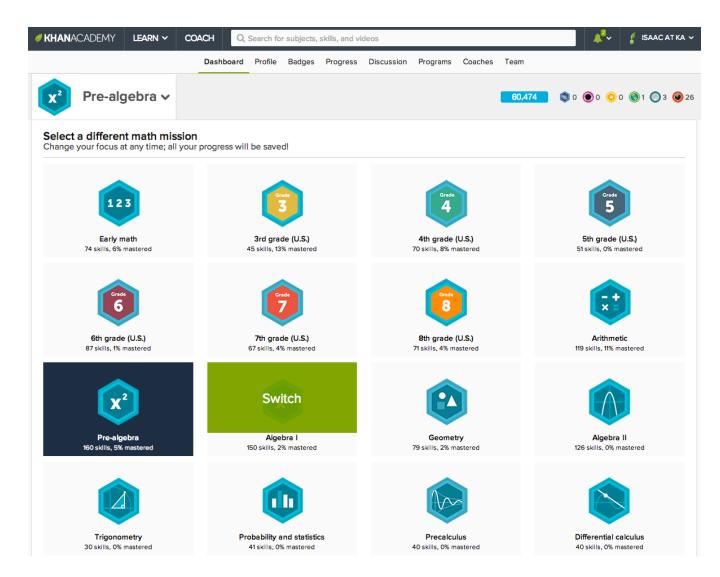# WHAT IS A MISSION?

We've got a lot of content on Khan Academy, and it grows every day. With the help of 40 math educators, we've created missions to help students focus on content that is most meaningful to them.

As students complete skills in their mission, we'll recommend new skills based on what they are ready to learn next. We use the student's math history on our site, as well as what we learn from all of the students on our site, to figure out what will make the best recommendations.

As shown above, students can pick a mission by opening the menu at the top left of their dashboard. When they finish a mission, they'll earn a special badge!

MISSION FAQs

How long does it take to complete a mission?

Just like putting a man on the moon, missions are meant to represent major commitments, and completing one should be considered a big accomplishment. With that said, the amount of time and effort it takes to complete a mission will depend on who the student is, where they start, and how fast they go. If you expect a student to take about nine months to learn an entire year's worth of material, it's reasonable to expect that it would take about nine months to complete a mission.

What is the difference between mission-level skills and mission foundations?

Mission-level skills cover a specific subject or grade-level standards, while mission foundations are skills that we've identified as prerequisites for mission-level skills.

What does it take to "complete" a mission?

A mission is complete once you've mastered all mission-level skills in that mission. Completing mission foundations, or prerequisite skills, does NOT count towards mission completion.

In order to master skills, students will need to take Mastery Challenges on a regular basis. Mastery Challenges mix together different types of problems and spaces them across days to helps students retain their math skills over time.

Can students see their progress?

Students can always see what they need to accomplish in their missions by looking at their tile board called "Mission Progress."

Students can also see a more detailed view of their own accomplishments by clicking the "Progress" link.