**DreamBox Parent Information on Program**

**How DreamBox Learning Recommends Lessons**

DreamBox offers over 1,800 lessons with millions of paths through the curriculum. It adjusts in real-time, adapting hints, level of difficulty, pace, and sequence, in order to engage students at their optimal learning zone. DreamBox Learning lessons are not set up as linear progression. For example, if three different students are working on a particular lesson, they will each be offered different follow-up lessons based on how they responded to questions throughout the lesson. The DreamBox adaptive engine selects the next set of recommended lessons based on each student’s demonstrated strengths and struggles.

**Why Does My Student Keep Getting the Same Lesson Over and Over?**

There may be several reasons for repetitive lessons. Lessons come in groups, with each successive lesson being more complex than the previous. While they may look and feel the same, each progressive lesson will offer more challenging questions or offer less assistance to find the solution. The student should continue completing the lessons to make it through the full lesson group. Once they demonstrate the proficiency DreamBox is looking for, they will stop receiving lessons in that group unless their future performance suggests they need to reinforce the concepts.

A student can complete a lesson without demonstrating proficiency and understanding of the math. If this is the case, DreamBox will present the lesson to the student again, or may present an easier version of the lesson. As above, the student should keep trying their best each time they take the lesson.

It is important that the student fully completes every lesson they start. If they close out of the lesson, the internet browser, or the iPad app before completing it, they will need to restart the lesson from the beginning the next time they select it.

**Why You Shouldn’t Help Your Student on DreamBox**

Educators and parents naturally want to help a child who is struggling with a challenging lesson. However, because DreamBox is constantly assessing your students' answers to determine gaps in understanding and mastered concepts, your help can sometimes progress the student beyond their optimal learning zone and lead to more frustration.

Our **Intelligent Adaptive Learning™** technology reacts to how a student answers each question. If a student's level is accurately assessed, then recommended lessons should be just challenging enough to progress a student's learning. Part of the calibration process may lead to a series of questions that are too difficult. If we see they are struggling, we can provide lessons to strengthen the foundational concepts needed to succeed.

For this reason, the best ways to help your student are to encourage them to try their best, coach them if they are working inefficiently, and continue to provide valuable one-on-one lessons away from DreamBox Learning.

**How Often Should My Student Play DreamBox**

We recommend that students spend a minimum of **60 to 90 minutes per week** with DreamBox Learning, at school or at home. This ensures that the program is able to keep pace with your child, and accurately adjust to his or her current instructional level.  
  
We have found that most students will play **DreamBox**two to four times a week, for sessions of 15 to 30 minutes each.  As students progress, they will continually be served appropriate new challenges. Some students will want to play more and longer, and others will play less.