Orientation Assignment – Due Friday, January, 12th
If at anytime you experience technical difficulty with this assignment, contact Course Compass Product Support at 1-800-677-6337.

Before getting started, make sure you meet the following System Requirements

Operating Systems: Windows 2000, XP (Mac and Linux are not supported.)
Browsers: Internet Explorer 6.0/7.0 (Netscape, Firefox, AOL and other browsers are not supported.)
Internet Connection: Highspeed

Part A: Registering for MyMathLab and ensuring account is working properly.

1. Register for Course Compass
   a. Go to www.coursecompass.com (Add to your Favorites.)
   b. Click on Register under students
   c. Click on Purchase Online Access (If you bought a textbook with an access code, skip this step and click next at the bottom of the screen.)
   d. Follow the prompts until you have completed the registration. Here are the important information items you will need during registration:
      1. Course ID: evans-wallin25764
      2. School Zip: 92692
      3. Name of School: Saddleback College

2. Install plugins and players needed for the course.
   a. Log into Course Compass (Use address in step 1a if login screen does not appear.)
   b. Click the Courses tab at the top of the screen
   c. Click Spring 2007 - Math 253 under Courses you are enrolled in
   d. Click on Announcements
   e. Click the link to the MyMathLab Installation Wizard and follow the on-screen instructions to detect and install the plug-ins and players for your course. You are not finished until you see the Done button in the bottom right hand corner. (Note: some of the plug-ins may ask you to restart your browser before the installation is complete. Please do not do this until the entire installation is complete. If you accidentally do this, just get back into the installation wizard and pick up where you left off.)
   f. After you have clicked the Done button, Close and restart your browser to activate the plug-ins, follow steps 2a-2c again to get back into your course.

3. Register for the Tutor Center
   a. Click on Announcements
   b. Scroll down to the Math Tutor Center announcement and click the link to the registration page
   c. Scroll down to the registration page and follow the prompts until you have completed the registration. Use the information items in part 1b along with the following:
      i. College City: Mission Viejo
      ii. Textbook Author: Lial, Hornsby and McGinnis

4. Print Tip Sheets for entering answers
   a. Click on Announcements
   b. Click on tip sheets
   c. Print yourself a copy
5. Practice inputting answers
   a. Click on Course Documents.
   b. Click on homework
   c. Click on Inputting Answers
   d. Complete the 5 practice problems as directed
   e. When finished click the Submit Work button
   f. Close the homework screen

6. Print Syllabus and Timeline
   a. Click on Syllabus/Timeline and then Syllabus and Timeline
   b. Print yourself a copy

7. To ensure that you understand the course policies, while reading the Syllabus/Timeline take the Syllabus/Timeline Quiz
   a. Click on Course Documents.
   b. Click on tests
   c. Click on Syllabus/Timeline Quiz
   d. When finished click the Submit Test button
   e. Click Review Test to see your results
   f. If necessary, take the quiz again until you have mastered the content.

8. Check that your video player is working by bringing up the video for the first section
   a. Click on Course Documents.
   b. Scroll down until you see the chapter titles. Click on a Chapter 2
   c. Scroll down and click on Section 2.1
   d. Click on the video presentation
   e. If it works, you can exit out of it for now and go back when you are ready to start learning.

9. Check that the online textbook is working by bringing it up for the first section
   a. After watching the video, close the video screen and click on the multimedia textbook
   b. If it works, you can exit out of it for now and go back when you are ready to start learning.

10. Send your instructor an email from MyMathLab.
    a. Click on Send Email, then Send Email again
    b. Click All Instructor Users
    c. Write M253 – Your Full Name in the subject field. (Please use this subject every time you email me for this course.)
    d. Write me a short email telling me you have completed the registration process. Let me know if you encountered any problems or if it went smoothly. Also, please give me a short introduction to yourself (about a paragraph long). If easy for you to do, attach a picture of yourself or your family. I look forward to meeting you!
    e. Scroll to the bottom and click Submit

11. Go to your own email account and confirm that you received a copy of the email you sent in the previous step. It is very important that you can receive emails from Course Compass, as this is how I contact you. If you did not receive one, it probably means that you have a spam blocker or you input your email address incorrectly during the registration process. If you have a spam blocker, please enable emails from Course Compass. If you need to edit your email address, click on the ‘My Course Compass’ tab at the top of the Course Compass screen, then in the ‘Tools’ box, click on ‘Personal Information’.
Part B: Acquainting yourself with MyMathLab and learning math online

Basically, the structure of the course is as follows:

- Learn math by watching online video lectures and reading the online text
- Completing online homework and quizzes according to the timeline
- Communicating with your instructor via email
- Taking your final exam on campus

How to best learn online will be different for everyone, but here is what I recommend:

1) Pick several days a week in which you will dedicate to learning algebra and stick to it.
2) Complete 1 or 2 sections per day.
3) Start by looking over the section to be completed in the online textbook. If the section looks like review and you feel you know it pretty well, go straight to step 6 and start the homework. If the section looks pretty new to you, go to step 4.
4) Start by watching the video clip for the section you are studying and take notes.
5) Read the text, either online or in hand, or simultaneously, working out examples on own after reading them.
6) Complete the homework for the section you just studied until completely correct. Do this homework by hand in your notebook before entering answers in computer.
7) After completing a chapter, take the Chapter Quiz for that chapter.
8) Review your Study Plan. Every time you take a chapter quiz, MyMathLab creates a study plan for you based on your results. It will let you know what areas you know well and what areas you could review.

Let's start doing math! These instructions will walk you through your first section and quiz. Remember to refer to your timeline for due dates.

1. Watch the online video  
   f. Click on Course Documents.
   g. Scroll down until you see the chapter titles. Click on a Chapter 2
   h. Scroll down and click on Section 2.1
   i. Click on the video presentation
   j. Take notes as needed.

2. Read the multimedia textbook  
   c. After watching the video, close the video screen and click on the multimedia textbook
   d. While reading the text, be sure to click on all of the Explore, You Try It and Video buttons
   e. Take notes as needed

3. Complete the homework  
   a. Click on Course Documents.
   b. Click on homework
   c. Click on 2.1
   d. While doing the homework, remember you need to use the math toolbar to the left of the screen to input fractions, square roots, etc.
   e. When you get stuck, explore the buttons on the right of the screen such as Help me Solve This, View an Example, etc.
   f. When finished click the Submit Work button
   g. Note: You can always go back into any homework, complete more and resubmit for full credit.
4. Check out your gradebook.
   a. Click on Gradebook.
   b. Click on Check MyMathLab Grades
   c. Select All Chapters
   d. Click Overview, then Overall Score to get your average.
   e. Explore the gradebook by clicking on the other buttons available.

5. Take the quiz after you have completed all sections for Chapter 2
   a. Click on Course Documents.
   b. Click on tests
   c. Click on Chapter 2 Quiz
   d. When finished click the Submit Test button
   e. Click Review Test to see your results
   f. While reviewing any wrong answers, there will be a small red triangle in the top corner of the correct answer. If you scroll your mouse over the answer, it will tell you what you answered.
   g. Note: quizzes can be taken as many times as you want and only the best score will count towards your grade.

6. Review your study plan
   a. Click on Course Documents.
   b. Click on study plan
   c. Click on Show What I need to Study