

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Jacob Prior. I am unable to attend this event in person, but I would like to share my experience. I am a second-year apprentice with UA Local 716 Maine Plumbers and Pipefitters. My trade of choice uses math all the time especially when reading or creating blueprints. I was never very good with paper tests or schoolwork in general so I knew I was eventually going to need some help with the "book work" part of my program. I ended up struggling to pass a math final which stopped me from being able to move forward despite doing well in all other areas. Not being in school for the past ten years did not help matters. I was in special education classes all throughout school and have been diagnosed with dyslexia and other learning difficulties that only affect me in school. All of the private math tutors that I spoke to when looking for help with my math wanted \$50 dollars an hour. Liz, the math teacher has been beyond helpful. She is helping me become more comfortable and confident in my ability to pass my math final when I have the opportunity to retake it. I am very grateful to have access to the people and resources in this facility. It's a very useful program that has the right people running it. They deserve all the help they can get so we can as well.

Please contact me if you have any questions about my experience. My phone number is (207)485-6609

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