

# Prodigy Math Information

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Everett Public Schools elementary students may begin using the Prodigy Math game ([www.prodigygame.com](http://www.prodigygame.com)) in class. Prodigy Math is an online standards-aligned game that presents math problems aligned with our district-adopted math curriculum to help reinforce the math skills your child is learning in school.

**Students will have the opportunity to use Prodigy Math as an enhancement to the district-adopted math instructional materials.** Students log on to Prodigy's online game where they design their own wizard avatar and explore an online world. They engage in "math battles," where they must answer math questions in order to defeat their opponent. As students play, Prodigy is constantly adapting the educational content that they encounter, so that each student advances through the curriculum and succeeds at their own pace.

**As students play, teachers can access real-time reports** on how many questions their students answer, which standards they've covered, and where they are having difficulty. Teachers can also create custom "assignments" or "plans" to better align Prodigy to their lesson plan and assess students on specific topics or skills.

**Prodigy offers students and parents a home subscription** (membership) and awards-for-purchase options. The membership feature is entirely optional. All students will have full access to the instructional content within the game, regardless of whether the membership option is used/purchased by parents. Students will be able to access Prodigy at school or at home by using their Everett Public Schools Google account log in, which is their [ID#@apps.everettsd.org](mailto:ID#@apps.everettsd.org). Students should click on the "Sign in with Google" button, then use their Everett Public Schools Google account information.

**Throughout Prodigy there are specific areas and items that are exclusive to "Members,"** these are marked by an "M." If the student clicks on a membership area while at school, they will be told to come back to the location when at home; when at home they are prompted to talk with a parent or guardian.

**When playing Prodigy at home students will encounter advertising.** When students first log in to Prodigy they see an in-game newsletter called *Wizard Watch*. The newsletter typically shares news regarding the game as well as the student's recent achievements. Currently the newsletter advertises Prodigy merchandise, which when at home sends the student to a third-party website; at school the link is blocked, and students are informed it can only be accessed at home.

**Students have the ability to send "safe chat" messages** to other student avatars (i.e., "*I like your outfit.*") within Prodigy's virtual world. These messages can only be selected from a pre-specified list of phrases related to the game, so students will not be able to disclose personal information such as their telephone number or address. This also prevents students from sending offensive or inappropriate messages.

**Prodigy Math has a strong privacy policy** (<https://www.prodigygame.com/Privacy-Policy/>) and is committed to never share or sell your child's personal information with third parties.