

# Case Study: Tara Crebs with Montoursville Area High School

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## Tara Crebs Montoursville Area High School (Pennsylvania)

Industry: Public K-12  
Location: Montoursville, PA  
School Size: 630 Students

### Background: Tara Crebs, Math Teacher

After enjoying being a stay-at-home mother for nine years, Tara Crebs began her mathematics teaching career in 2009 after majoring in mathematics in college despite initial career sights set for law school. Tara was introduced to Get More Math by fellow math teacher Brett Hofstram from nearby Montgomery Jr/Sr High School, but it wasn't until after Brett's third praiseworthy mention of Get More Math that she decided to pursue the free school-year trial that Get More Math offers to all new schools.

#### School Bio

Montoursville Area High School is a public high school (grades 9 to 12) and is one of four schools that makes up Montoursville Area School District, which is located about five miles east from Williamsport, Pennsylvania.



*"There just isn't any other way that I have found to give kids continuous review on so many concepts and also individualize the skills they need. It is genius. For real."*

- Tara Crebs  
Math Teacher  
Montoursville Area High School (PA)

Tara's Favorite  
Features of  
Get More Math

**Spiral  
Review**

**Student  
Individual-  
ization**

**User  
Friendly**

**Improved  
Homework  
Scores**

**Note:** Tara teaches  
different levels of  
Algebra at  
Montoursville Area  
High School (PA).

# Biggest Challenges in Teaching Mathematics

The first year of teaching mathematics for Tara was when Pennsylvania had just released the Keystone Exam, and in addition to being the only Algebra teacher at the high school level she was also given a new math textbook while also being tasked with writing a new curriculum to meet Keystone Exam standards and concepts. Aside from typical math retention challenges with students over the years, Tara points out that the COVID-19 pandemic has posed the biggest challenge so far when it comes to trying to address the needs of her students. "They've lost so much time, structure, etc. Their skills are far below norm and their ability to concentrate and focus is minimal...not to mention their overall anxiety levels are heightened. Their mental health is unstable...they don't have much trust, and many are fearful."



## First Impressions about Get More Math

Tara admits how easy it was to use initially, but it did take some time to understand it well enough to use it effectively in the classroom. During the first two years, she used Get More Math primarily as a remediation tool for the Keystone Exam, but when she started to leverage Get More Math more as an active component in the classroom she was met with resistance. "I was horrible at it. I didn't model the problems, I didn't teach before giving them practice." She admits that the program was "spectacular," but that she just wasn't using it to its full potential yet realized she just needed to give herself time to iron things out to get where they needed to be.

*"For us, the idea is that the teacher helps push the class forward...but then Get More Math provides that practice that keeps pushing each kid back over the best or most valuable content that they could possibly do on a particular day."*

- Josh Britton  
Founder, Get More Math

## The Get More Math Solution

With Get More Math now fully deployed in Tara's virtual or in-classroom teaching routine, she shares how Get More Math has addressed the many challenges she's faced in teaching mathematics over the years. First, she doesn't spend nearly as much time in class reviewing homework. She used to spend 10 to 15 minutes reviewing concepts she taught the day before...with Get More Math, that no longer happens.

Another challenge area that Get More Math has helped Tara address is around exams and tests. She says, "I used to give a test, grade it, return it to the kids and allow them to make test corrections on it. After we met individually about their test corrections, I would let them retake any problems they got wrong. And then I would regrade it.

This was great for them, but took a lot of time." With Get More Math, she indicates that all this has been automated and streamlined for her and finishes by saying, "...it is soooooo much more efficient."



## About Get More Math

Get More Math provides a web-based and results-based math practice and long-term retention program for grades 3rd through high school math. With built-in printable & downloadable worksheets, cumulative exams (with formative and summative assessments), real-time data reports for teachers and administrators, and Clever SSO integration, Get More Math is FREE through the current school year for new schools, educational service centers (ESCs), afterschool programs, summer programs, and non-profit educational organizations.



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