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Group Tutoring
User Guide





Smarthinking's New Group Tutoring feature gives students the ability to collaborate with other students at their institution using our interactive whiteboard. It's easier than ever for students to work together on group projects, have live discussions, create study groups, and connect to a tutor as a group. Let's take a walkthrough of our new group tutoring feature!

Getting Started

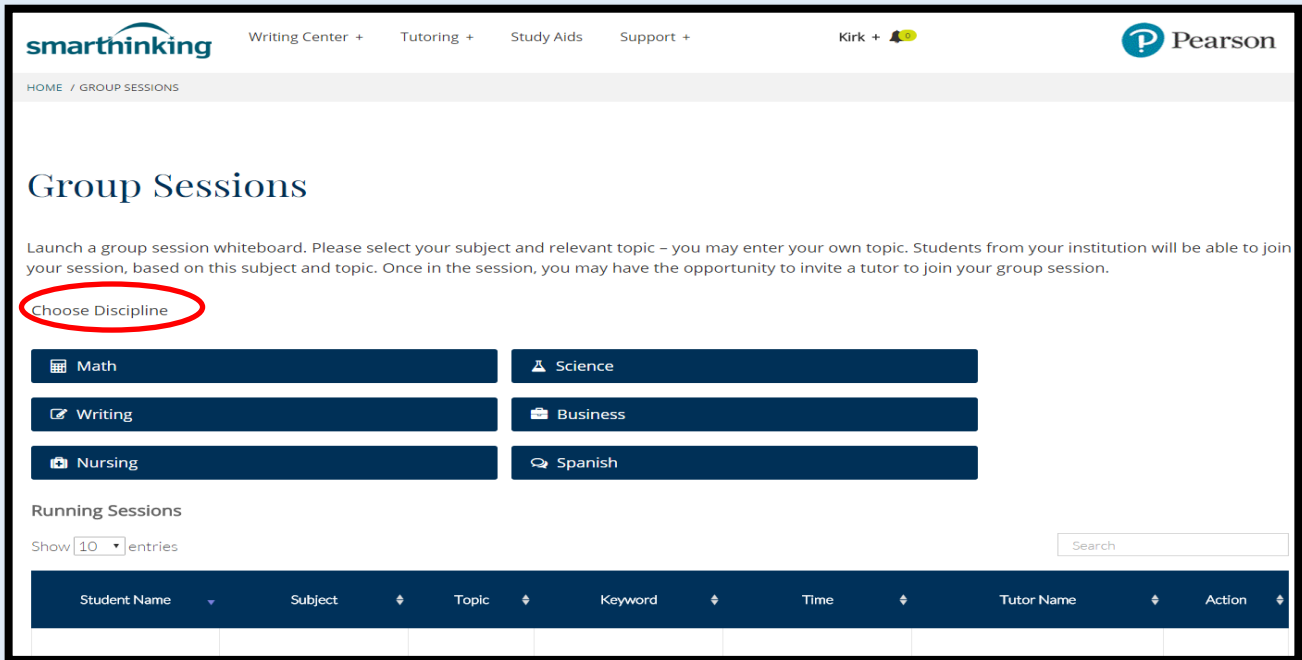
Students can sign into their Smarthinking account directly from our website, from their LMS, campus portal, or with integrations from select Pearson MyLab™ & Mastering™ products.

Once signed in, students access the Group Sessions option by clicking on the Tutoring + tab at the top of their homepage.

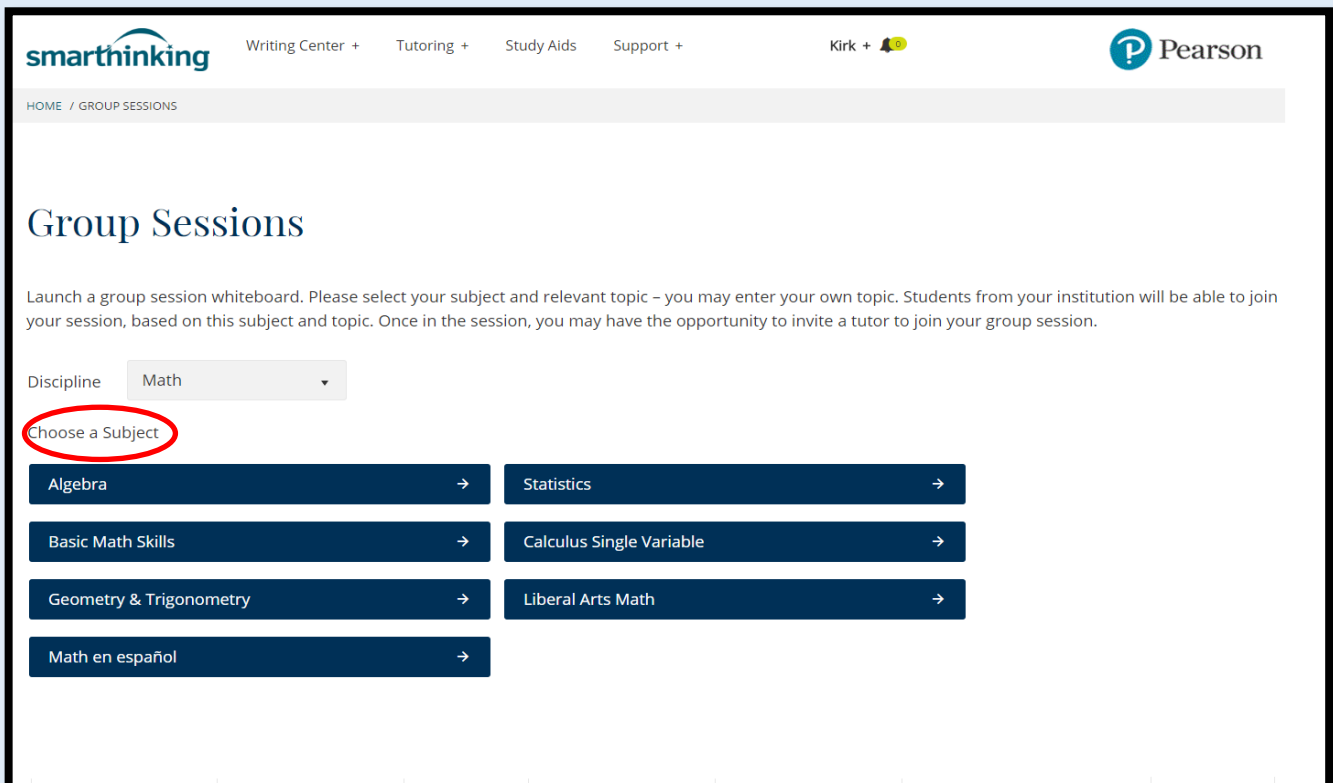
The screenshot shows the Smarthinking homepage interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes the Smarthinking logo, 'Writing Center +', 'Tutoring +' (circled in red), 'Study Aids', 'Support +', a user profile 'Kirk +', and the Pearson logo. Below the navigation bar, there are three main options: 'Work With a Tutor', 'Submit a Question', and 'Group Sessions' (circled in red). The main content area has a dark blue background with the text 'Welcome to Smarthinking!' and 'I want to ...'. Below this, there are four yellow buttons arranged in a 2x2 grid: 'Work With a Tutor' (with a person icon), 'Submit My Writing' (with a pencil icon), 'Submit a Question' (with an envelope icon), and 'Review My Sessions and Submissions' (with a folder icon).

Choosing a Discipline, Subject & Topic

To launch a group session whiteboard, students select a discipline, a particular subject, and a relevant topic.



The screenshot shows the Smarthinking Group Sessions interface. At the top, there are navigation links for Writing Center, Tutoring, Study Aids, and Support, along with a user profile for Kirk. The main heading is "Group Sessions". Below the heading is a brief instruction: "Launch a group session whiteboard. Please select your subject and relevant topic - you may enter your own topic. Students from your institution will be able to join your session, based on this subject and topic. Once in the session, you may have the opportunity to invite a tutor to join your group session." A red circle highlights the "Choose Discipline" link. Below this link are six buttons representing different disciplines: Math, Science, Writing, Business, Nursing, and Spanish. At the bottom, there is a "Running Sessions" section with a search bar and a table with columns for Student Name, Subject, Topic, Keyword, Time, Tutor Name, and Action.



The screenshot shows the Smarthinking Group Sessions interface with the "Math" discipline selected. The "Discipline" dropdown menu is set to "Math". A red circle highlights the "Choose a Subject" link. Below this link are eight buttons representing different subjects: Algebra, Statistics, Basic Math Skills, Calculus Single Variable, Geometry & Trigonometry, Liberal Arts Math, and Math en español. Each button has a right-pointing arrow.

Students select a relevant topic and key word from drop down menus.

The screenshot shows the Smarthinking website's 'Group Sessions' page. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Writing Center +', 'Tutoring +', 'Study Aids', and 'Support +', along with a user profile 'Kirk +'. The page title is 'Group Sessions'. Below the title, there is a brief instruction: 'Launch a group session whiteboard. Please select your subject and relevant topic - you may enter your own topic. Students from your institution will be able to join your session, based on this subject and topic. Once in the session, you may have the opportunity to invite a tutor to join your group session.'

The main content area features a 'Discipline' dropdown menu set to 'Math' and a 'Choose a Subject' section with several buttons: Algebra, Basic Math Skills, Geometry & Trigonometry, Math en español, Statistics, Calculus Single Variable, and Liberal Arts Math. A 'Group Session Mapping' dialog box is open, showing 'Subject: Statistics', 'Topic: ANOVA', and 'Keyword: One-Way ANOVA'. The dialog has 'Submit' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Alternatively, students can join an active session. *Running Sessions* shows a list of group sessions launched by other students in your institution. To engage in an existing whiteboard session students simply click **Join**.

This screenshot shows the 'Running Sessions' section of the Smarthinking website. It features a table with columns for 'Student Name', 'Subject', 'Topic', 'Keyword', 'Time', 'Tutor Name', and 'Action'. The 'Action' column contains a 'Join' button, which is circled in red. The table shows one entry for a session by 'Bryan' on 'Statistics' with the topic 'ANOVA' and keyword 'One-Way ANOVA'. Below the table, it says 'Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries' and has a page number '1'.

Student Name	Subject	Topic	Keyword	Time	Tutor Name	Action
Bryan	Statistics	ANOVA	One-Way ANOVA	03 hour :01 min	NA	Join

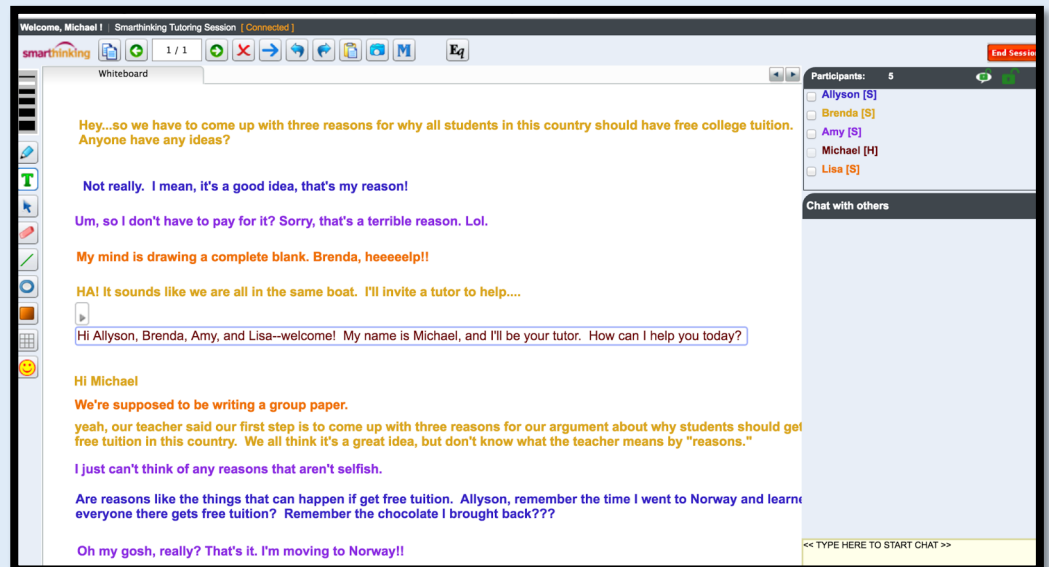
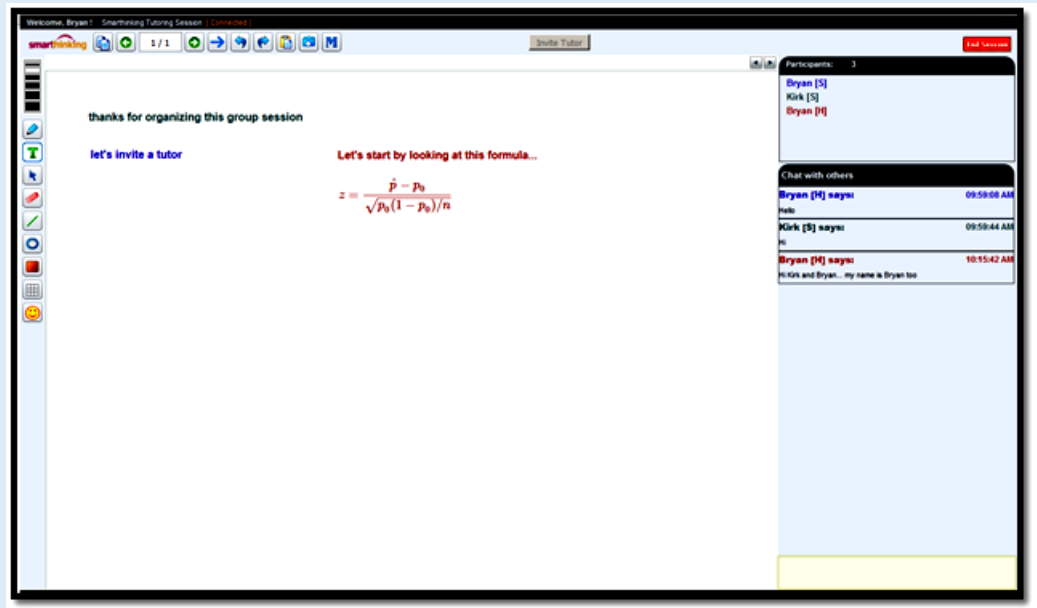
Whiteboard

Once a group session has launched students are redirected to our interactive whiteboard.

Each student is identified with an individual color to differentiate participants in the session. A chat box is also available to streamline the conversation.

Students at any time can invite a live tutor into their group session by clicking on the **Invite a Tutor** icon. Billed time is only deducted when a tutor is invited into the session, and time is split evenly among the participating students.

Our whiteboard allows students and tutors to enter text, symbols, and drawings to identify and help answer questions.





With online academic tutoring services from Smarthinking, students receive on-demand, individual instruction and support from expert tutors across a wide variety of subjects.

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