

All the above info is found [here](#).

Textbook Prices Found on Amazon

[Saxon Pre-Algebra Textbook](#) - \$29 used

[Saxon Algebra 1 Textbook](#) - \$12 used

[Saxon Algebra 2 Textbook](#) - \$20 used

[Saxon Geometry Textbook](#) - \$22 used

[Saxon Trigonometry](#) - \$46 used

[Saxon Calculus](#) - \$35 used

Math-U-See
(Prices as of January, 2018)

Digital Pack - \$42

Lifetime access to Algebra 1 streaming instruction videos and online Instruction Manual, lesson and test solutions, and other online resources from any browser. You'll also have access to the Math-U-See Digital Manipulatives. Access begins at time of online purchase or redemption of access code. Note: Digital Packs do not include Student Workbook or Tests.

Student Pack - \$43

The Algebra 1 Student Pack contains the Student Workbook with lesson-by-lesson worksheets, review pages, and honors pages. It also includes the Algebra 1 Tests.

Instruction Pack - \$68

The Algebra 1 Instruction Pack contains the instruction manual with lesson-by-lesson instructions and detailed solutions, and the DVD with lesson-by-lesson video instruction. Additional resource: We offer an Online Class for this level. Learn more about the Algebra 1 Online Class.

Universal Set - \$182

Instruction Manual with complete solutions, Instruction DVD, Student Workbook, Tests booklet, Integer Block Kit, Algebra/Decimal Insert Kit, 12 months of access to the Algebra 1 Digital Pack.

Online Course - \$350

Lessons are one day a week. It looks like each lesson is 1-hour long. Plus, you are required to have at least an Algebra 1 Student Pack which is \$43 but is recommended to have the Universal Set for \$182.

All the above info is found [here](#).

Colosky's Math Academy

Price

As of April, 2021, the cost is \$8.99/month for each pre-recorded course, or \$19.99/month for access to all our pre-recorded courses. Our live courses cost \$200 for the school year. There is an additional \$125/student fee for those who would like us to grade the tests and quizzes.

General Course Info

Our pre-recorded courses come with lesson videos, lesson notes, homework questions, homework solutions, and homework videos explaining each homework question. There is also a test/quiz packet available for only \$1.

Our live classes meet for 45 minutes, for 2 or 3 days a week depending on the class, for the entire 36-week school year, and comes with complete access to the pre-recorded course content.

Analysis

Math-U-See

Price:

Colosky's Math Academy's live courses would be comparable to the Digital Pack (\$38) plus the Student Pack (\$43) plus the Online Course (\$350). Colosky's Math Academy does not offer the Digital Manipulatives that Math-U-See has. That would total \$431, whereas our cost is \$200.

Our pre-recorded courses would be comparable to the Digital Pack (\$38) plus the Student Pack (\$43) which would total to be \$81 for lifetime access. Our prices are \$8.99/month or \$100 for a year access.

Instruction:

Math-U-See only has approximately 35 major lessons which are not clearly broken down into smaller, more manageable skills. Students are not given videos explaining the practice problems like in Colosky's Math Academy's courses. The sequence of the lessons seems to be decent. In 2018, for an additional cost you could sign up for an online class for \$350, though as of 2021, I don't see that as an option. Also as of 2018, depending on location, they offer live classes that meet once a week, where they walk through the test and practice problems. I'm not sure what the price is for the live instruction. But if students still do not understand the lesson, you would have to hire a tutor.

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Price:

Colosky's Math Academy's pre-recorded courses for \$8.99/month would be comparable to the Study Kit & Teaching Tape Technology DVD Set Bundle (\$264.49). Our lessons would not be on DVD but would be accessible online instead. Also, our tests, lesson notes, and answer key would all be accessible online. We do not have a physical booklet to offer whereas Saxon would. Our courses would not require a textbook as would the Saxon program.

Colosky's Math Academy offers live online instruction for \$200 for the entire year, which is cheaper than Saxon's Study Kit & Teaching Tape Technology DVD Set Bundle (\$264.49). In addition, I don't see an option for live instruction through Saxon.

Instruction:

Saxon Math seems to jump around a lot from topic to topic and does not seem have much structure in the order of the lessons. For example, with the Algebra 1 3rd Edition, Lesson 66 deals with Radicals, Lesson 67 deals with equations, Lesson 68 jumps to complex fractions, Lesson 69 jumps to factoring, and Lesson 70 jumps to probability. In addition, there are no chapters that group related lessons together. Although Saxon Math's Algebra 1 book does have 120 lessons and covers many topics, the topics are not ordered in a way that I feel would help students the best. The other math classes that Saxon offers seem to do the same thing. Colosky's Math Academy's courses are structured from textbooks that have a more sequential approach to the lessons as opposed to being seemingly random.