## Mathematics

When you think of math, you probably think of numbers. Math also deals with the alphabet. "Learning to add and subtract numbers was much easier than adding and subtracting the alphabet," commented Calculus student, Shannon Clack.
As you know, everything gets harder as you move on.
That's just how life goes. That's how math goes. You began by adding one plus one and you end up finding the sine of it. That sounds complicated, but if you had a simple calculator, it was just the fact of pushing a few buttons. "If it wasn't for my graphing calculator," repliedCanisha Martin, "I would probably have a few zeros for homework." Sometimes math gets so hectic and complicated that you may feel like giving up. You may not realize it but math is used everyday. You use numbers on the phone, you count

Shannon Johnson and her peers hurry to complete their classwork before the bell rings.
your money, you look at your speedometer, etc . . "I flunked,"
jokedPaul Speagle, "so I can't say I learned much, but I did have a great time trying."
To get students to improve their math skills, they were put into Tech classes earlier in the year so they would be better prepared for the tougher college classes. "Tech class helps me feel more comfortable about my math knowledge. I hate to do simple word problems but this class's techniques helps me to figure it out quicker and make a good grade," saidCornelius Robinson.

Even though students feel pressured by some of these classes, the teachers are actually doing them a favor by preparing them for college.

Using mathematical instruments, Cliff Collins makes a geometric figure for a major math project.

Janie Brown looks on to copy notes for her nine weeks exam so she can get out of there.


# Going From Using Numbers To Using The Alphabet 

