SmarThinking Guide

Getting Started with Smarthinking

- Start by logging into the myEFSC portal. This can be found in the upper right corner of the EFSC main page.
- Insert your B number and password.
- Once you are logged in to your MyEFSC, open your canvas.
- Click on one of your classes.
- On the left side of the page, find the Smarthinking Online tab.
- A system check may appear. If so, click “Show Me How” and complete the systems check by using the on-screen prompts, or “Click here to continue” at the bottom of the screen.
- Smarthinking services will appear.

Writing Center

- Once Smarthinking is open, it will reveal a page with options such as “writing center”, “drop-in tutoring”, “scheduled tutoring”, and “offline questions”. By clicking on “Writing Center”, students may submit papers by attaching word document for a person to review. Depending on the time of the semester, it can take one to three days for a reviewed paper to be returned. From this screen, click the option that is most fitting of the paper to be submitted and follow the on-screen options. These options include essay center, career writing, grammar & documentation review, paragraph submission, resume or cover letter, and Spanish essay center.
- For example, by clicking on “Essay Center”, a multi-paragraph paper can be submitted by following the on-screen prompts and attaching the paper. By accessing this service via Canvas, some information auto-populates. The areas in red must be completed.
- Or, by clicking on paragraph submission, a paragraph can be submitted by following the on-screen prompts and attaching the paragraph. Once again, some information will auto-populate by accessing this service in canvas, and anything in red must be completed.

Drop-In Tutoring

- By clicking drop-in tutoring, students can conduct a live-chat with an available tutor. Subjects in a darker coloration represent tutors who are available (though there may be a wait time). Subjects in gray scale represent areas where no tutor is currently available for a live session. Make a choice, and follow the on-screen options.
- Follow the on-screen prompts to start and end a tutoring session.
Scheduled Tutoring
• By choosing scheduled tutoring, a future date and time can be selected to work online with a tutor. Follow the on-screen prompts once a subject is picked.
• Follow the on-screen prompts to schedule a session.

Offline Questions
• Select the option for “offline questions” to send a message that will get answered later (usually within 24 hours later) by a tutor. Follow the on-screen prompts to submit the question.
• Follow the on-screen prompts to ask the question.

Academic Resources
• Notice the other available “academic resources” on the right-hand side of the screen, just below the listed tabs. A variety of subject matter material are available within Academic Resources.
• Notice the multitude of additional helpful tabs found near the top of the page—including the Smarthinking app, reserved sessions, personal archive, manage account, and customer service.