

Ensuring Success with myhrw.com and the *Personal Math Trainer*

Tips for Broward County Public Students and Family Members

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Operating Systems and Browsers

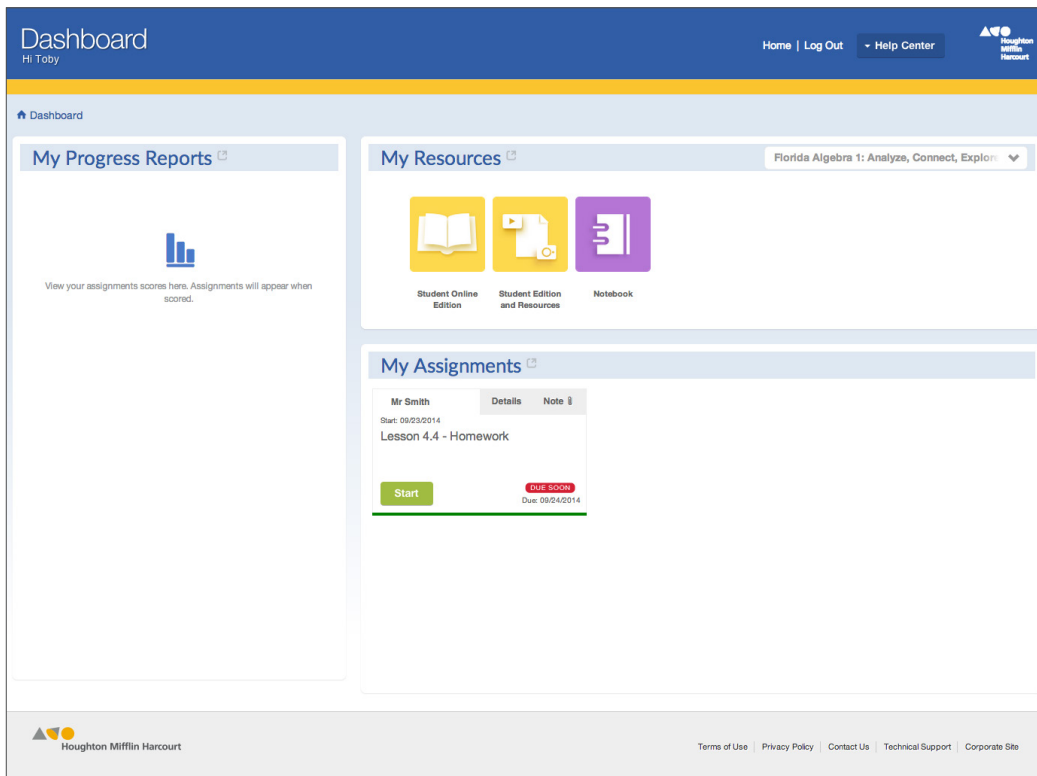
- The website my.hr.w.com and the Personal Math Trainer (PMT) are supported by and work best with the following operating systems and browsers.

OPERATING SYSTEM	BROWSER
Chromebooks	Chrome v37 or latest
Windows 7	Internet Explorer 10 or 11 Chrome v37 or latest Firefox v32 or latest
Windows 8.1 • desktop and touch tablet	Internet Explorer 11 Chrome v37 or latest Firefox v32 or latest
Mac 10.7.x, 10.8.x, 10.9.x	Chrome v37 or latest Safari v7 or latest Firefox v32 or latest
Apple iPad (iOS7 and above) • versions 2-5 • M and Mini Retina Display	Chrome v37 or latest Safari v7 or latest
Android (4.x) • 7 inch + screen	Chrome v37 or latest

- PMT will work on most browsers and older versions of some browsers. However, in order to have the best possible performance of PMT, we recommend that you update your browser with the latest version, when available.
- Make sure that your browser preferences are set to allow pop-ups. Consult your browser's Help menu or other online resources for tips on how to allow pop-ups.

2 Launch my.hrw.com and a Personal Math Trainer Assignment

- Broward County students follow these steps.
 1. Go to this site: <http://my.hrw.com>. You will land on a page that says, “Welcome to Holt McDougall Online!”
 2. Enter your username, which is your student school ID number.
 3. Your password is your birthdate. Use this format—for example, April 10, 2002 should be entered as 04102002.
 4. Click on the blue Log In box. Your personal Dashboard page should appear.
- If your teacher has made assignments for you, they will appear under *My Assignments*. Take note of the date and time each one is due. Click *Start* for the assignment you want to begin and the Personal Math Trainer will launch.
- If you want to practice on your own with the Personal Math Trainer, you can do so through the Student Online Edition. Links to practice questions open when you click the Personal Math Trainer icons in the Online Edition. These links are for practice only. Your work will not be reported as a grade to your teacher.



The screenshot shows the user's dashboard on my.hrw.com. The top navigation bar includes "Dashboard", "Hi, Toby", "Home | Log Out", and "Help Center". The main content area is divided into three sections:

- My Progress Reports:** A section with a bar chart icon and the text "View your assignments scores here. Assignments will appear when scored."
- My Resources:** A section with a dropdown menu set to "Florida Algebra 1: Analyze, Connect, Explore" and three icons: "Student Online Edition" (yellow), "Student Edition and Resources" (orange), and "Notebook" (purple).
- My Assignments:** A section showing an assignment from "Mr Smith" titled "Lesson 4.4 - Homework". It includes a "Start" button and a "DUE SOON" badge with the due date "09/24/2014".

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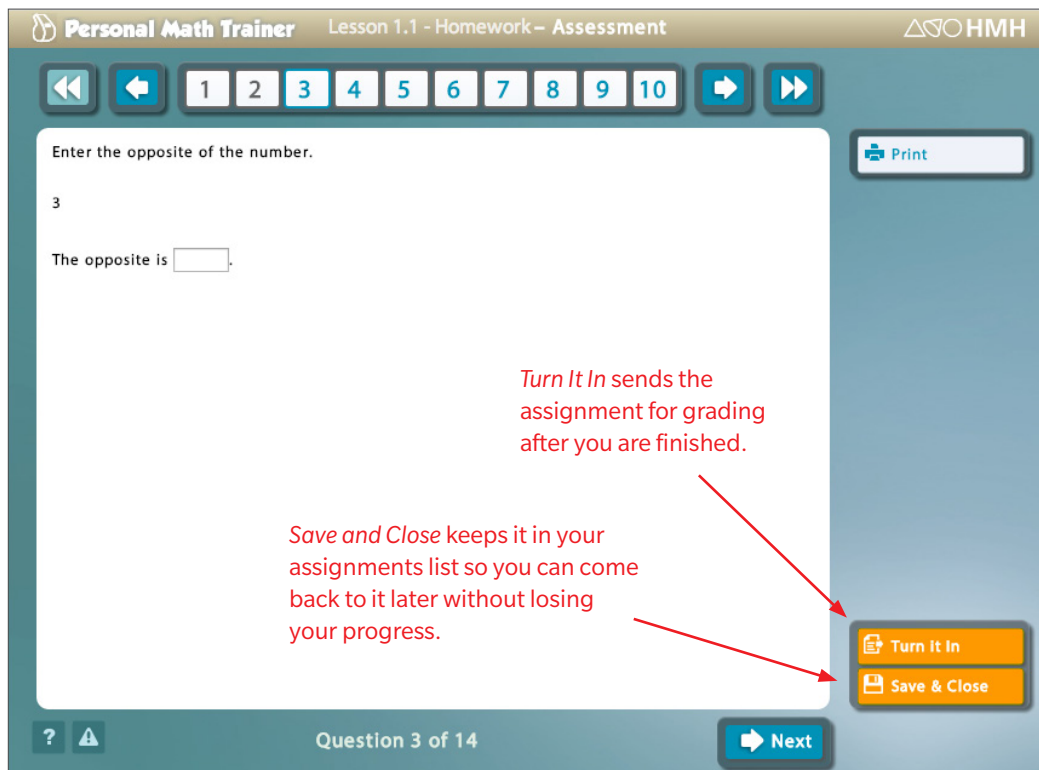
3 While You are Working on Your Assignment

- **Work through the questions in your assignment.**

Questions may be answered in a variety of formats— entering an answer in an answer box, choosing from a set of multiple-choice answers, choosing a response from a drop-down box, or using the number line or graphing tool that appears on the screen.

- **Stay focused on your assignment.**

You will have better results with PMT if you have a designated time to work on your assignment. Stay focused and avoid multi-tasking. If you need to take a break or walk away from your device, be sure to click *Save & Close* first.



The screenshot shows the Personal Math Trainer interface for Lesson 1.1 - Homework - Assessment. The question asks to enter the opposite of the number 3. The interface includes a navigation bar with buttons for back, forward, and a list of question numbers (1-10). A 'Print' button is visible in the top right. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Turn It In' and 'Save & Close'. Red arrows point from explanatory text to these buttons.

Enter the opposite of the number.

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The opposite is .

Print

Turn It In

Save & Close

Next

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Turn It In sends the assignment for grading after you are finished.

Save and Close keeps it in your assignments list so you can come back to it later without losing your progress.

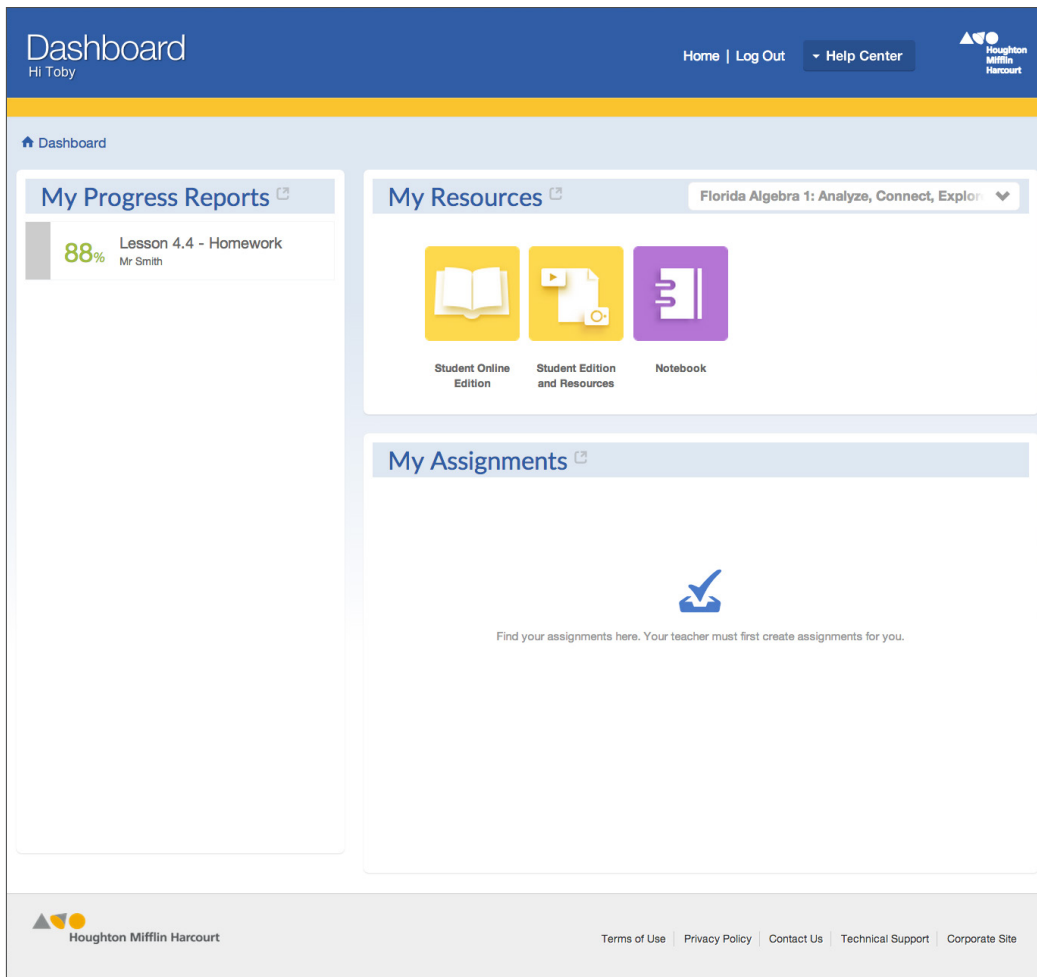
- **Be sure to save your work frequently by clicking the *Save & Close* button. We recommend clicking *Save & Close* every 15 minutes.**

Like most websites, the my.hrw.com site will time out and automatically end your session after 30 minutes of inactivity. If you take a break from your work in the PMT and go to another screen or leave your device for a few minutes, the site may time out. The PMT screen may appear active, but you may not realize that your session on my.hrw.com has closed.

Intermittent Internet connections can also affect whether or not your *Save & Close* action has been successful.

- **Remember to turn in your assignment once it is complete by clicking *Turn It In*.**

By clicking *Turn It In*, you will let your teacher know that you have completed your assignment. Your teacher can then allow you to see your answers and grades. This will show up under *My Progress Reports* on your *Dashboard*. If your score does not show up immediately, refresh your browser to update the view. Your completed assignments will no longer appear under *My Assignments*.



The screenshot shows a student dashboard with a blue header. The header includes the word "Dashboard" and the user name "Hi Toby" on the left, and navigation links for "Home", "Log Out", and "Help Center" on the right. The main content area is divided into three sections: "My Progress Reports" on the left, "My Resources" in the top right, and "My Assignments" in the bottom right. The "My Progress Reports" section shows a progress bar at 88% for "Lesson 4.4 - Homework" by "Mr Smith". The "My Resources" section has a dropdown menu set to "Florida Algebra 1: Analyze, Connect, Explore" and contains three icons: "Student Online Edition" (book icon), "Student Edition and Resources" (document icon), and "Notebook" (notepad icon). The "My Assignments" section is currently empty, displaying a blue checkmark icon and the text "Find your assignments here. Your teacher must first create assignments for you." The footer contains the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt logo and links for "Terms of Use", "Privacy Policy", "Contact Us", "Technical Support", and "Corporate Site".

- **Avoid using the backspace or delete key on your keyboard when you are working on a question.**

If you are working on a question with the answer palette, use the eraser or trashcan at the bottom of the answer palette rather than the backspace/delete key on your keyboard.

If you use the backspace or delete key on your keyboard, it may erase your work and force you back to the first question.

The screenshot shows the 'Personal Math Trainer' interface for 'Lesson 3.3 - Homework - Homework'. The main question asks to find the equivalent simplified fraction for the number 0.8, with the fraction $\frac{4}{5}$ entered in a text box. Below the text box is an 'Answer Palette' containing various mathematical symbols and functions. At the bottom of the palette are icons for an eraser and a trashcan, labeled 'Eraser and Trashcan'. To the right of the main workspace is a 'Learning Aids' panel with buttons for 'View Example', 'Step-by-Step', 'Textbook', and 'Print'. At the bottom right are 'Turn It In' and 'Save & Close' buttons. The bottom status bar shows 'Question 1 of 16', a 'Check Answer' button, and a 'Next' button.

- **Question/Homework Help**

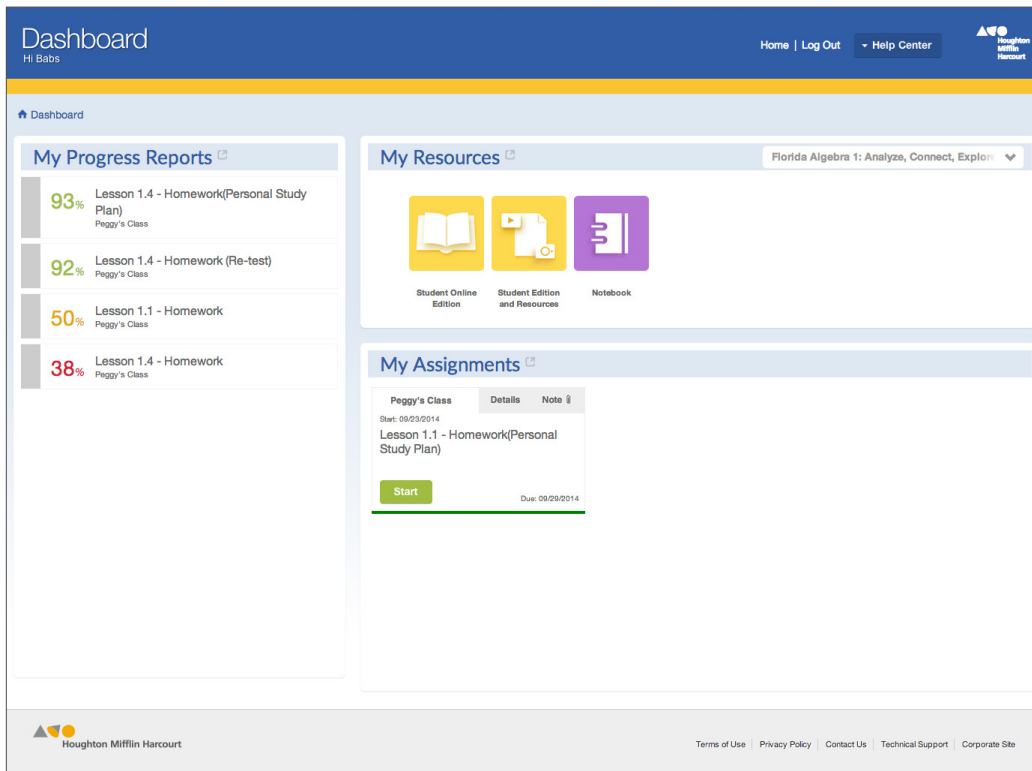
Make sure you use the Learning Aids if you need help with a question.

View Example and *Step-by-Step* will show you how to solve the problem you are working on. After you use those Learning Aids, click the *Try Another* button. You will be given another version of the same question to answer.

Video Tutor and *Textbook* will pull up additional resources for you to reference.

- **Personal Study Plan and Enrichment**

Based on your responses to questions, you may be given additional assignments, especially if you need to review a concept. The assignments will be automatically generated and will appear under *My Assignments* with *Personal Study Plan* or *Enrichment* in the title.



The screenshot shows a user dashboard for 'Hi Babbs'. The top navigation bar includes 'Home | Log Out' and 'Help Center'. The main content area is divided into three sections:

- My Progress Reports:** A list of four homework assignments for 'Peggy's Class' with completion percentages: 93% (Lesson 1.4 - Homework(Personal Study Plan)), 92% (Lesson 1.4 - Homework (Re-test)), 50% (Lesson 1.1 - Homework), and 38% (Lesson 1.4 - Homework).
- My Resources:** A section for 'Florida Algebra 1: Analyze, Connect, Explore' featuring three resource icons: 'Student Online Edition', 'Student Edition and Resources', and 'Notebook'.
- My Assignments:** A section for 'Peggy's Class' showing a single assignment: 'Lesson 1.1 - Homework(Personal Study Plan)'. It includes a 'Start' button and a due date of '09/29/2014'.

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- **Logging Off**

After you have finished your work, return to your Dashboard. Go to the blue header in the upper right corner of the screen. Click *Log Out*. You will see a message that says, "You have successfully logged out."

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