



Formative Parent Guide

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What is Formative?



As part of Coaching and Academic Suite services, your child has access to a digital practice platform called Formative instead of the paper/pencil worksheets. Formative is for the following levels and subjects:

	Level 3-5	Level 6-8
Math	Yes	Yes
Language Arts	No	Yes

Some highlights of Formative for math specifically include the following:

Aligned with Standards: Our math program follows rigorous Virginia state standards, chosen for their proven academic outcomes. We created the Formative practice sets so they match our curriculum precisely.

Practice, Not Pressure: Each lesson's practice set includes about 7 questions and can be taken twice. Students review mistakes, take notes, and try again.

Mastery Checks: Every 5–6 lessons, students take a 15-question mastery check that spirals back to earlier concepts.

Engagement: Encourages engagement through hints. Students can also check their answers and see immediate feedback on things to consider if they did not yet get the question correct.

Collaborative: Coaches or parents can view results, give feedback, and even override errors if needed.

How Does Formative Fit Into My Child's Class?

Math (Levels 3-8)

- Every math lesson has a Formative digital practice linked in the “Record” section of the lesson.
- Students complete about 7 practice questions each lesson on Formative.
- Every 5–6 lessons, there’s a 15-question mastery check in Formative.
- Coaches and parents use these results to track progress and identify gaps



Math practice sets in Formative are the same as the printed practice sets in the Family School lessons. So you may choose one or the other.

Formative (Digital)
Lesson 1 Practice Set



Printed
Lesson 1 Practice Set

Language Arts (Levels 3-8)

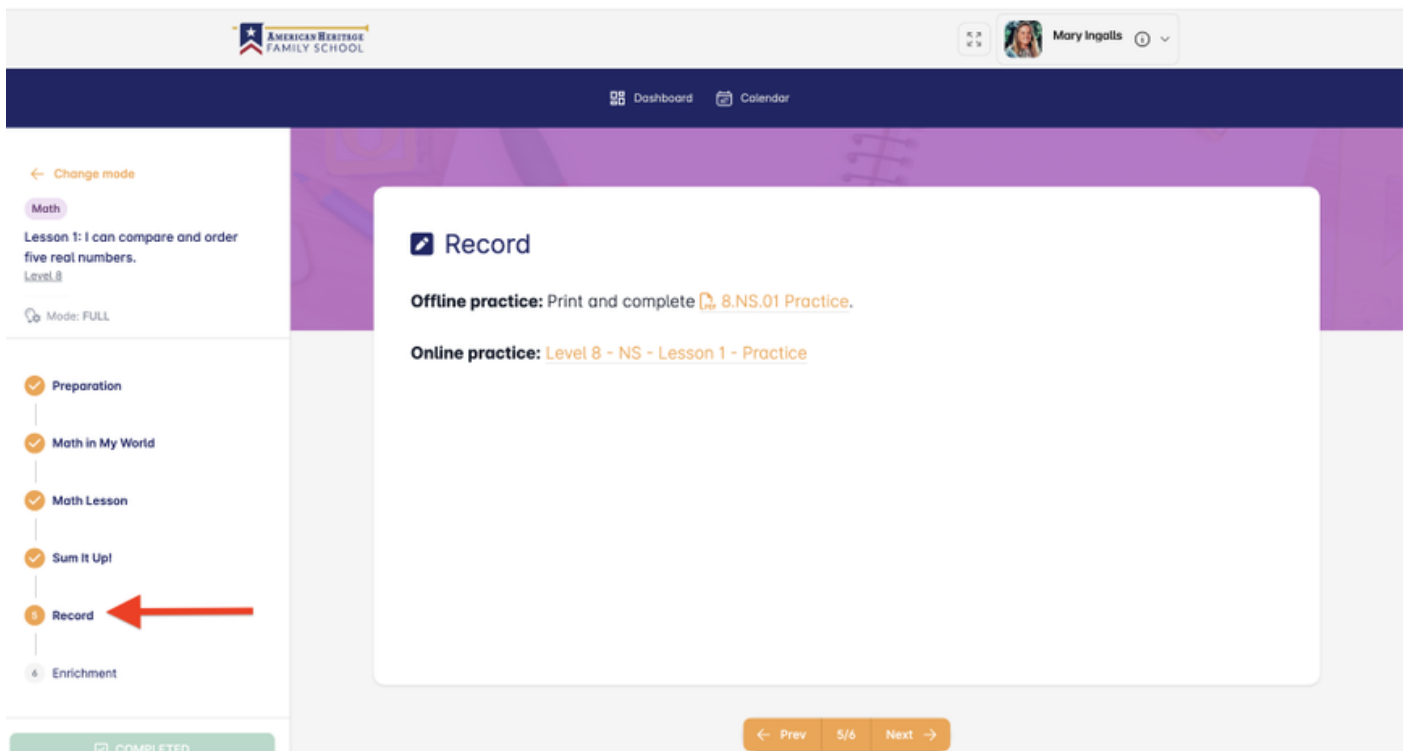
- In Language Arts, Formative is not used for daily lessons.
- It is used only for the Root Words program, and in live classes.
- Root Words assessments appear only twice per unit (not daily).

How will my child be added to their Formative class?

All full-time and part-time students have been enrolled into their Formative Classes for the 26-27 School Year.

Please make sure they are able to access the link in the lesson by testing before class begins. Once your student is enrolled in the correct level of Math, go to the first lesson in the course.

Select **Record** and then the **Online practice link**.



If it opens the Formative, you're all set.

If it gives you an error, proceed to page 5 -6 of this guide.

What if I have trouble logging into the class?

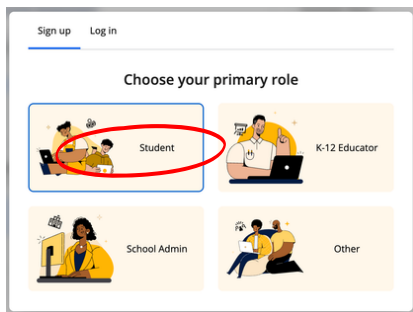
Create a free student account for each child. **This is a one-time setup.**

If you would like additional instructions, visit the Formative Guide: [Students: Account Set-Up and Login.](#)

1. Visit **www.formative.com** and click **Sign Up—It's Free**



2. Select **Student**



3. Enter **Join Code** for the same level of math your student will be enrolled

FULL-TIME

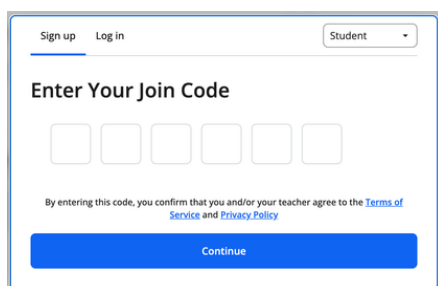
Math Codes

Level 3: 2DHPA4
Level 4: 2WFEUY
Level 5: XBYWNV
Level 6: 5LDWWQ
Level 7: Q5BYWF
Level 8: SJXB23

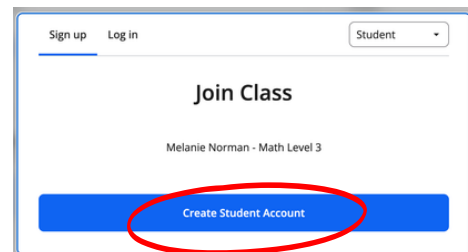
PART-TIME

Math Codes

Level 3: FHT8V4
Level 4: 7K4BKY
Level 5: BRZ3A2
Level 6: YZHCW8
Level 7: 5F9B6Z
Level 8: H5HU7V

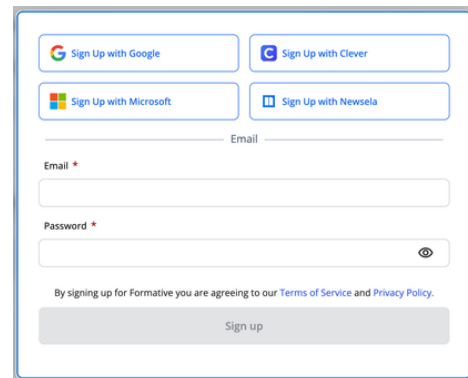


4. Select **Create Student Account**

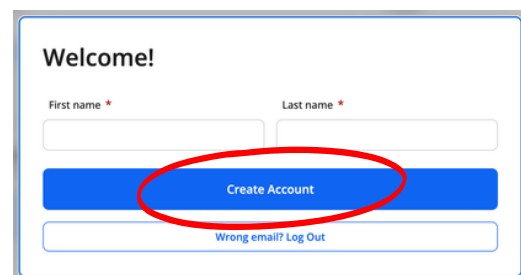


5. Set up **Email and Password** for account.

Note: Each student account must be associated with a different email address.



6. Enter name or nickname of student, then select **Create Account**

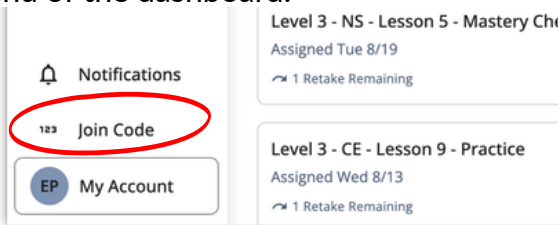


7. You should now see the dashboard in the level for which you registered.

How do I Add a Language Arts Class?

If your student is in levels 3-8, they will have the chance to use Formative for both math as well as for language arts. This will teach you how to add their language arts class.

1. Select **Join Code** in the bottom left menu of the dashboard.



2. Enter one of the following codes then select Continue.

FULL-TIME ONLY

Language Arts Codes

Level 3: 2DHPA4

Level 4: 6QDBM4

Level 5: ZTPQMH

FULL TIME ONLY

Language Arts Codes

Level 6: 4G96DE

Level 7: X6JT46

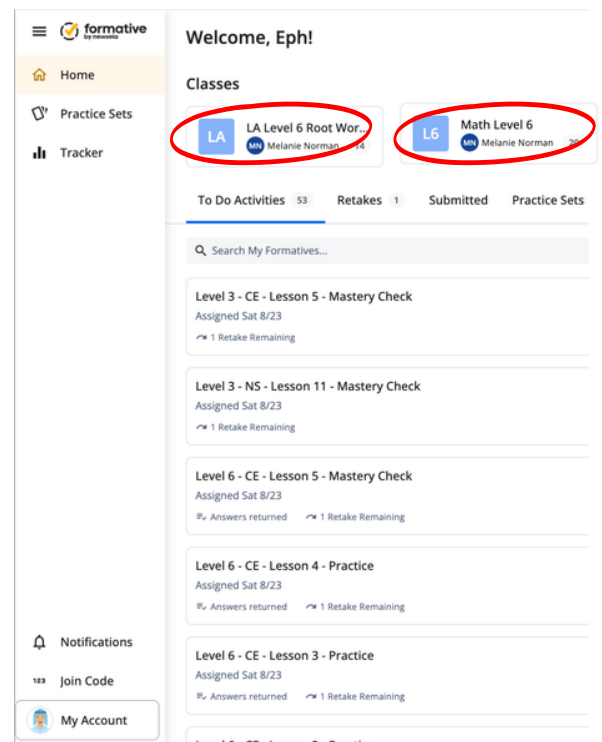
Level 8: QN5Q6Q

A screenshot of the 'Enter Your Join Code' form. It features a title 'Enter Your Join Code' and six empty input boxes for the code. Below the boxes is a line of text: 'By entering this code, you confirm that you and/or your teacher agree to the [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)'. At the bottom is a large blue button labeled 'Continue', which is circled in red.

3. Confirm the level of class, then select Join.

A screenshot of the 'Join Class' confirmation screen. It has a title 'Join Class' and displays the text 'Melanie Norman - LA Level 8 Root Words'. At the bottom is a large blue button labeled 'Join', which is circled in red. Below the button is a small note: 'Note: Melanie Norman will have the ability to reset your password.'

4. You will now see two classes at the top of the dashboard. You're all set!



Note: Your student will access the specific practice sets directly from familyschool.org. The link will take them to the practice set associated with each lesson.

How Do I Navigate the Student Dashboard

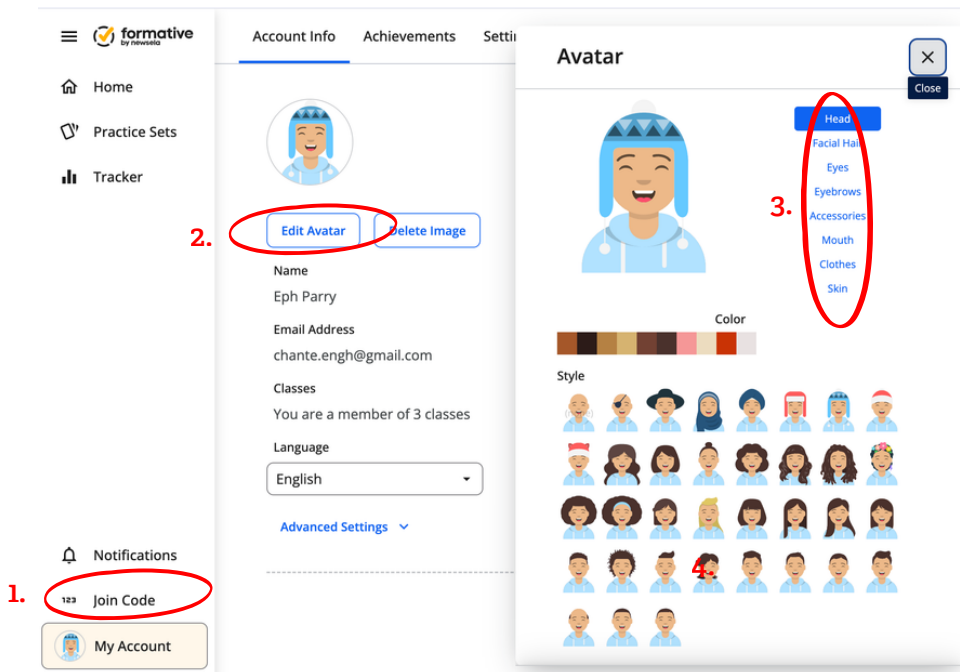
- 1 To Do Activities:** These are the practice sets that are associated with your student's math lessons. They not appear in order within Formative, but not to worry. **You student will access the exact activities directly from their math lessons link within familyschool.org.**
- 2 Retakes:** Each Mastery Check activity can be taken twice. The Retakes section shows which ones may be redone.
- 3 Tracker:** This will show you how your student is progressing through lesson objectives. See the page in this guide "How Do I Track Progress?" for more informaiton.

Practice Sets: We are not currently using Practice Sets, so you may disregard this feature.

The screenshot displays the Formative student dashboard for Math Level 3. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Home, Practice Sets, Tracker (highlighted with a red circle), Notifications, and Join Code. The main content area features a 'Math Level 3' header with a 'Back' link, a teacher profile for Melanie Norman, and tabs for 'To Do Activities' (18, circled in red), 'Retakes' (2, circled in red), 'Submitted', and 'Practice Sets'. Below the tabs is a search bar and a 'Sort By' dropdown. The list of activities includes 'Level 3 - CE - Lesson 5 - Mastery Check', 'Level 3 - NS - Lesson 11 - Mastery Check', 'Level 3 - NS - Lesson 5 - Mastery Check', and 'Level 3 - CE - Lesson 9 - Practice', each with an assigned date and '1 Retake Remaining'.

How do I Customize my Child's Profile?

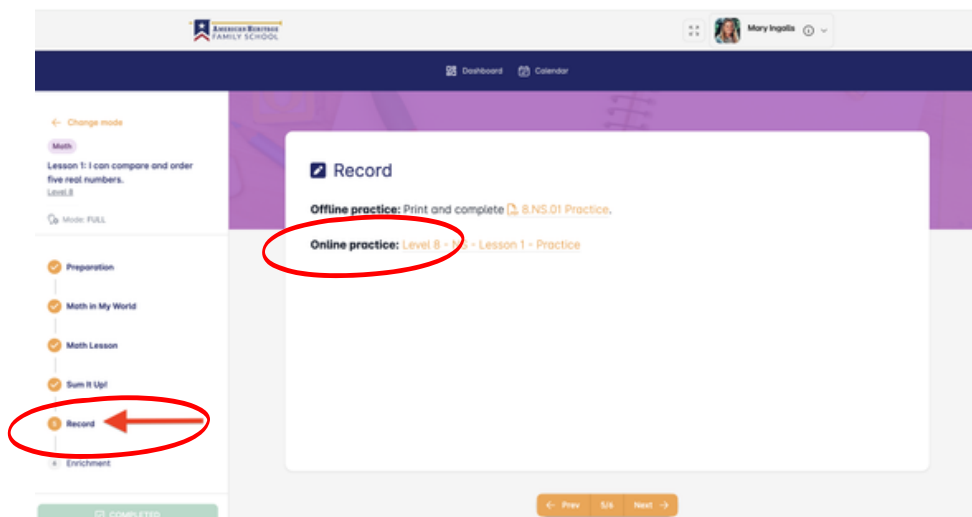
Your student may select a custom avatar for their profile image instead of their initials. This personalizes the Formative dashboard and makes it a little more fun for kids. Select **My Account** > **Create Avatar**. Build a personalized avatar, then select Apply.



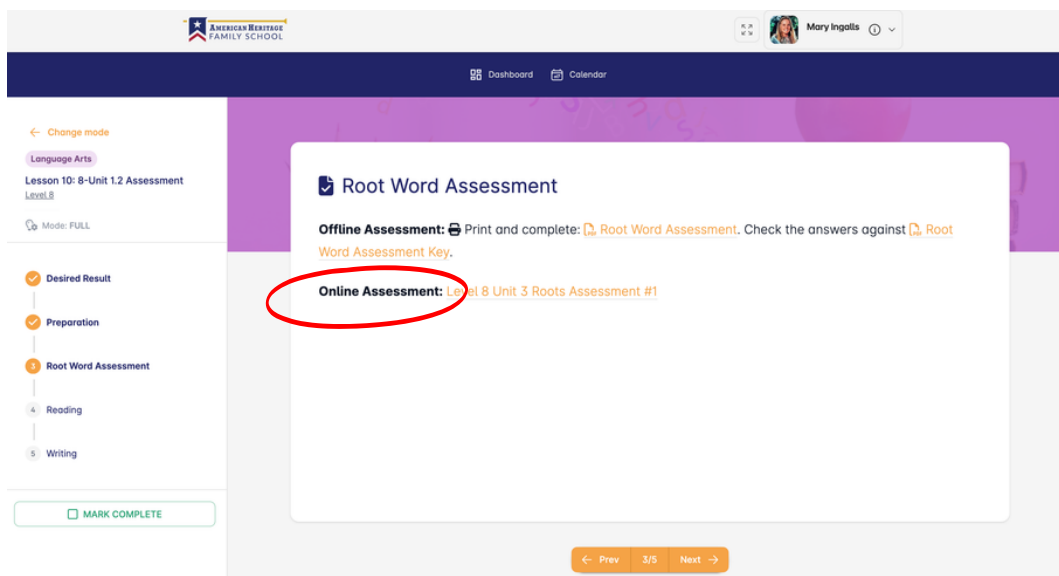
How Does My Student Use Formative?

1. Have your child log into Formative before starting their math lesson each day. This prevents broken links and ensures smooth access.

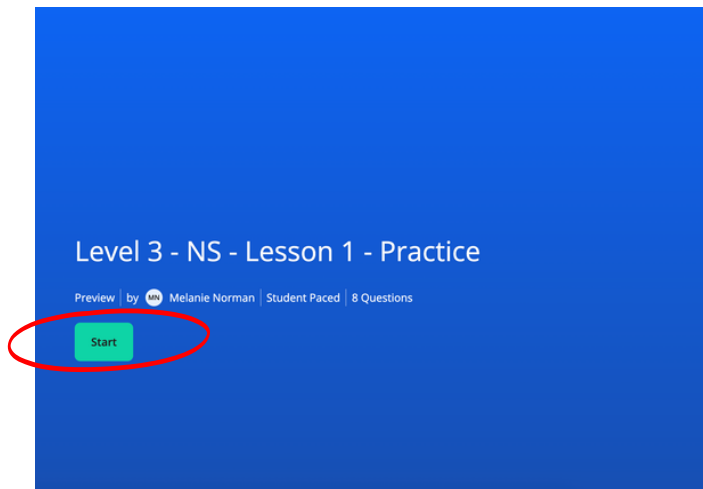
2a. After completing a math lesson, select **Record** and then the **Online practice** link.



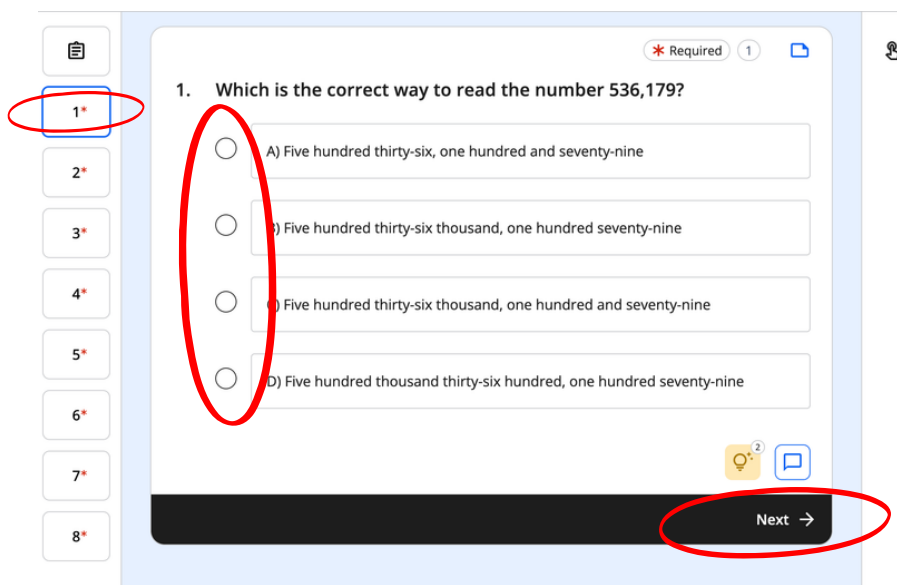
2b. For language arts, students will see the link on their Friday Assessments under "Root Word Assessment" section.



3. This Welcome Screen is the first Formative screen students will see. It identifies the level, unit, and lesson. Select **Start**.

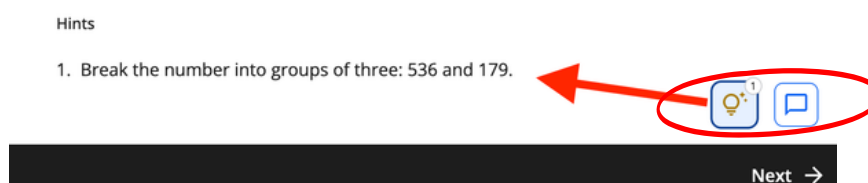


4. Select the **question number** on the left. Read the question and select, type, or submit an answer. Then select **Next**.

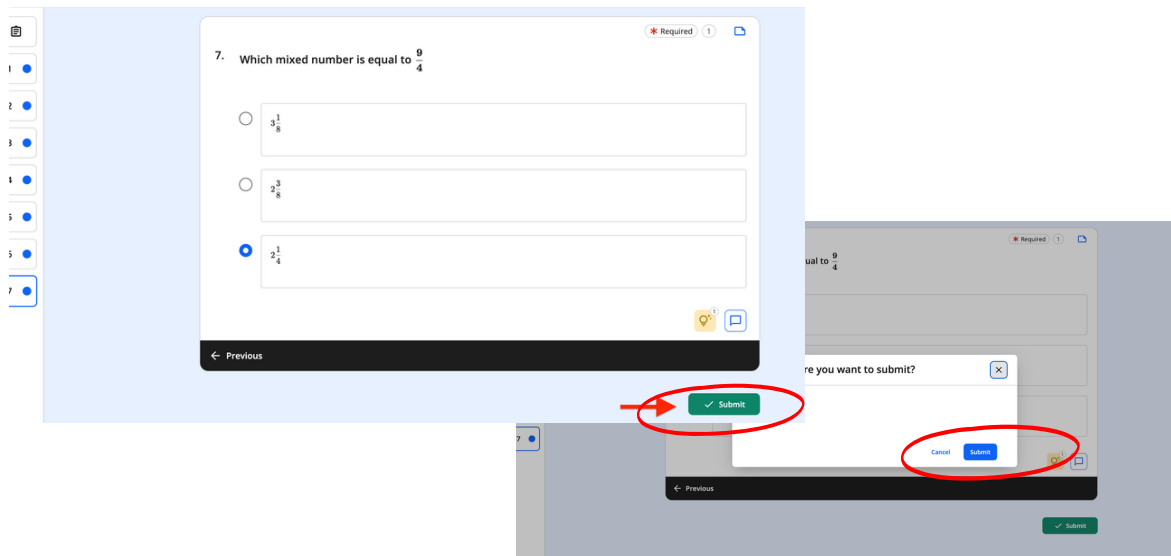


Note: There are a wide variety of question types. Multiple choice is just one example.

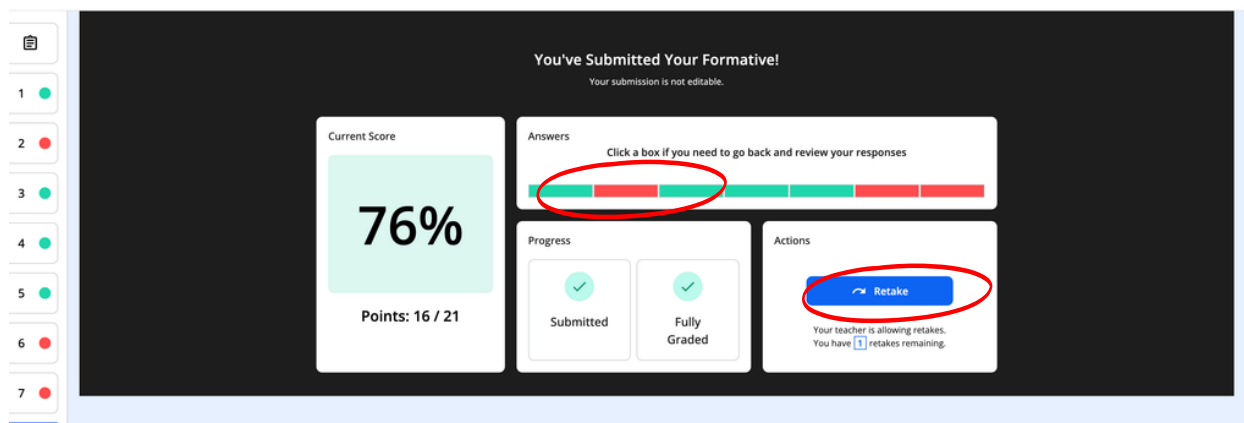
5. Need help before submitting the answer? Select the **yellow lightbulb** in the bottom right hand corner for one or two hints. Want to leave feedback on the question for Melanie at AHS Worldwide? click the blue Comment icon.



6. Once all questions are complete (they will have a blue dot next to the question number) click **Submit** then **Confirm Submission**.



7. Scores are immediately returned. Click on the red bars at the top to see explanations of each question missed. Each formative can be taken twice. Retake using the blue button.



Growth Mindset: Encourage your child to take notes while working through problems. If they get answers wrong, that's part of the learning process! Retaking the practice helps cement understanding.

Collaborate: Formative works best when paired with conversation. Ask your child:

- "What did you learn today?"
- "Which question was tricky?"
- "What hint helped you?"

This turns practice into reflection and deepens understanding.

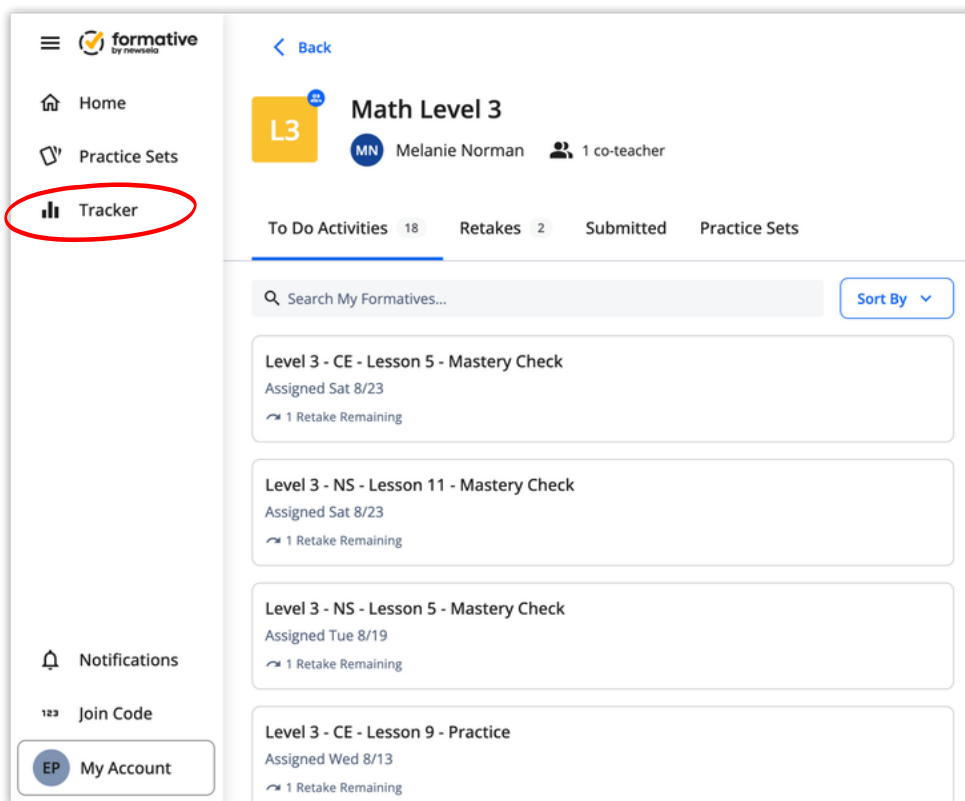


How Do I Track Progress?

the Tracker is one of the most helpful (and sometimes overlooked) features. It shows which skills are strong, which need strengthening, and whether progress is happening over time.

Using the Tracker as a conversation guide, encourage your child to review mistakes, take notes, and retake practices. **That process is the learning.**

Parents and students can view the **Tracker** on the dashboard:



The Tracker dashboard will update with each new practice set our child completes. It will do the following:

- Display scores for all completed practices.
- Show progress by academic standard, highlighting strengths and weaknesses.
- Help identify if a child is rushing or struggling and where they may need extra review.

Retakes and Submitted Tabs

- Practice sets in the **Submitted** tab are submitted and cannot be edited.
- Practice sets in the **Retakes** tab are submitted and have one retake remaining before the end of class.
- So, consider all practices sets in the **Retakes** tab and the **Submitted** tab as submitted.

The screenshot shows the 'Math Level 3' interface. At the top, there's a header with 'L3', 'MN', 'Melanie Norman', and '1 co-teacher'. Below this is a navigation bar with four tabs: 'To Do Activities' (8), 'Retakes' (1), 'Submitted', and 'Practice Sets'. The 'Retakes' tab is highlighted with a red circle. Below the navigation bar is a search bar labeled 'Search My Formatives...' and a 'Show Scores' toggle switch. The main content area displays a practice set titled 'Level 3 - CE - Lesson 2 - Practice' with a score of 38% (3/8) and a note 'Assigned Wed 8/13' and '1 Retake Remaining'.

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All practice sets in the **Retakes** and **Submitted** tabs show in the **Tracker** and count towards total progress.

What Do I Need to Print if My Student Uses Formative?

At American Heritage Worldwide, families have flexibility. All lessons are available online, so nothing must be printed in order to complete math or language arts. Families may choose the digital path (Formative + online lessons), the paper-pencil path (lesson books + worksheets), or a blend of both.

	Digital Path (Formative)	Paper-Pencil Path
Lesson Delivery	Online lessons only (no printing required).	Lesson Books (printed or ordered) mirror the online lessons.
Practice Sets	Completed in Formative (auto-graded).	Printable worksheets (7 questions per lesson).
Student Activity Packets (Day 2 Enrichment)	Recommended	Recommended
Math Fact Fluency Sheets	Optional (print drills/flashcards if desired).	Optional (print drills/flashcards if desired).
Keys (Answer Keys for Parents)	Optional (download PDFs for reference).	Optional (download PDFs for reference).
Root Word Assessments (LA, Levels 6–8)	Can be completed digitally in Formative.	Can be printed and completed on paper.

What If I Have Questions?

Your Family Education Success Team is just a click or call away. Whether you have a quick question, a concern, or simply need encouragement—we're here for you.

Customer Support

Email: support@ahsworldwide.org

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