

	Mathnasium	Thousands of Others
“Do you Specialize in Math?”	<b>YES</b> Our focus on mathematics means better results.	<b>NO</b> They dilute their effectiveness by teaching two or more subjects.
“Do teachers lead the instruction?”	<b>YES</b> Qualified teachers customize and lead students through the program.	<b>NO</b> They shift the burden of teaching to a computer program or a fixed series of drill and practice worksheets.
“Is your program schedule flexible?”	<b>YES</b> We recommend that students plan one or two visits a week. However, if they need additional help for an upcoming test or for a difficult homework assignment, we will work with parents to provide students with the instruction they need, when they need it.	<b>NO</b> They are not as flexible, limiting your child’s attendance to a rigid schedule, or making you pay more for additional visits.
“Do you use your own proprietary curriculum and materials?”	<b>YES</b> We’ve spent 30 years perfecting our proven and proprietary curriculum that is not available anywhere else.	<b>NO</b> They re-purpose old curriculum or software that your child may have already seen in school.
“Do you test verbally, as well as in writing?”	<b>YES</b> A verbal as well as a written assessment allows us to form a three dimensional picture of a student’s strengths and weaknesses.	<b>NO</b> They are not interested in learning how your child thinks through an open ended verbal assessment.
“Do you customize instruction for each child?”	<b>YES</b> A customized program is assembled for each student that addresses their weaknesses and builds on their strengths.	<b>NO</b> They have one instructional continuum – and expect your child to fit in.
“Do you use various media and methods to teach my child?”	<b>YES</b> We recognize that there are many learning styles (notably visual, auditory, written, and kinesthetic) and we use a combination of guided practice, manipulatives, and engaging math games to engage students at every level and endow them with a deep understanding and love of mathematics.	<b>NO</b> They either work only with worksheets or only on the computer.
“Have you been willing to allow an independent organization to measure the effectiveness of your program?”	<b>YES</b> Two independent studies prove our students improve quickly and significantly.	<b>NO</b> They won’t risk outside measurement. It might reflect badly on their effectiveness and value.
“I want my child to receive excellent instruction—at a high value. Do you offer both?”	<b>YES</b> Learning is affordable - pricing is based on a student’s grade level and ranges from \$10 to \$40 per session.	<b>NO</b> They often charge \$40 to \$70 per session.
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