

MEET YOUR TUTOR

Michael Kazenel

Math & Science Tutor • Retired User-Experience Design Leader

A Trusted Local Tutor

For nearly a decade, Michael Kazenel has tutored students throughout the Canton area in math and science, bringing both a rigorous technical background and a genuine enthusiasm for these subjects to every session. He describes tutoring as “deeply gratifying” work, and families and students alike appreciate his patient, encouraging style and his knack for making challenging material click.

A Career Built on Clarity and Problem-Solving

Michael recently retired from his position as a Principal User Experience Designer at MathWorks in Natick, where he designed the applications that help scientists and engineers around the world learn and use MathWorks' technical computing tools. Before that, he spent nearly two decades as a Principal User Experience Designer and Design Director at Fidelity Investments, building applications used by millions of investors and by Fidelity's own phone and back-office associates. That career — translating complex, technical systems into something ordinary people can understand and use with confidence — turns out to be excellent training for a tutor: Michael brings the same instinct for breaking a hard concept into clear, manageable steps to every math or science session.

Eight Years of Math and Science Tutoring

Since 2015, Michael has tutored students across a wide range of levels and subjects: high school Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Precalculus, and Calculus through the AP level; SAT math preparation; and high school physics through AP Physics, as well as high school chemistry through AP Chemistry. He finds real joy in watching students not just improve their grades, but gain genuine confidence in subjects they once found intimidating.

Education

Michael holds a B.Sc. in Computer Engineering from Boston University, earned *summa cum laude*, and a Master of Journalism from Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario — an unusual combination that reflects both his analytical rigor and his skill at communicating clearly.

Beyond the Classroom

Outside of tutoring and design work, Michael composes ragtime piano pieces, plays clarinet, and has spent years acting in and directing community theater — including the lead role of Harold Hill in *The Music Man* and directing productions of *Oklahoma!* and *Beauty and the Beast*. It's the same creativity and love of learning that he brings into every tutoring session.