

***The course is structured with closing dates for each test; all tests and exams may be taken early. All tests and exams are available from day #ONE of this course. It is possible to complete the course early, should that be the choice of any individual participant. The software for this program does work for the MAC.***

August 25, 2009

Dear Course Participant,

**Welcome Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers (Mathematics 129)  
FALL SEMESTER On-Line-2009!**

IF this is your first On-Line-Course, it may take a bit of adjustment, however your development as a student is enhanced and your knowledge of mathematics is embellished. Please know at this early point that I am sensitive to the concerns, values, attitudes and struggles of my students.

*I care about you, your future and your cultivation of mathematics.*

**Necessary Course Materials:**

**A PROBLEM SOLVING APPROACH FOR MATHEMATICS FOR  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS 9<sup>TH</sup> edition  
By Billstein/Libeskind/Lott; Addison Wesley/Pearson Education Publisher**

**This shrink wrapped bundle includes:**

- 1) *The text book*
- 2) *A student solutions manual*
- 3) **Importantly an included Student ID** (provided to get started)

***If you are continuing with me from Mathematics 128 0C1/8 at Oakton Community College you already have the CORRECT TEXT BOOK and materials' bundle!  
You should continue in the Mat 128/129 Existing Course  
(It is unnecessary for continuing participants to reregister into Course Compass).***

***The Course ID listed below is ONLY for NEW ON LINE PARTICIPANTS (those who did not participate in my Spring/Summer Semester 2009 Mat 128 0C1/8 (On Line Course) - Only those new participants registering into the FALL Semester Mat 129 0C1 On Line Course need to continue with these directives!***

**EXAMS**

**Two Exams are required, one at mid-semester (Mid Term Exam) and the other at the end of the semester (Final Exam).**

These exams can be taken at either the Des Plaines or the Hartstein Campus.

If you are at a distance, arrangements for these two exams can be made with:

Ms. Robin Nash, Manager of Alternative Education,  
Phone: (847) 635 1971; E-mail: [rnash@oakton.edu](mailto:rnash@oakton.edu)

Ask your Testing Site **“If it has wireless access”** – it is possible to take the proctored Exams on your own lap top!

You may use your calculator and a “5 x 8” card with notes for each of these exams, as well as for each chapter test ‘A’ and ‘B’.

The first of these exams (MID SEMESTER EXAM) includes the required materials *from* Chapters 1.4 & 4.6, 9 and 10.

The second exam (FINAL EXAM) includes the required materials *from* Chapter 11 and Chapter 12.

**The required chapter tests are taken on the computer, at your computer site.** If you are using a computer on campus at OCC, your logon ID is the first four letters of your last name (lower case) followed by the last four numbers of your social security number. Your password is your entire social security number with no spaces or dashes. Once registered within the COURSECOMPASS Program you may utilize *any* PC or Mac (follow the steps given – within this program on the opening page) to practice or to take tests.

### **MORE ABOUT THE TESTS**

The Sample Tests may cover more material than the actual (required) tests.

**You must take both** (real) **Test A** and (real) **Test B**. Each test is the same format, with 75 minutes of time to work the problems. You may use a “5 x 8” card and your calculator when taking the tests. There are no projects, or group endeavors in the course. You may finish earlier than the semester weeks allotted by the college calendar. The ON CAMPUS Mid Term Exam and the Final Exam is the SAME format as earlier Chapter Tests.

**Any MAKE-UP (missed) Tests and Exams are scored one grade lower;  
an “A” will become a “B”;  
a “B” will become a “C”  
and a “C” will become a “D”**

### **ABOUT THE COURSE**

**No knowledge of computer programming is necessary.**

What you need is a *determination* and a *willingness* to tolerate *reading* directives, *following* those directives, *allowing* yourself the weakness of being human, *trying* again, and of course a *desire* to learn mathematics!

Once you are registered into the COURSECOMPASS program (directions included in the package of course materials), you will notice on the announcement board a list of test and exam closing dates, reminders of course practices and messages imperative to course success.

You are not required to cover each section of every chapter. The chapters and the required sections are also listed on the homework list. Should you elect to investigate additional sections or chapters, please feel free to ask me questions respecting the additional content.

Additionally, with the use of these course materials, the publishing company offers **free** services that include tutoring.

**Tutor Center Hours: Sunday – Thursday** from:

**5 PM-12 PM (Eastern Standard Time); 4 PM-11 PM (Central Standard Time);  
3 PM-10 PM (Mountain Standard Time); 2 PM-9 PM (Pacific Standard Time)**, hours may vary during different terms --- please check.

**The toll-free phone is 1-888-777-0463; toll-free fax: 1-877-262-9774;**

**E-mail: [tutor@awl.com](mailto:tutor@awl.com), and a web site: [www.awl.com/tutorcenter](http://www.awl.com/tutorcenter).**

#### **HOW TO REGISTER INTO THE ON LINE COMPONENT:**

*Those students continuing from Mathematics 128 Fall Semester need not re register since they are continuing within the same program.*

After you have registered with Oakton Community College you will also need to register within the computer for me.

The **inside textbook cover contains your student ID**.

This letter provides **your course ID**.

**Both of these are necessary** in order to begin working within the program.

The order in which you register on line with COURSECOMPASS is very important; do not skip questions; satisfy questions in the exact order they are presented to you within the registration.

At this first time, you will be asked whether to register or to logon; click on register; when asked to identify the text, scroll to locate it and mouse click, when asked for the college – remember it is Oakton Community College, scroll to find it or type it in as “other”. You may be requested for the college zip code; it is **60016**; the course ID; it is:  
**RESSLER09582** No Spaces.

Your **student registration ID** is given inside the front cover of the text. Please be careful while registering, as there are times that you are required to *click* on a **submit** button. This registration is sufficient for both courses Mathematics 128 (the first 3 hour course) and Mathematics 129 (the sequential 3 hour course).

Please be sure that you are working within the correct course! Mathematics 128 contains **ALL** of the beginning chapters; while your focus Mathematics 129 contains the Chapter

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One Section **1.4**, Chapter Four Section **4.6** and the complete *final 4 chapters* of the text book!

When you are registered you can access an electronic book, interactive tutorials, actual tests, sample tests, announcements, your grade book and *sometimes a bit of frustration!* After you have completed the program registration, you will always enter the program via [WWW.CourseCompass.Com](http://WWW.CourseCompass.Com) and then click *login*.

Once Again: **Welcome to Mathematics for Teachers!**

**NC Ressler,**

*Professor of Mathematics*

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**Please try to *NOT* send me voice mail; it is not efficient!  
Email is far more efficient and easy to keep for future reference!**

**PLEASE E-MAIL ME WITH YOUR NAME and E-MAIL ADDRESS.**

**Be sure that all communication includes your name as listed within the official course registration with the college and the course name or number.**

**-Use Oakton computer Labs (lab hours and locations)**

[www.oakton.edu/resource/it/labspecs.htm](http://www.oakton.edu/resource/it/labspecs.htm)