



# Florence-Darlington Technical College

## The Mathematics and Technology Hub: *Hybrid Learning*

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# Math Hybrid Learning Environment

- Traditional lecture *plus*
- Guided instruction in a supervised laboratory environment *utilizing*
- Interactive technology –  
[Coursecompass/MyMathLab](#)



# Mathematics And Technology Hub



FDTC Math Dept. July 2010



# Transforming Remedial Math

Our remedial math transformation began with the SACS 2005 QEP...

- Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) – Title of Plan is *Calculate This!* modeled after the University of Alabama's Math Technology Learning Center.
- QEP is a compliance standard that has been established by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).
- The QEP is an ongoing plan of continuous improvement done on a 5-year reporting cycle.



# Why Mathematics?

Fall 2004

1787 Students were enrolled in  
0-Level Courses

Course	Students	Percent
ENG 031/032	458	25.6%
RDG 031/032	480	26.9%
MAT 031/032	849	47.5%



# Math Department Statistics

- 45% of 4242 or 1909 students were enrolled in a math course during the Fall 2004 semester
- 75% of 1909 or 1433 students were enrolled in remedial/prerequisite math (MAT 031, MAT 032, MAT 101, MAT 102)
- 49.5% of 1433 or 710 students did not pass with a grade of C or better



# Math Hub Course Titles

- MAT 031 Arithmetic (remedial)
- MAT 032 Pre-Algebra (remedial)
- MAT 101 Beginning Algebra (prerequisite)
- MAT 102 Intermediate Algebra (prerequisite)



# Traditional versus Hub

## Traditional (Lecture only)

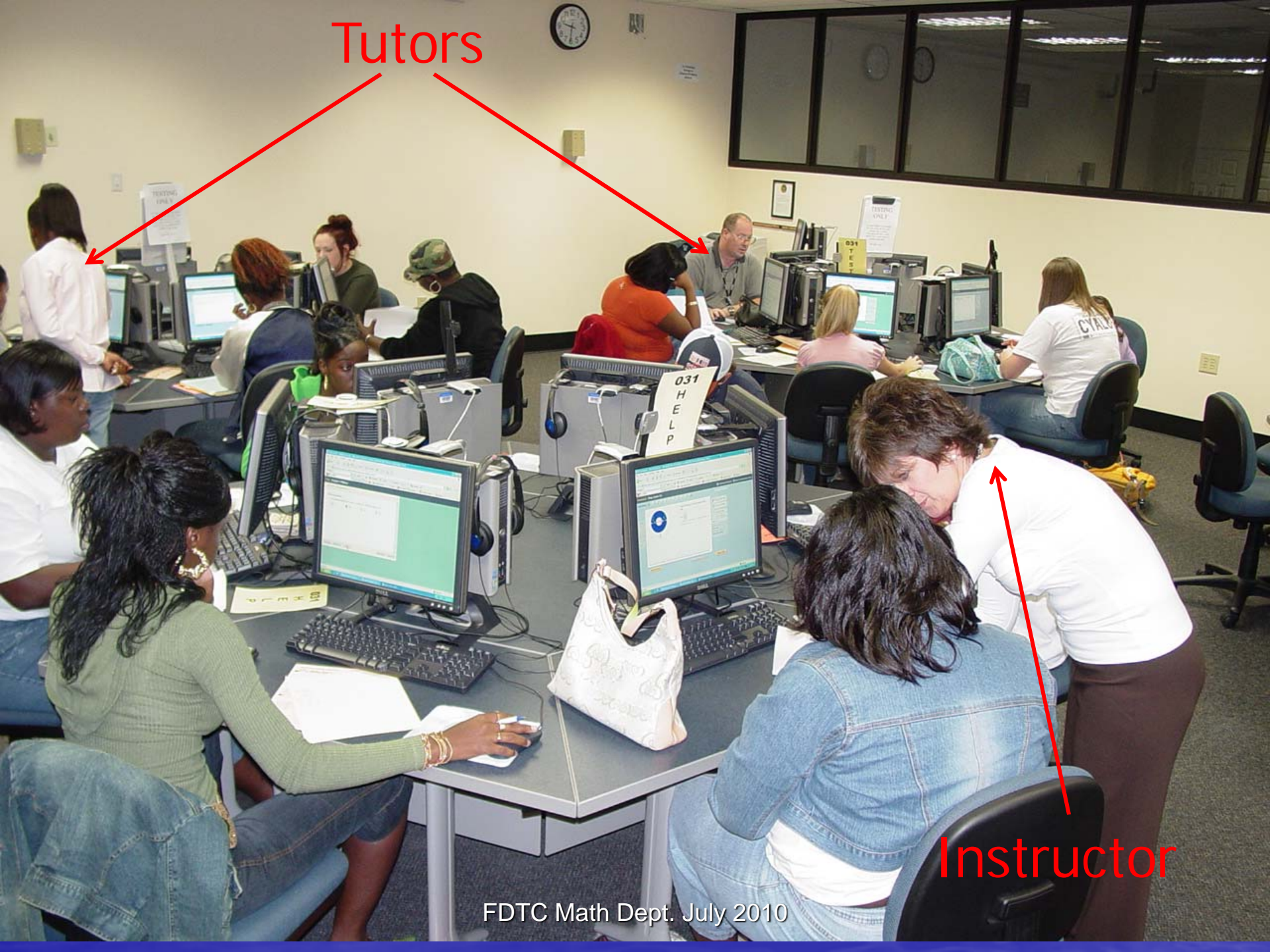
- Three hours per week of instructor guided lecture
- We pray that students go home and do homework
- Students may progress to next set of competencies without mastery of prerequisite skills
- Three contact hours

## Hub (Lecture and Hub)

- Two hours per week of instructor guided lecture
- Three hours per week of mandatory computer time with instructor and 2 to 4 tutors
- Students must demonstrate mastery of prerequisite skills before being allowed to move on to a new set of competencies
- 2 lecture hours + 3 hub hours = 5 contact hours minimum per week



Tutors



Instructor



# Mathematics and Technology Hub

- Two Hub Classrooms – each room contains 50 student computers and one instructor/tutor computer workstation
- Testing Room – 33 student computers and one assistant computer workstation
- Tutoring Room – 27 student computers



# Tutoring and Testing Services

- 25 - 30 tutors currently on staff
- Tutor hours range from 5 to 30 hours each week
- Some tutors are current FDTC students, half have at least an associate's degree, and several are preparing to be future math teachers



# Tutoring and Testing Services

- Tutorial assistance is given to both Traditional and Hub students
- Tutors provide testing services to both Traditional and Hub students

- Hub Tutoring and Testing Hours:

Monday-Thursday	9:30am – 8:30pm
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Friday	9:30am – 3:00pm
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Sunday	2:00pm – 6:00pm
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# Tutoring and Testing Services

- Testing by appointment is managed using an online appointment manager (\$120 per year)
- Approximately 8600 student visits per semester which equals about 18,500 hrs of tutoring/testing outside of Hub classes
- An online suggestion box and Math Hub email is available at all times for student/faculty input



# MyMathLab (MML)

- Both traditional and Hub learning environments use MML, an online course management system which provides multimedia tutorials, multi-media textbook, assessment capabilities, online grade book, and a flexible set of course materials
- All math students are required to do homework online. Thus, our traditional math classes are not what most would consider to be traditional
- The flexibility of MML accommodates both traditional and Hub learning environments; the difference is how we design MML to meet those learning needs
- Students have access to their materials and grades 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- The website for MML: [www.coursecompass.com](http://www.coursecompass.com)



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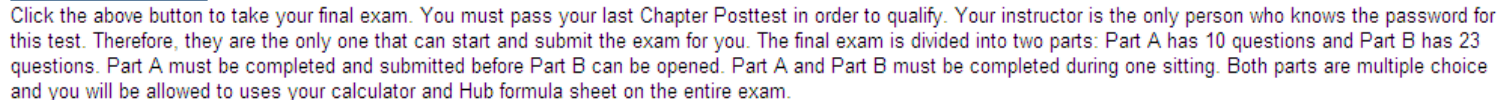
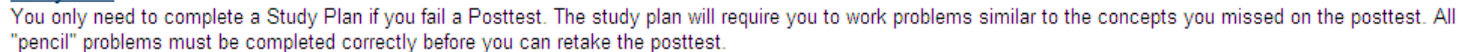
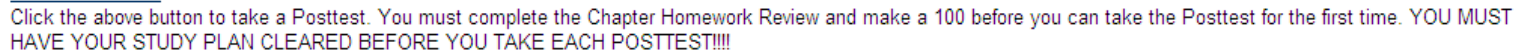
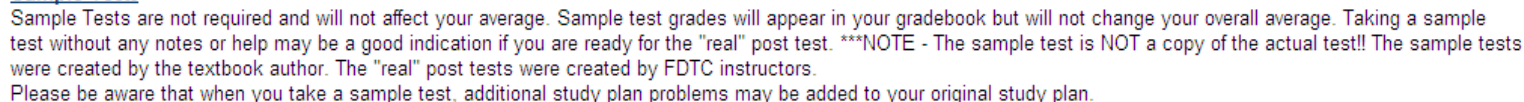
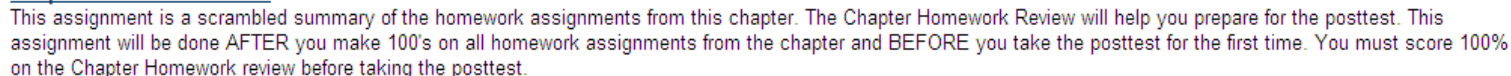
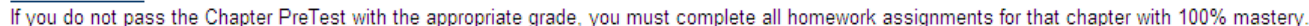
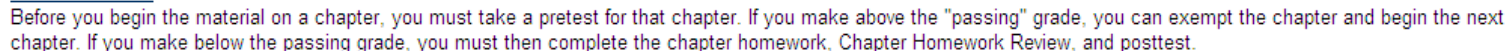
## Course Map

## Control Panel

Early Finishers: Print and read the attachment thoroughly. Then speak with your instructor who will help you fill out the Course Transition Form and answer any questions you may have.



## Control Panel

[EDIT VIEW](#)




































# Homework and Tests: Homework

[Course Calendar](#)

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Show All Homework Quizzes & Tests Chapters

## All Homework Assignments

Due	Assignment	Time Limit	Attempts	Gradebook Score
07/26/10 2:30pm	 <a href="#">Syllabus Agreement (Mat 102)</a>			
07/26/10 2:30pm	  <a href="#">Policies and Procedures Assignment</a>			
07/26/10 2:30pm	  <a href="#">Homework 2.1</a>			
07/26/10 2:30pm	  <a href="#">Homework 2.5</a>			
07/26/10 2:30pm	  <a href="#">Homework 3.1</a>			
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07/26/10 2:30pm	  <a href="#">Homework 3.8</a>			
07/26/10 2:30pm	  <a href="#">Homework Review 2.1, 2.5, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.8</a>			
07/26/10 2:30pm	  <a href="#">Factoring Review</a>			
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07/26/10 2:30pm	  <a href="#">Interval Notation</a>			
07/26/10 2:30pm	  <a href="#">Homework 7.1</a>			
07/26/10 2:30pm	  <a href="#">Homework 7.2</a>			





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## MyMathLab

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MyMathLab  
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## Study Plan

Legend

Click a chapter below to start practicing, or follow these steps to create a personalized study plan.

- To determine what you need to study, do work on the following material: [Quizzes](#), [Tests](#), [Sample Tests](#)
- Practice the questions in the topics you need to study (✎).
- When you have answered all questions correctly (✓), prove mastery (🎓) by again working on the following material: [Quizzes](#), [Tests](#), [Sample Tests](#)

Learn More

Show All Show What I Need to Study

Jump to where I worked last

Book Contents for All Topics	Correct	Worked	Questions	Time Spent
+ Ch 0: Orientation Questions for Students			0	
+ <a href="#">Ch 2: Functions, Linear Equations, and Models</a>			83	
+ <a href="#">Ch 3: Systems of Linear Equations and Problem Solving</a>			103	
+ Ch 5: Polynomials and Polynomial Functions			0	
+ <a href="#">Ch 6: Rational Expressions, Equations, and Functions</a> ✎	40	42	110	2h 47m 6s
+ <a href="#">Ch 7: Exponents and Radical Functions</a>			206	
+ <a href="#">Ch 8: Quadratic Functions and Equations</a>			110	
+ Ch GA: Online Appendix: Additional Geometry Questions			0	
Total: All Chapters	40	42	612	2h 47m 6s

Show results that created this study plan

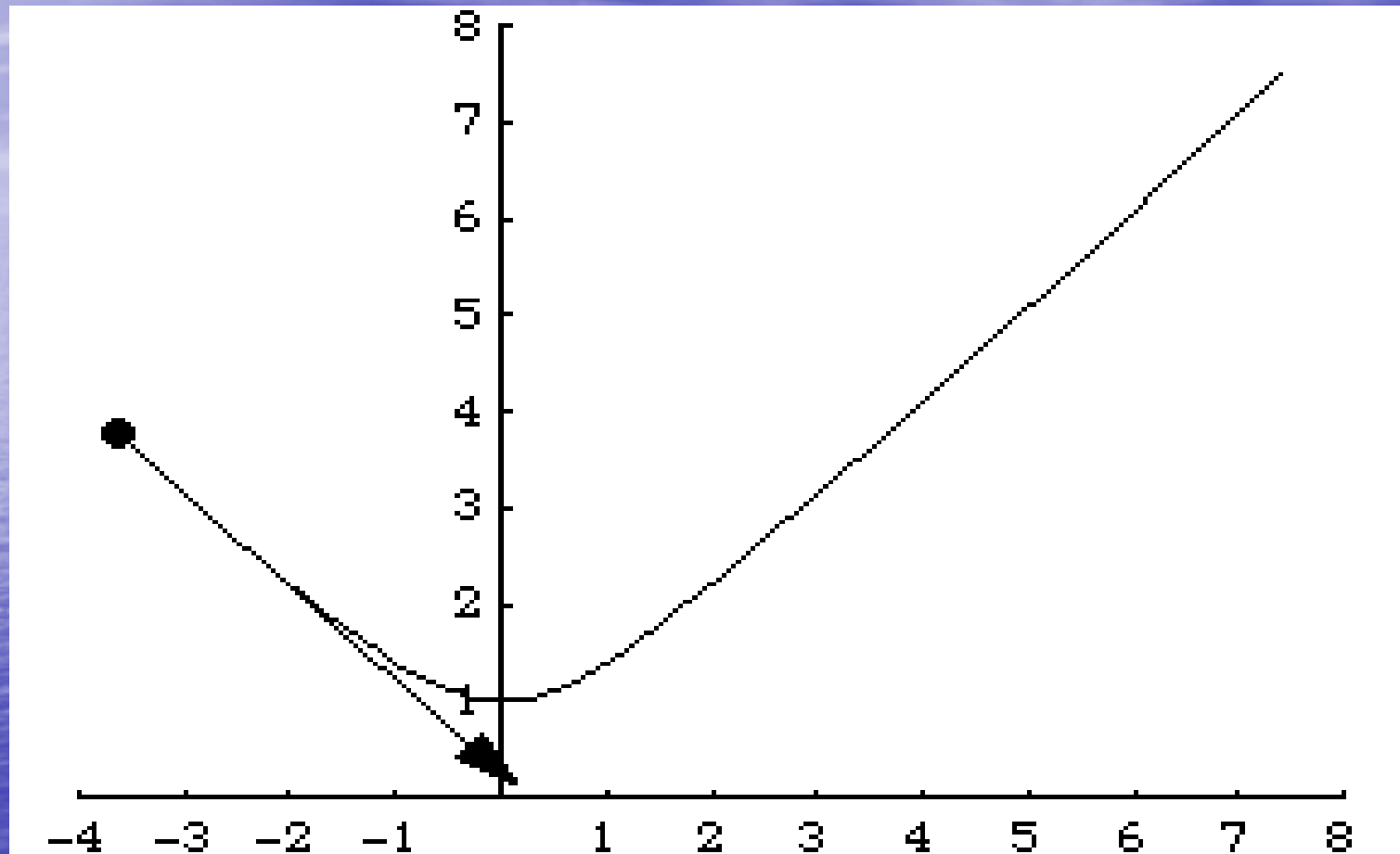


# Why we use MML...

- Each remedial/prerequisite Hub course is standardized (ie: all Math 031 students use the same master course)
- Each student has a unique individualized test, homework, and study plan
- Each student can work at his or her own pace and must finish at least one course in a semester but could complete multiple courses



# Data and Results



We are collecting and analyzing data for the four QEP goals.



# Primary Goal of QEP

... to increase student knowledge of course competencies by at least 5% in our remedial/prerequisite courses.



# How We Measure Our Primary Goal

- Within the first two days of each semester, students are given a course pre-assessment: a subset of the departmental final exam
- The post-assessment serves as a subset of the departmental final exam
- Both sets of data are stored electronically and used to compare changes in student learning outcomes
- Finally, the data are divided into two groups for comparison: Hub environment and traditional environment



# Primary Goal Results

The average increase from pre to post for 1865 Hub students is 34.2 points

The average increase from pre to post for 2728 traditional student is 29.1 points

Percent difference between the two environments is

$$\frac{34.2 - 29.1}{29.1} \times 100\% = 17.5\%$$

**This well exceeds our goal of 5%**



# Secondary Goal One

... to increase the course success rate in remedial/prerequisite math classes by at least 5%.



# Secondary Goal One Results

The success rate for 3894 Hub students is 57.7%

The success rate for 9802 traditional student is 42.2%

Percent difference between the two environments is

$$\frac{57.7 - 42.2}{42.2} \times 100\% = 36.7\%$$

**This well  
exceeds our  
goal of 5%**



# Secondary Goal Two

... to increase the course success rate of students in curriculum math courses who took the prerequisite math course by at least 5%.



# Secondary Goal Two

## Results

The success rate in a curriculum math course of the 612 students who took the prerequisite math course in the Hub environment is 65.7%

The success rate in a curriculum math course of the 2505 students who took the prerequisite math course in a traditional environment is 59.1%

Percent difference between the two environments is

$$\frac{65.7 - 59.1}{59.1} \times 100\% = 11.2\%$$

**This well  
exceeds our  
goal of 5%**



# Secondary Goal Three

...to increase the average on the final exam of each remedial/prerequisite math course by at least 5%.



# Secondary Goal Three Results

The average grade on the cumulative final exam of the 2297 Hub students is 76.5

The average grade on the cumulative final exam of the 6805 traditional students is 68.5

Percent difference between the two environments is

$$\frac{76.5 - 68.5}{68.5} \times 100\% = 11.7\%$$

**This well  
exceeds our  
goal of 5%**



# The Benefits of the Hybrid Learning Environment

We believe this approach:

- Supports active learning
- Provides one-on-one help
- Increases communication
- Encourages additional time on task
- Allows course acceleration
- Develops self-confidence and motivation



# Title III Grant

FDTC received a \$1.87 million Title III grant in Fall, 2009, to expand the Hub. As a result, most of the remedial/prerequisite math students now use and learn math via the Mathematics and Technology Hub.



# For more information

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