The Preceptor Group and the Mathematics Education Seminar Series (MESS) proudly presents:

How Students Use Textbooks

Presented by Bret Benesh of Harvard University

How do our students use their math textbooks? This is a question to which most math instructors have anecdotal answers, but this has never been seriously studied...until now.

To answer this question, we administered an anonymous written survey to over 1300 students in a variety of undergraduate mathematics courses at several universities. Our results give an indication of how students use their textbooks, what parts of the book they use, what they value in a textbook, and some steps we can do to make the textbook a more useful tool for our students.

We welcome anyone who is interested in mathematics education.

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