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Advanced Topics 10/27 - E Period
Matricies

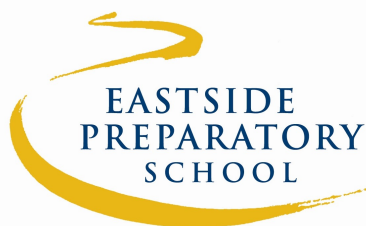
Class is taught in a collegiate style. John puts up a statement about matricies, then has students work through problems using that statement. He is also careful to use formal math words that will show up later on but writes them out, things like "such that", "for every", "there exists" which all will eventually become symbols in math proofs at later stages of math education. This will make it easier for students to think in formal math language intuitively.

The class environment is relaxed and presumes that students, when presented with a challenging puzzle, will be driven to figure it out. This allows for an intrinsic desire to solve problem to grow within the students. There is no hint of elitism or building of math egos, just a collaborative exploratory environment.

Humor is evident throughout the experience. Students feel free to make small jokes as does John. All jokes are appropriate and playful.

I admit that part way through the class, I did get absorbed in trying to do some of the math rather than take play-by-play notes so I think I owe you another visit.

-Jonathan



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