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Introduction to Keys to Math Success Pilot Program

1. Program Overview: Keys to Math Success Pilot Program

The Keys to Math Success Pilot Program is a comprehensive, results-driven initiative designed to help students excel in CSEC Mathematics through a unique and engaging approach. This program focuses on developing motivated students and teachers, providing personalized learning experiences, and ensuring students are fully prepared for the CSEC exam. By emphasizing real-world exam questions, effective classroom strategies, and hands-on learning, this pilot aims to create an environment where students not only improve their academic performance but also develop the confidence and skills necessary for success.

In this pilot phase, we are offering the program for free to gather data and insights that will help us refine and optimize the learning experience for all students. Our program will be closely monitored, and each student will receive individual assessments to identify strengths and weaknesses. With a focus on active participation, practical exercises, and motivational techniques, this program is designed to produce tangible improvements in student results.

2. Key Features of the Program

- **Engaged and Motivated Learners**
Many students don't understand the seriousness of passing their exams, leading to poor performance. In our program, we conduct interviews and assign tasks to ensure students are committed to passing their exams.
- **Dedicated Teachers Committed to Student Success**
Some teachers are driven solely by money, but we screen our teachers to ensure their primary motivation is helping students succeed. Our educators are passionate about student achievement.
- **Personalized Learning through Initial Assessments**

At the start of our program, each student undergoes a test that identifies their strengths and weaknesses. We build a student profile and also administer a VARK assessment to determine their learning style, allowing us to customize their learning experience.

- **Collaborative Teaching Environment**
Each class, with a maximum of 15 students, is supported by two teachers. This ensures a more focused atmosphere, faster distribution of materials, increased observation of struggling students, and better support for those in need.
- **Focused Practice with Timed Exercises**
All exercises are timed to help students focus on managing their time effectively and improve their ability to complete tasks quickly.
- **Mental Mastery Techniques for CSEC Math**
Students practice mental techniques for factoring by inspection and completing the square through flashcards and audio training, equipping them for a variety of CSEC math challenges.
- **Developing Fast and Legible Writing**
Students are trained to write quickly yet legibly, improving their motor skills and helping them in exams and daily life.

3. Focus on Exam Preparation

- **Real-World Exam Practice**
Every question in class comes from past CSEC exams, teaching students to think in “CSEC mode” from day one and showing quick progress through practice with past papers.
- **Comprehensive Topic Integration**
Topics that are not traditionally included in the CSEC syllabus are taught to better link concepts, creating a smoother flow of content and making it easier for students to connect ideas. We also rearrange topics to ensure a cohesive learning experience.
- **Breaking Down Complex Terminology**

Complex terms are introduced only after students master the basic concepts. For example, after learning how to solve equations with two variables, we introduce the term "simultaneous equations," preventing students from developing a fear of certain topics.

4. Teaching Methods and Tools

- **Mastering Essential Tables for Fast Calculation**
Students focus on memorizing multiplication tables (1-12, 15, 25), with particular emphasis on the table of 9. This helps them quickly solve mental math problems and builds confidence with numbers.
- **Building a Strong Math Foundation Through Cross-Topic Learning**
Throughout the program, we incorporate topics not yet explicitly covered, encouraging students to apply knowledge from previous lessons and fostering a mindset of problem-solving rather than waiting for specific instruction.
- **Interactive Learning with Hands-On Activities**
We use tangible objects to teach concepts. For instance, using coins to demonstrate equality helps students grasp abstract ideas in a concrete, memorable way.
- **Efficient Calculator Techniques for Exam Success**
Students are trained to use calculators effectively for quick error checking, as well as other tools like rulers, pens, and protractors, ensuring they are well-equipped for the exam.
- **Organized Problem Solving for Maximum Results**
Students are taught how to label questions properly, position answers clearly, present statements logically, and work through problems systematically, maximizing their chances of earning points on each question.

5. Motivation and Engagement

Motivating Students with Incentives and Rewards

To keep students motivated, we offer incentives such as stickers and leaderboards, making the learning process engaging and rewarding.

6. Program Materials

Engaging and Fun Learning with Our Exclusive Books

Our unique Keys to Math Success books are central to the program. These books cover the entire syllabus in a fun, accessible way that removes math anxiety. Even students who typically dislike math enjoy reading these books, and they are a key part of our success.

7. Conclusion: Next Steps for Schools

The pilot will run for and will be monitored by a team of educators. Feedback from both students and teachers will be collected to refine the program for broader implementation. By participating in this pilot, schools have the opportunity to see firsthand how the Keys to Math Success program can improve student outcomes and prepare them for success in the CSEC Math exam. Sign up now!

