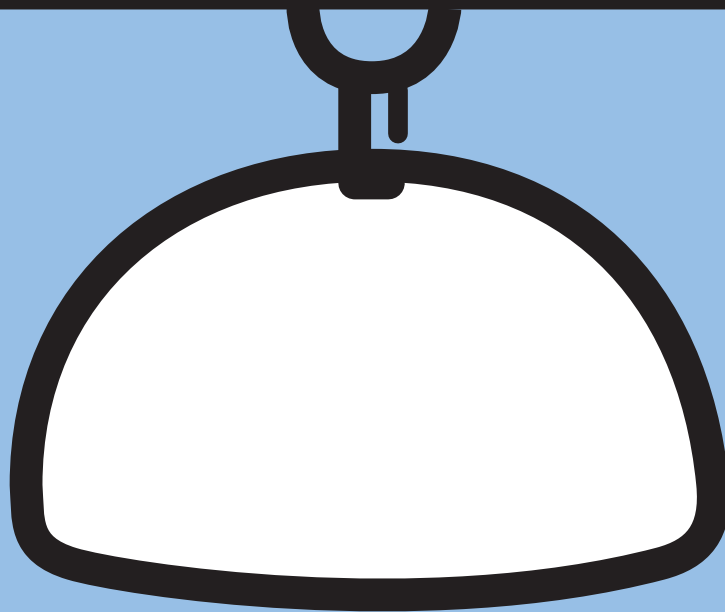


# Attention, Parents!

Online Help is Available **NOW** for High School Assessments

## **Starting with the class of 2009,**

all students must pass the High School Assessments (HSA) to graduate. The Maryland State Department of Education has created free, online courses that you can use to help your child on the HSA. Online courses for Algebra/Data Analysis and Government are now available! Biology will go online in early 2007, and English will be added in fall 2007. You can use the courses to help your child learn HSA-tested material and practice answering questions similar to those on the HSA.



Visit  
Desire2Learn <http://msde.mdk12online.org>



# Using Online Courses Is Easy!

## Steps:

**1.** Open your Internet browser (e.g., Internet Explorer, Safari, Firefox) and type the following into the address bar:  
<http://msde.mdk12online.org>

**2.** At the login screen, enter the following information:

**Username:** online.course

**Password:** parent  
(figure 1)

**3.** Once you've logged in, you'll be at the "My Home" welcome page. In the center of the page is a navigation box titled "My Maryland Courses." You may need to scroll down the page to see the box.  
(figure 2)

**4.** Under "My Maryland Courses," you'll see a sub-heading titled "Parent" with a plus sign (+) next to it. Click the (+) to see the available courses.  
(figure 2)

**5.** Click on the course you'd like to see. Once you've chosen the course, you'll see the course title (e.g., Algebra Data Analysis) at the top of the screen with a navigation bar below.  
(figures 3 & 4)

**6.** To access the course resources (overviews, modules, questions, and activities), click on "Content" on the navigation bar at the top of the page.  
(figure 4)

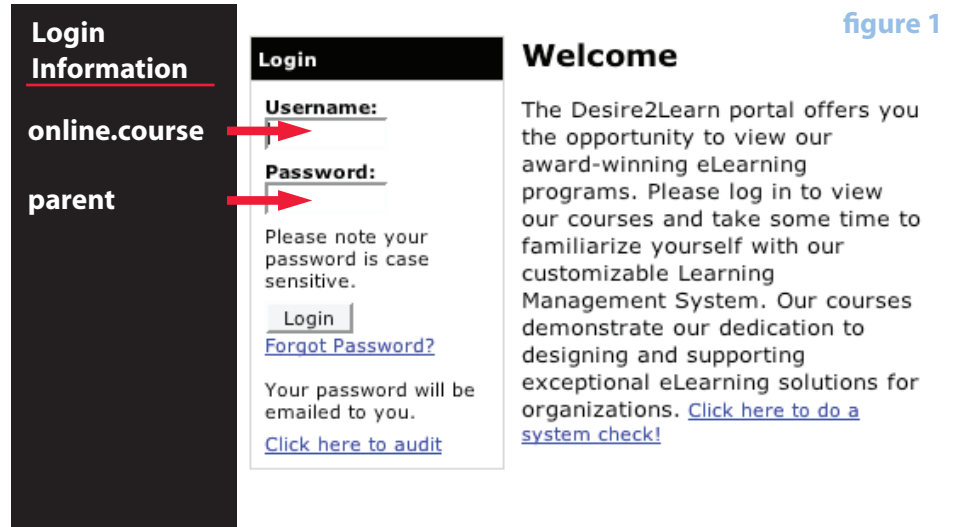


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Clicking here will collapse menu options for you to choose.



figure 3

Click these links to explore course information.

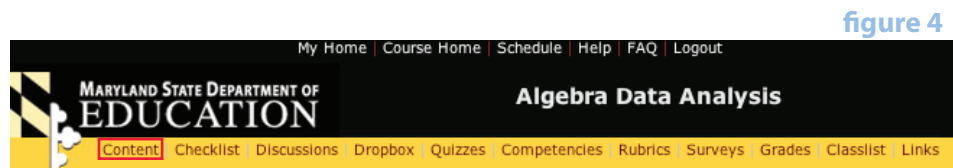
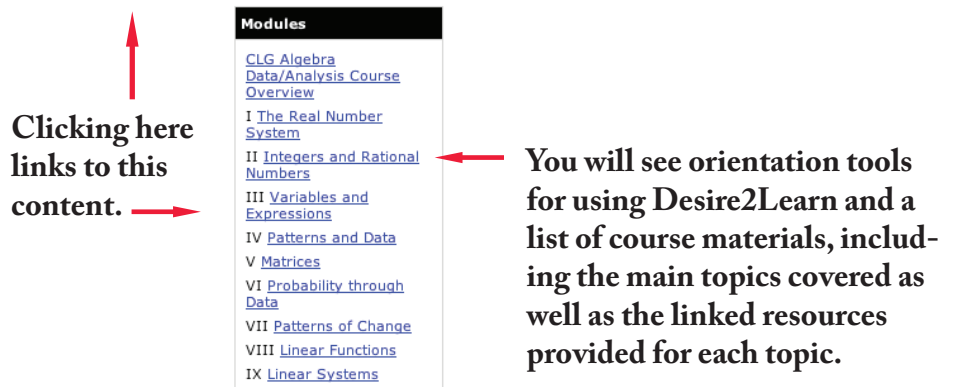


figure 4



Clicking here links to this content.

You will see orientation tools for using Desire2Learn and a list of course materials, including the main topics covered as well as the linked resources provided for each topic.