

The Story of ThinkPurplemath.Com

In 2006, I completed a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Phoenix. My Master's Thesis was entitled, "Decreasing Math Anxiety through Technology", which has modeled my teaching philosophy from that year forward. In 2008, I moved to the Silicon Valley area of California and taught in Mountain View, California, which is noted for having the Google Corporate Office in addition to other high tech places.

The origin of ThinkPurpleMath.com dates back to 2009 in San Mateo, California. In 2009, I was working at San Mateo High School in San Mateo teaching Geometry. Many of the school districts in California, including San Mateo High used a website design by School-Loop. School-Loop allowed teachers to create an online resource where they could post links and folders for students to access from home. In fact, school-loop even had an interactive calendar that made it easy for students to access both documents and links related to the teacher's sequencing and lesson plans. I began using school-loop and students found it to be very convenient and supportive. Schoology is a more responsive version of School-Loop and is being used by many school districts across the United States.

In 2011, I decided to create my own personal Math website that could be linked online regardless of what host format my current school was using. In addition, I wanted a website that could grow and adjust depending on the needs of the students. My initial website was created by using a host site "TeacherWeb.Com", that host site was specifically designed for teachers and was very user friendly and adaptable. However in December 2017, TeacherWeb.Com was closing down and all teacher created websites would no longer be available.

In December 2017, ThinkPurpleMath.Com was created incorporating many of the ideas from all previous school sites and from my initial website created using teacherweb.com. As the use of technology continues to grow, ThinkPurpleMath.com will adjust and be enhanced accordingly. Special thanks for implementing ThinkPurpleMath.Com goes out to Mallory M., a web designer and friend.

Thanks for visiting this website and share it with friends.

Sincerely,

Bobby Garcia – Math Teacher

