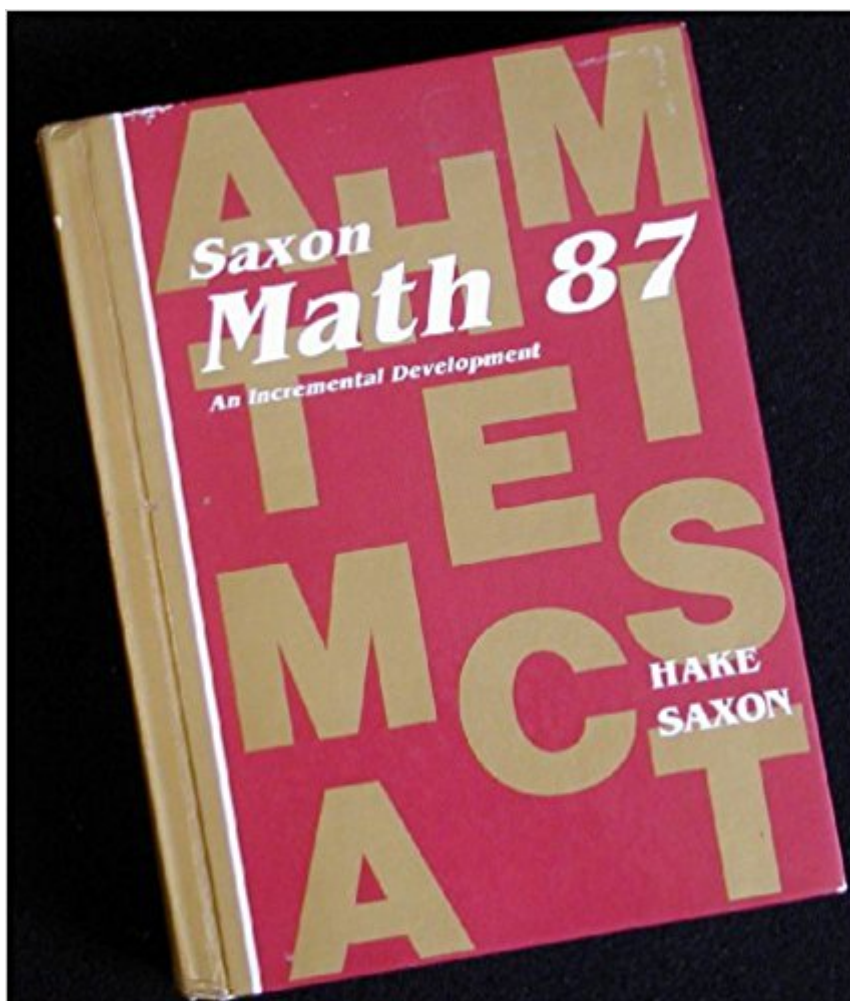


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Saxon Math methodology is simply too good. Math is unique and either you get it or you just don't get it. Very few fall in between the gaps. Saxon can help both and I can attest to that because I have two kids and each one falls into one of the camps and the school follows Saxon Math. For those who are looking to improve the Math skills (say over the summer vacation), do not pick up the books from Costco or other departmental stores. Yes, they look more attractive than the dull looking saxon. Saxon Chapters have one simple lesson, an example and then long 25+ Question exercises. Nearly 75 percent of the questions in the exercises does not refer to the current chapter but to the chapters previous with varying difficult levels based on how far you have got from that chapter. Your

child can take his or her time, but they will eventually get it. Each question in the exercise has a number along with that helps the kids know which chapter this lesson was first taught. I wish I had this type of Math Book while I was studying in India. As a parent, you need to have the teacher's edition which has answers, so you will save plenty of time and retain your sanity. Teachers edition is identical to kids edition with answers in clear bold red. So what will take 15 minutes for you to review might take 5 min or less.

My sixth grade daughter has been learning with Saxon math since kindergarten and is close to finishing this book. We began home schooling in fifth grade and with older Saxon books were able to accelerate to this level. This book is rated as an eighth grade/advanced seventh grade book. It encompasses basic math and geometry throughout, and algebra the last one-third, but always mixing these in order to keep up the practice. I own the teacher's edition, so feel no need for a home school edition. I particularly like the feature of previous lesson numbers in parentheses next to each problem pointing the student back to all the lessons where similar problems are explained. That has been extremely helpful for me explaining problems she has trouble with, since the teacher's edition provides only the answer. I found this course very easy to teach, and I had difficulty with math as a child, not understanding higher math until college. I had considered using Saxon seventh grade (67) home school edition, but after she used a Saxon classroom type sixth grade book, it seemed to be fairly equally challenging, so I made the decision to advance directly to this 87 book. No regrets! As a side note, after talking to a successful college student at a curriculum fair who used Saxon until algebra and then had difficulties, I took his advice and bought VideoText Interactive on DVD with books. He was able to get through college calculus. My eldest daughter used VideoText Interactive and I feel it is perhaps the best choice for pre-algebra, algebra I and algebra II combined for home schooling. Saxon 87 covers pre-algebra, so the younger daughter may be able to skip several lessons, but otherwise, I anticipate smooth sailing with VideoText Interactive for teaching advanced algebra.

First of all, notice that this is only the testing packet - not the actual text for Math 87. We homeschooled our kids over a period of years, and Saxon Math, including Math 87, was always our choice for math texts. I also teach in a classical Christian school where we use Saxon Math as well. I find that for most students, if they will take the time to read the lesson well, do all of the problems, and then rework any problems they miss then they will achieve a high degree of mastery of the material at hand. Math 87 will prepare the advanced student for Algebra 1, without having to proceed

to Algebra 1/2. This will only be true if both student and teacher are diligent in doing all of the problems, checking them immediately, and reworking any missed problems. The greatest advantage of Saxon Math is that each lesson provides practice not only for the new problems but also built-in review for every kind of problem the student has previously encountered. Math 87 is no exception to the rule that Saxon Math texts help students learn math well. After 87, all of my kids who have taken it were definitely ready to move on to the next level, although I chose to have my daughter get the extra practice of doing Algebra 1/2 as well. In general, Saxon Math, including Math 87, is highly recommended. It is especially ideal for homeschooling families.

Whichever level of Saxon Maths you choose, it will be a classic. I have home-schooled my youngest son on all the Saxon series from Math 76 and Math 87, through the Algebra 1/2, 1 and 2 books, to Advanced Math and Calculus. With the help of the Answer books and Test books, it is a complete course, with no need for a teacher, a tutor, a parent or anyone else. The lessons are clearly explained with good examples, practice exercises, and then drill which practises today's work, yesterday's work, last week's work, last month's work, in a continuous revision of all the lessons covered in the book. At any time, the student could sit down to an unexpected test and come through with flying colours because of the continuous review process. My elder two sons went to normal schools and never reached the mathematical level that my home-schooled son achieved with Saxon. From home-school, my son went on to college and topped his maths class, thanks to being able to teach himself maths through the Saxon Maths books.

Honestly, I really enjoy the Saxon intermediate series....but thissigh...this is pretty visually unappealing. It's black and white, and sooooooooooooo much info takes up the page. It's pretty overwhelming to look at honestly. As far as the info, It's Math....so it'll be helpful if you can get beyond the aesthetics.

Love Saxon math books!! They know how to really teach kids math. No BS no confusion. Just good old math.

Please be careful, this is NOT 2nd edition. They look the same, but definitely are not. I have to order another one that is 2nd edition which is what we use at our school. Not sure what to do with this one. Donate it, I suppose.

Great book! Shipping here so fast Thanks

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