

The Common Core State Standards

The transition to the CCSSM and the new Assessment Consortia





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Optimism



"Optimism is an essential ingredient for innovation. How else can the individual welcome change over security, adventure over staying in safe places? A significant innovation has effects that reach much further than can be imagined at the time, and creates its own uses. It will not be held back by those who lack the imagination to exploit its use, but will be swept along by the creative members of our society for the good of all. Innovation cannot be mandated any more than a baseball coach can demand that the next batter hit a home run. He can, however, assemble a good team, encourage his players, and play the odds." Robert N. Noyce

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The state of mathematics education in America







After a decade of highstakes accountability promising to equalize performances among students of all demographic classifications, what is happening to the "*Gap*"?



The Achievement Gap

NAEP 2009	US 4th Grade	US 8th Grade
All Students	240	283
Black	222	260
White	248	292
Hispanic	227	266
Asian	255	300
Low Income	228	266
Mid-High Income	250	293
English Learner	218	243
English Fluent	242	284

Source: U.S. Department of Education

National Achievement of Education Progress (NAEP 2009 Math) The Nation's Report Card

Approximately 10 scale points is equivalent to a grade level of learning

NY TIMES April 29, 2009 Persistent Racial Gap Seen in Students Test Scores By SAM DILLON



The achievement gap between white and minority students has not narrowed in recent years, despite the focus of the No Child Left Behind law on improving black and Hispanic scores, according to results of a federal test **considered to be the nation's best measure of** long-term trends in math and reading proficiency.

NAEP 2009 8th grade

WA MT ND OR. MN SD (D) WY IA: NE NV UT CO CA MO KS AZ OK AR NM MS AL National Public GA TX District of Columbia DoDEA.

National Public

Where you live and your background correlates to how you score on tests.

National Ave. 282

Massachusetts (1st) 299

California (49th) 270

Focal state/jurisdiction
Has higher average scale score than focal state/jurisdiction
Is not significantly different from the focal state/jurisdiction
Has lower average scale score than focal state/jurisdiction
Data not available

Common Core Standards: A New Direction linking Instruction and Assessment



Three Central Authors Common Core State Standards in Mathematics



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Phil Daro



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Charges given to the authors:

- All students College and Career Ready by 11th grade
- Internationally Benchmarked
- Make the standards "Fewer, Clear and Higher"



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Domains K-8

Counting &						Ratios & Pro	oportional	
Cardinality						Relation	nships	
Ope	rations a	and Alge	ebraic Tl	hinking		The N	Number Sys	stem
Num	ber and	Operat	ions in E	Base Ten		Expressi	ons and Eq	uations
			F	ractions	6			Functions
	Measu	irement	and Dat	ta				
		Geome	try				Geometry	
						Statistic	es and Prob	ability
K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

State Senator Hancock



"Several implementation issues arise by California adopting a different set of grade 8 math standards from other participating states. For example, instructional materials for use in California would need to be different from those used by other states - the unique additional standards may increase the costs of those materials for our local school districts. In addition, assessment consortia will be developing assessment aligned to the common core standards and not the variation adopted in California. This may result in issues with our Algebra standards and curriculum not being aligned with our assessment and accountability system."

California SB 1200

Establishes an 11-member standards review commission to review and recommend modifications to the 8th grade mathematics standards, to be appointed as follows:

Requires the recommendations of the standards review commission and modifications approved by the SBE to ensure all of the following:

a) The rigor of the state common core standards is maintained so that all high school graduates are prepared for college and careers, as specified in the common core standards.

b) All of the common core standards developed by the national Common Core Standards Initiative consortium are adopted.

c) Modifications, including additions and revisions, amount to no more than 15% of the state common core standards adopted by the SBE.



NEWS RELEASE

California Adopts Modified Math Standards to Restore Local Decision Making

Required by Legislation, Move Allows Progress Toward Common Core

The move rescinds action by the prior Board in 2010, which adopted standards that contained a unique Grade 8 Algebra I course inconsistent with the published *Common Core State Standards for Mathematics*.

Torlakson recommended the unique Grade 8 Algebra I course be replaced with Algebra I and Mathematics I courses based upon the *Common Core State Standards for Mathematics*.

Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2013

Two Mathematics Pathways

Two Regular Sequences:

Traditional Pathway

 2 Algebra courses,1 Geometry course, with Probability and Statistics interwoven Courses in higher level mathematics: Precalculus, Calculus*, Advanced Statistics, Discrete Mathematics, Advanced Quantitative Reasoning, or courses designed for career technical programs of study.

Integrated Pathway

 3 courses that attend to Algebra, Geometry, and Probability and Statistics each year



Common Core State Standards

- Define the knowledge and skills students need for college and career
- Developed voluntarily and cooperatively by states; more than 40 states have adopted
- Provide clear, consistent standards in English language arts/literacy and mathematics





States have joined Assessment Consortia funded by RttT



Partnership for Assessment of Readiness of College and Careers (PARCC) is being managed by Achieve, Inc., a Washington-based non-profit. There are 23 states and DC in PARCC.



The SMARTER-Balanced Assessment Consortium is being managed by San Francisco-based WestEd and its senior program director, Stanley Rabinowitz. SMARTER-Balanced enlisted 31 states.

At this point, both consortia are targeting the first test administration by 2014-15. Both say they will integrate summative or end-of-the-year tests with interim and formative assessments that can guide instruction during the year. Both are promising to include performance-based tasks, such as conducting a science experiment and writing short answers to questions, that are intended to show deeper levels of learning and thinking than multiple choice questions supposedly can measure. Both indicate that technology will play a major role.

Goals of Assessment

"We must ensure that tests measure what is of value, not just what is easy to test. If we want students to investigate, explore, and discover, assessment must not measure just mimicry mathematics."



Everybody Counts

CST – Released Items Algebra 1

The total cost (c) in dollars of renting a sailboat for n days is given by the equation

c = 120 + 60n.

If the total cost was \$360, for how many days was the sailboat rented?

- A 2
- **B** 4
- **C** 6
- **D** 8

A National Consortium of States

- 25 states representing 40% of K-12 students
- 21 governing, 4 advisory states
- Washington state is fiscal agent
- WestEd provides project management services





Current vs. CCSS

Current STAR Assessments

- Grades 2-11, writing at 4th and 7th
- Only paper & pencil option
- Taken around 85% of the instructional days
- Only multiple choice
- Part of the state and federal accountability system

Proposed CCSS Assessments

- Grades 3-8 and 11, Grades 9 and 10 available for states that choose to use them
- Delivered via computer (Paper and pencil option available for 3 years) and are computer adaptive
- Taken during the final 12 weeks of school
- Performance tasks and comprehensive end-of -year computer adaptive assessment which will some selected response items
- Accountability system has not been established yet

The System (Possible Scenario)



Claim-Evidence-Warrant

A Model for Analyzing Arguments (adapted from the work of Stephen Toulmin)



PARCC States

Content Specifications for the Summative assessment of the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics

DRAFT TO ACCOMPANY GOVERNING STATE VOTE ON ASSESSMENT CLAIMS

March 20, 2012

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SMARTER – Balance Content Specifications - CCSSM

Four Major Claims for the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium's assessments of the *Common Core State Standards for Mathematics*

Claim #1 - Students can explain and apply mathematical concepts and carry out mathematical procedures with precision and fluency.

Claim #2 - Students can frame and solve a range of complex problems in pure and applied mathematics.

Claim #3 - Students can clearly and precisely construct viable arguments to support their own reasoning and to critique the reasoning of others.

Claim #4 - Students can analyze complex, real-world scenarios and can use mathematical models to interpret and solve problems.

Assessment: What We Know

- Assessments will begin in 2014-15.
- California is a governing state in the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium.
- Assessments will include:
 - Computer Adaptive Assessments (interim & summative)
 - Performance Assessments (interim & summative)
 - Selected Response
 - Technology Enhanced
 - Constructed Response
 - Performance Task
 - Extended Performance Event

Traditional Selected Response CST Example

A company has 6 big trucks. Each truck has 18 wheels. How many wheels is this in all?

- **A** 24
- **B** 96
- **C** 108
- **D** 116

2009 California Standards Test Released Test Question pg. 14, #34

Non-Traditional Selected Response



Non-Traditional Selected Response Rubric

Scoring Rubric

Responses to this item will receive 0-2 points, based upon the following:

2 points: YNYN The student has a solid understanding of 2/5 as well as an equivalent form of 2/5.

1 point: YNNN, YYNN, YYYN The student has only a basic understanding of 2/5. Either the student doesn't recognize an equivalent fraction for 2/5 or doesn't understand that all 5 parts must be equal-sized in figure 1b.

0 points: YYYY, YNNY, NNNN, NNYY, NYYN, NYNN, NYYY, NYNN, NNNN, NYNY, NNYN, NNNY The student demonstrates inconsistent understanding of 2/5 or answers "Y" to figure 1d, clearly showing a misunderstanding of what 2/5 means. Figure 1d is considered a "disqualifier" and an answer of "Y" to this part of the item would cancel out any other correct responses as "guesses" on the part of the student.

Performance Assessments

To Inform Instruction And Measure Higher Level Thinking

The baker uses boxes of different sizes to	carry her goods.			
(P)	Cookie boxes hold 12 cookies.			
	Donut boxes hold 4 donuts.			
TATION	Muffin boxes hold 2 muffins. Bagel boxes hold 6 bagels.			
. On Monday she baked 24 of everything	g.			
How many boxes did she need? Fill in	the empty spaces.			
cookie boxes	donut boxes			
muffin boxes	bagel boxes			
2. On Tuesday she baked just bagels. She	e filled 7 boxes.			
How many bagels did she make?				
Show your calculations.				
 On wednesday she baked 42 cookies. How many hoves did she fill? 				
How many cookies were left over?				
Explain how you figured this out				
Explain now you ngared dis out.				
 On Thursday she baked 32 of just one i 	item and she filled 8 boxes.			
What did she bake on Thursday?				
Show how you figured this out.				
	10			



Entry level (access into task) Core Mathematics - (meeting standards) Top of Ramp (conceptually deeper, beyond)

- The Mathematics Assessment Resource Service (MARS) is an NSF funded collaboration between U.C. Berkeley and the Shell Centre in Nottingham England.
- The Assessments target grades 2- Geometry and are aligned with the State and NCTM National Math Standards.





CR 4: Baseball Jerseys

Bill is going to order new jerseys for his baseball team.

The jerseys will have the team logo printed on the front.

Bill asks 2 local companies to give him a price.



1. 'Print It' will charge \$21.50 each for the jerseys.

Using n for the number of jerseys ordered and c for the total cost in dollars, write an equation to show the total cost of jerseys from 'Print It'.

2. 'Top Print' has a Set-Up cost of \$70 and then charges \$18 for each jersey.

Using n to stand for the number of jerseys ordered and c for the total cost in dollars, write an equation to show the total cost of jerseys from 'Top Print'.

3. Use the two equations from questions 1 and 2 to figure out how many jerseys Bill would need to order for the price from 'Top Print' to be less than from 'Print It'. Explain how you figured it out.

4. Bill decides to order 30 jerseys from 'Top Print'. How much more would the jerseys have cost if he had bought them from 'Print It'? Show all your calculations.

Apprentice Task

Baseball Jerseys

This problem gives you the chance to:

work with equations that represent real life situations

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Performance Exams 40,000 - 70,000

students per year since 1999





Students in grades 2 through 10th/11th grade are administered performance exams (5 apprentice tasks per exam).



District scoring leaders are trained in using task specific rubrics



Student tests are hand scored by classroom teachers trained and calibrated using standard protocols.

EDUCATIONAL DATA SYSTEMS

Student results are collected, analyzed, and reported by an independent data contractor.



Random sample of student papers are audited and rescored by SJSU math & CS students. (Two reader correlation >0.95)


MAC vs. CST 2012

Silicon Valley Mathematics Initiative Mathematics Assessment Collaborative Performance Assessment Exam 2012

MAC vs CST 2012

2nd Grade	MAC Level 1	MAC Level 2	MAC Level 3	MAC Level 4
Far Below Basic	1.0%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%
Below Basic	1.9%	2.4%	1.2%	0.0%
Basic	1.3%	4.8%	5.5%	0.3%
Proficient	0.4%	3.5%	17.7%	3.4%
Advanced	0.3%	0.9%	23.4%	31.4%

2nd Grade	MAC Below	MAC At/Above	Total
CST Below	11.7%	7.1%	18.8%
CST At/Above	5.1%	75.9%	81.0%
Total	16.8%	83.0%	100%

Elementary Grades

3rd Grade	MAC Below	MAC At/Above	Total
CST Below	15.9%	5.2%	21.1%
CST At/Above	13.7%	65.4%	79.1%
Total	29.6%	70.6%	100%

4th Grade	MAC Below	MAC At/Above	Total
CST Below	16.9%	2.8%	19.7%
CST At/Above	20.3%	60.0%	80.3%
Total	37.2%	62.8%	100%

5th Grade	MAC Below	MAC At/Above	Total
CST Below	20.6%	3.8%	24.4%
CST At/Above	18.7%	56.9%	75.6%
Total	39.3%	60.7%	100%

Middle School

6th Grade	MAC Below	MAC At/Above	Total
CST Below	37.2%	1.4%	38.6%
CST At/Above	25.1%	36.5%	61.6%
Total	62.3%	37.9%	100%

7th Grade	MAC Below	MAC At/Above	Total
CST Below	33.3%	2.1%	35.4%
CST At/Above	27.4%	37.1%	64.5%
Total	60.7%	39.2%	100%

Course 1	MAC Below	MAC At/Above	Total
CST Below	34.5%	3.6%	38.1%
CST At/Above	30.3%	31.5%	61.8%
Total	64.8%	35.1%	100%

8th Graders Taking HS Geometry

Course 2	MAC Below	MAC At/Above	Total
CST Below	3.1%	0.8%	3.9%
CST At/Above	51.3%	44.8%	96.1%
Total	54.4%	45.6%	100%

Expert Tasks



The main point in mathematics teaching is to develop the tactics of problem solving.

George Polya

Gas Bills, Heating Degree Days, and Energy Efficiency

Here is a typical story about an Ohio family concerned with saving money and energy by better insulating their house.

Kevin and Shana Johnson's mother was surprised by some very high gas heating bills during the winter months of 2007. To improve the energy efficiency of her house, Ms. Johnson found a contractor who installed new insulation and sealed some of her windows. He charged her \$600 for this work and told her he was pretty sure that her gas bills would go down by "at least 10 percent each year." Since she had spent nearly \$1,500 to keep her house warm the previous winter, she expected her investment would conserve enough energy to save at least \$150 each winter (10% of \$1,500) on her gas bills.

Ms. Johnson's gas bill in January 2007 was \$240. When she got the bill for January 2008, she was stunned that the new bill was \$235. If the new insulation was going to save only \$5 each month, it was going to take a very long time to earn back the \$600 she had spent. So she called the insulation contractor to see if he had an explanation for what might have gone wrong. The contractor pointed out that the month of January had been very cold this year *and* that the rates had gone up from last year. He said her bill was probably at least 10% less than it would have been without the new insulation and window sealing.

Ms. Johnson compared her January bill from 2008 to her January bill from 2007. She found

Argon Energy Co.	Customer Ms. Arlene Johnson 42 Bluebonnet Avenue Columbus OH 43205	Bill Date Jan 31, 2008 Account # 56-73342B Residential
Current Itemised	Bill	
December 30 r	eading actual	8300
January 31 res	ading actual	8488
	0	
Total units use	188	
January 2008	1106 heating degree 0 cooling degree	e days e days
Price per unit (\$1.28	\$255
Inergy Use Histo	7	
Total units use	d January 2007	200
January 2007:	1000 heating degre 0 cooling degre	e days e days
TOTAL CURRENT	CHARGES	\$235

out that she had used 200 units of heat in January of 2007 and was charged \$1.20 per unit (total = \$240). In 2008, she had used 188 units of heat but was charged \$1.25 per unit (total = \$235) because gas prices were higher in 2008. She found out the average temperature in Ohio in January 2007 had been 32.9 degrees, and in January of 2008, the average temperature was more than 4 degrees colder, 28.7 degrees. Ms. Johnson realized she was doing well to have used less energy (188 units versus 200 units), especially in a month when it had been colder than the previous year.

Since she used gas for heating only, Ms. Johnson wanted a better estimate of the savings due to the additional insulation and window sealing. She asked Kevin and Shana to look into whether the "heating degree days" listed on the bill might provide some insight.

Ohio Performance Assessment

Ohio Department of Education . Stanford University . ESC of Central Ohio

Pilot Project

SALLY'S SUGAR STACK

Grazing Area

A farmer tethers her goat to the corner of a 40-by-20-foot barn in a fenced lot that is 140-by-110 feet. She also has an herb garden next to part of the barn. The goat is tethered on a 50-foot rope to the corner of the barn farthest from the herb garden.

After leaving the goat out on the rope for one day, the farmer discovers that a large area of her herb garden has been nibbled to the ground! Where can she tether the goat so that her herb garden is not within reach of the goat, but without decreasing the grazing area of the goat? The original grazing area includes all the grass area the goat could reach including that section of the herb garden that the goat ate.



Open for Business

Malena is a student who wants to raise \$5,000 to tour South America next summer. To raise the money, she decides to open her own business on eBay.

The owner of an electronics shop offers to sell Malena some of his products at the wholesale price. She needs to decide which items to sell and how to price those items in order to maximize her profit.

She does some market research and finds the information provided in the table below about

some of the items she is considering selling. Her research results include the cost to buy these items from the wholesale supplier, the retail price at which different items were sold at different times, and the number of items sold at these different prices during the month.



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Students can analyze complex, real-world scenarios and can use mathematical models to interpret and solve problems. The measurement instrument will be novice [short] tasks. The items assessing this claim will account for 40% of the total score administered by computer.

The measurement instrument will be by apprentice [scaffold] tasks or expert [unscaffold] tasks. The items assessing this claim will account for 20% of the total score and will be human scored.

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Problem Sources

Part I: Short items

1: MARS 2: MARS 3: SBAC 4: MARS 5: PISA 6: MARS 7: PISA 8: MARS 9: MARS 10: MARS 10: MARS 11: SBAC 12: SBAC 13: SBAC

Part II: Selected Response Tasks

CR 1: SBAC
CR 2: MARS
CR 3: MARS
CR 4: MARS
CR 5: MARS
CR 6: MARS
CR 7: MARS
CR 8: MARS
CR 9: MARS
CR 10: MARS

Part III: Extended Performance Task

Ohio Department of Education and the Stanford University School Redesign Network

Teaching for Meaning





Erica is putting up lines of colored flags for a party.

The flags are all the same size and are spaced equally along the line.

Calculate the length of the sides of each flag, and the space between flags.
 Show all your work clearly.

2. How long will a line of *n* flags be?

Write down a formula to show how long a line of n flags would be.

Algebra students had been working on system of linear equations for weeks.

6x + 5y = 1703x + 2y = 806x + 5y = 170-6x + -4y = -160y = 10

The Findings from Party Flags

- The task may be approached as a system of simultaneous equations, almost no algebra students used such an approach.
- 49% of algebra students had no success.
- 44% accurately found the two lengths (most commonly by an estimation strategy only using one constraint).
- 21% correctly used both constraints (the length of three flags is 80 cm. and the length of 6 flags is 170 cm.).
- 7% of the students were able to develop a valid generalization for n flags.



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CCSS Mathematical Practices

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problems and persevere in precision Make sense of Attend to

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MODELING AND USING TOOLS

REASONING AND EXPLAINING

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SEEING STRUCTURE AND GENERALIZING

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New K-12 Math Curriculum Inspired by The Common Core State Standards



BILL& MELINDA GATES foundation

The Gates Foundation and the Pearson Foundation are funding a large scale project to create a system of courses to support the ELA and Mathematics CCSS. These will be a modular, electronic curriculum spanning all grade levels. A Santa Cruz based company, Learning In Motion, is working to write the lessons.



EARNING IN MOTION



Learning in Motion is composed of creative and innovative individuals with extensive background in education, technology, publishing, marketing, and design.



Services Our expertise is education. Explore the projects we have done for universities, non-profits, corporations, and schools.



Think in Terms of Units

Phil Daro has suggested that it is not the lesson or activity, but rather the **unit** that is the "optimal grain-size for the learning of mathematics". Hence that was the starting point for our Scope and Sequence.



Developers of High School: Patrick Callahan, Dick Stanley, David Foster, Brad Findell, Phil Daro, and Marge Cappo

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CCSS High School Units

High School Algebra Units:

A0 Introductory Unit A1 Modeling with Functions A2 Linear Functions A3 Linear Equations and Ineq in One Var A4 Linear Equations and Ineq in Two Var A5 Quadratic Functions A6 Quadratic Equations A7 Exponential Functions A8 Trigonometric Functions A9 Functions A10 Rational and Polynomial Expressions

High School Geometry Units:

G0 Introduction and Construction
G1 Basic Definitions and Rigid Motions
G2 Geometric Relationships and Properties
G3 Similarity
G4 Coordinate Geometry
G5 Circle and Conics
G6 Trigonometric Ratios
G7 Geometric Measurement and Dimension
M4 Capstone Geometric Modeling Project

High School Prob & Stat Units:

- P1 Probability
- S1 Statistics
- S2 Statistics (Random Process)









Grade 11

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A Mathematical Big Idea

Linear Equations in Two Variables

6x + 5y = 170

3x + 2y = 80



Unit of Study

Around a Big Idea



MATH TALKS





Math Talks

 A daily ritual with the entire class for the purpose of developing conceptual understanding of and efficiency with numbers, operations and other mathematics such as geometry and algebra. (no more than 10 minutes per day)

Math Talks are used to:

- Support active student engagement through signaling
- Review and practice procedures and concepts
- Introduce a concept before diving into the lesson of the day
- Support students in deepening their understanding of the Properties of Arithmetic and our Place Value System
- Explore mathematical connections and relationships
- Encourage students to construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others
- Support students in using precise mathematical language in sharing their different strategies and approaches

Math Talk – Relational Thinking



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Unit of Study

Around a Big Idea



Fencing

This problem gives you the chance to:

- interpret given information
- choose and use an appropriate method to solve a problem

Jon buys fencing for his yard.

He pays \$122 for 5 fence posts and 4 fence panels.



He pays \$570 for 21 fence posts and 20 fence panels.

How much does he pay for 4 fence posts and 3 fence panels?

Show how you figured it out.



What Ever Happened to Problem Solving In Math Class?

Silicon Valley Math Initiative

Problems of the Month Promoting Problem Solving in Mathematics



"High-stakes testing has encouraged a drill-and-practice form of instruction among teachers who are perfectly capable of developing deep understanding on the part of their students."

> *Learning from Leadership Project,* Univ. of Minnesota, Toronto

Problem solving is more than the word problems at then end of the problem set or chapter.



Hell's Library

Problem Solving requires a depth of mathematical knowledge.



"Before we begin advanced calculus, let's review any information we may have forgotten over the summer."


"Mr. Osborne, may I be excused? My brain is full." Problem solving requires perseverance

Problem Solving is about non-routine problems not merely procedural knowledge.





Everyone can become a good problem solver.

"He was never any good at arithmetic, he left a third to you, a third to me, a third to Shirley and a third to Max"



Problem Solving challenges **ALL** students.

"How many times do I have to tell you you' re not supposed to read ahead."

Problems of the Month



A program to foster school-wide participation in math and problem solving.



George Polya, (1887 - 1985) Father of Problem Solving; *"How to Solve It"*, 1945

Mathematics, you see, is not a spectator sport. To understand mathematics means to be able to do mathematics. And what does it mean doing mathematics? In the first place it means to be able to solve mathematical problems.

Why a Problem of the Month?



- George Polya, said, "A problem is not a problem if you can solve it in 24 hours."
- Doing math is solving non-routine problems.
- Perseverance and learning from mistakes are important attributes of good mathematicians.

CCSS Mathematical Practices

OF MIND HABITS ERARCHING

problems and persevere in precision Make sense of Attend to

Reason abstractly and quantitatively Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others

MODELING AND USING TOOLS

REASONING AND EXPLAINING

- 4. Model with mathematics
- 5. Use appropriate tools strategically

SEEING STRUCTURE AND GENERALIZING

- 7. Look for and make use of structure
- 8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning

How are the POM be used?



- The POM are used school wide to promote problem solving.
- Each problem is divided into five levels, A-E, to meet the learning development needs of all students.
- A great tool for *Differentiated Instruction*.
- Students, teachers and parents learn to ask questions and persevere in solving non-routine problems.
- The whole school celebrates doing mathematics at school.



It's better to solve one problem five different ways than to solve five different problems.

George Polya



Problem of the Month





Level A:

You go to a shop that sells tricycles. There are 18 wheels in the Wheel Shop.



How many tricycles are in the shop?

Explain how you know.

Level B:

The Wheel Shop sells other kinds of vehicles. There are bicycles and go-carts in a different room of the shop. Each bicycle has only one seat and each go-cart has only one seat. There are a total of 21 seats and 54 wheels in that room.





How many are bicycles and how many are go-carts?

Explain how you figured it out.

Level C:

Three months later some vehicles have sold and new models have been brought into the Wheel Shop. Now, there are a different number of bicycles, tandem bicycles, and tricycles in the shop. There are a total of 135 seats, 118 front handlebars (that steer the bike), and 269 wheels.



How many bicycles, tandem bicycles and tricycles are there in the Wheel Shop?

Level D:

In the back stockroom at the Wheel Shop, the number of seats and horns equaled the number of wheels. The number seats and handlebars equaled the number of horns. Twice the number of wheels is equal to three times number of handlebars. Determine the relationship of horns to seats.

Level E:

The repair department of the bicycle shop repairs three things: flat tires, bent handle bars and ripped seats. Today in the repair department, 25% of the bikes had flat tires only, 5% had bent handlebars only, and 10% had ripped seats only. Just 1/12th of the bikes had all three repairs to do: flat tires, bent handlebars and ripped seats. No bikes were completely fixed and there are a total of 101 repairs to be made. How many bikes are in the repair department? How many bikes need two repairs? If less than half of all the bikes have a ripped seat, what is the range of bikes that need both the tires and handlebars repaired without needing to fix the seat?



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George Polya

Creating a Poster

Your concluding thoughts on an explanation poster for a level you feel

AND

you have completed



Your current thoughts on a status poster for a level you are still exploring.



Break



Explanation Poster: The <u>focus</u> of your poster should be on how <u>your findings</u> can be <u>justified</u> <u>mathematically</u> and how your findings <u>make</u> <u>sense</u>. Include words and visuals (such as drawings) as a part of your justification.

Status Poster: The <u>focus</u> of your poster should be on your <u>processes so far</u> and where you think you want to go next and/or questions/<u>wonderings</u> you have about this level. Include words and visuals as a part of your justification.

*Remember to justify or explain your processes you have used so far and why they make mathematical



Gallery Walk

- Each group will display their poster.
- Each group selects a group member to be the docent to answer questions or provide clarifications/explanations.
- The other group members examines, explores, reviews the other groups' posters.
- There will be time for your group to re-assemble and discuss the information shared in the groups' posters.
- Please mind gallery walk norms and be respectful of the work and information shared.











Guidelines for Problem of the Month

Why Problem of the Month?

Problem Solving is the cornerstone of doing mathematics. George Poly a, a famous m athematician from Stanford, once said, " a problem is not a problem if y ou can solve it in 24 hours." His point was that a problem that you can solve in less than a day, is usually a problem that is simil ar to one that you have solved before or at least recognized that a certain approach will lead to the solution. But in real life a problem is a situation that confronts you and you don't have an idea of where to even start. Ma thematics is the toolbox that solves so many problems. Whether it is calculating an estimate measure, modeling a complex situation, determining the probability of a chance event, transforming a graphical image or proving a case using deductive reasoning, mathematics is used. If we want our students to be problem solvers and mathematically powerful, we must model perseverance and challenge students with non-routine problems.

How should the Problem of the Month be used?

The Problems of the Month are designed to be used school wide to promote a problem-solving theme at your school. The problem is divided into five levels, Level A through Level E, to allow access and scaffolding for the students into different aspects of the problem and to stretch students to go deeper into mathematical complexity. The goal is for all students to have the experience of attacking and solving non-routine problems and developing their mathematical reasoning skills. Although obtaining and justifying solutions to the problems is the objective, the process of learning to problem solve is even more important. Administrators, teachers and parents should facilitate and support students in the process of attacking and reasoning about the problems. The self-analysis by students of how they went about approaching, exploring and solving the problems is a critical step in the development of becoming a strong problem solver.



Dear Parents,

Problem solving is a fundamental goal of any strong mathematics program. Our school is committed to making each of our students a problem solver. It is never too early or too late to develop the real life learning skills of problem solving. Therefore, our school is embarking on a Problem of the Month program to help achieve this important goal.

Each month we will present our students with a non-routine problem for them to attack and solve. The problem will have several levels so that all students at our school will be able to work on a part of the problem appropriate to their learning development. All students should start with level A and work through the different tasks. It is understood that some students will not get too far into the problem. The process of attacking and struggling on a non-routine problem is important to learn. When your child has reached the maximum level of his/her understanding please celebrate their progress.

Trials, errors, and retries are key attributes of good problem solvers. We ask you to encourage your students to persevere. M any students might want to initially give up. The best support for your student is encouragement through good questions. So me good questions are: *What have you tried?*, *Why do you think it doesn't work?*, *Ha ve you tried to make the problem simpler?*, *What do you need to know to be able to solve the problem?*. There are many other good questions; however leading or guiding questions are not helpful. The process of finding and understanding a solution outweighs the benefit of having a correct answer. Doing the problem for the student actually hurts the problem solving process. Many students will receive the hidden message that they can't solve problems by themselves and, will learn to stop and wait for someone else to answer.

You will play an important role in supporting your child's work on these problems. Once students have reached their level of understanding, they are asked to complete a write-up of their findings. Students should communicate how they went about solving the problem as well as the solution they found. This write up helps students understand how they think and approach new problems. We look forward to a partnership with you around problem solving. Thank you for supporting your child.

Sincerely,

Teacher's Notes Problem of the Month: Squirreling It Away

Overview:

In the Problem of the Month, *Squirreling It Away*, students use number operations, organized lists and counting methods to solve problems. The mathematical topics that underlie this POM are knowledge of number sense, comparison subtraction, division, factors and divisibility, counting principles, systematic charting and closed-form equations. The mathematics that includes counting principles and systemic charting is often referred to as discrete mathematics.

In the first level of the POM, students are presented with a situation that involves making sense totals and comparison differences. Their task involves making number story about giving acorns to two difference size groups of squirrels and then determining how many were left over from of the original total of acorns. In level B, students start to examine how the acorns can be partitioned into different sets. The students are told that different squirrels can carry different amounts of acorns on given trips. Students are asked to find the number of trips it takes to carry the acorn for each type of squirrel. In level C, students are asked how many ways can three different type of squirrels carry away 24 acorns. In level D, the student determines the number of ways 24 acorns can be divided between three specific squirrels. In level E, students are asked to find and justify a closed form equation that will determine the number of ways that n acorns can be divided between three squirrels.

Mathematical Concepts:

Discrete mathematics is the study of the sets of and operations on discrete objects. Discrete means distinct from others, separate or discontinuous. Basically discrete is not continuous mathematics. Traditionally, K-12 mathematics starts with discrete topics in lower grades, but by secondary mathematics the topics usually focus on continuous mathematics as a preparation for calculus. The real number line is an example of a continuous set of points. But, discrete mathematics plays important role in higher mathematics courses. Much of the mathematics that come from real life come in the form of distinct objects and values. Making sense of this distinct information and quantities is important, thus discrete mathematics has numerous applications to real life. A more formal definition of discrete mathematics may be stated as the study of sets of distinct data. Tasks usually performed while doing discrete mathematics

involve



Findings are shared through Group Collaboration, Individual Write-Up, Gallery Walks, and/or Presentations





Problem of Month Write-up

Problem Statement

In your own words, state the general overall problem clearly enough that someone unfamiliar with the problem could pick up your paper and understand what you are asked to do.

Process

Describe in detail how you attempted to solve this problem. You may want to consider some of the following questions. You should also include things that didn't work.

How did you get started? What approaches did you try? Where did you get stuck? Did you talk to anyone about the problem? Did talking to someone help or hinder you? What drawing, chart, graph, or model did you us e?

Solution

State your solutions as clearly as you can. Include any charts, graphs, and lists and so on that you used to help you. If you were able to generalize the solution, include your results. Defend why you believe your solution is correct or the best possible answer. Your explanations should be written in a way that will be convincing to someone else.

• Learning

Reflect on the problem. What did you learn? What mathematics did you use?

LUNCH BREAK





Unit of Study

Around a Big Idea



Formative Assessment Lessons

CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT



Mathematics Assessment Project

Formative Assessment Lesson Materials

Solving Linear Equations in Two Variables

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Solving Linear Equations in Two Variables

Mathematical goals

This lesson unit is intended to help you assess how well students are able to formulate and solve problems using algebra and, in particular, to identify and help students who have the following difficulties:

- Solving a problem using two linear equations with two variables.
- Interpreting the meaning of algebraic expressions.

Common Core State Standards

This lesson involves mathematical content in the standards from across the grades, with emphasis on:

A-CED: Create equations that describe numbers or relationships.

A-REI: Solve systems of equations.

This lesson involves a range of mathematical practices, with emphasis on:

- 2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
- 3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.

Introduction

This lesson is structured in the following way:

- Before the lesson, students work individually on the assessment task Notebooks and Pens. You then
 review their work and create questions for students to answer in order to improve their solutions.
- During the lesson, students work individually on a task that requires them to interpret and solve two
 equations in two variables. Students then compare and discuss their solutions in small groups.
- In the same small groups, students evaluate some sample solutions of the same task.
- In a whole-class discussion, students explain and compare the alternative solution strategies they have seen and used.
- Finally, students use what they have learned to revise their work on Notebooks and Pens.

Materials required

- Each individual student will need two copies of the assessment task Notebooks and Pens, and a copy of the lesson task Cash Registers.
- Each small group of students will need a blank sheet of paper, and copies of the four sheets Sample Student Work.
- Graph paper should be kept in reserve and used only when requested.
- Projector resources are provided to support the whole-class discussion.

Time needed

Approximately fifteen minutes before the lesson, a one-hour lesson, and ten minutes in a follow-up lesson (or for homework). Timings given are only approximate. Exact timings will depend on the needs of the class.

Student Materials

Notebooks and Pens

A store sells pens at \$2 and notebooks at \$5.

n = number of notebooks sold.

p = number of pens sold.

The following equations are true:

4n = p

5n + 2p = 39

Here is what Dan and Emma think the equations mean:





Are Dan and Emma correct?

If you think Dan is wrong, explain the mistake and explain what you think the equation means.
If you think Emma is wrong, explain the mistake and explain what you think the equation means.
Figure out for yourself the number of pens and the number of notebooks sold in the store.

Before the lesson

Assessment task: Notebooks and Pens (15 minutes)

Have the students do this task in class or for homework a day or more before the formative assessment lesson. This will give you an opportunity to assess the work and to find out the kinds of difficulties students have with it. You will then be able to target your help more effectively in the follow-up lesson.

Give each student a copy of Notebooks and Pens.

Introduce the task briefly and help the class to understand the problem and its context.

Read through the questions, and try to answer them as carefully as you can.

Show all your work, so that I can understand your reasoning.

It is important that students are allowed to answer the questions without assistance, as far as possible.

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Notebooks and Pens

A store cells pens at \$2 and notebooks at \$5.

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Students should not worry too much if they cannot understand or do

everything, because there will be a lesson using a similar task, which should help them. Explain to students that by the end of the next lesson, they should expect to answer questions such as these confidently. This is their goal.

Assessing students' responses

Collect students' responses to the task. Make some notes on what their work reveals about their current levels of understanding. The purpose of doing this is to forewarn you of issues that will arise during the lesson itself, so that you may prepare carefully.

We suggest that you do not score students' work. The research shows that this will be counterproductive, as it encourages students to compare their scores and distracts their attention from what they can do to improve their mathematics.

Instead, help students to make further progress by summarizing their difficulties as a series of questions. Some suggestions for these are given on the next page. These have been drawn from common difficulties observed in trials of this lesson unit.

We suggest that you write a list of your own questions, based on your students' work, using the ideas below. You may choose to write questions on each student's work. If you do not have time to do this, select a few questions that will be of help to the majority of students. These can be written on the board at the end of the lesson.

Common issues:	 Suggested questions and prompts: What does the letter p represent? Write the equation as a sentence. Does your sentence match what Dan/Emma said? If n = 3, what would p equal in the first equation? Which is greater: n or p? Are there more notebooks than pens? How do you know? For this equation, is there another pair of values for n and p? And another? How do you know which value is correct? How can you check that your values for n and p work for both equations? What is a sensible value to try for n (or p)? Why? Can you organize your work in a table? 		
Student assumes that the letter stands for an object not a number For example: The student says that the statements are correct. Or: The student realizes the equations are incorrect, but is unable to explain why.			
Student only uses one equation For example: The student finds a value or values for n and p that fits one equation but not the other, such as $n = 1$ and $p = 4$ for the first equation.			
Student produces unsystematic guess and check work For example: The student works out three or four seemingly unconnected combinations of values for n and p .			
Student provides poor explanation For example: The student presents the work as a series of unexplained numbers and/or calculations.	 Would someone unfamiliar with your type of solution easily understand your work? Have you explained how you arrived at your answer? 		
Student makes algebraic mistakes For example: The student makes a mistake when manipulating the algebra in the equations.	 How can you check that your answer is correct? 		
Student solves the two equations correctly Student needs an extension task.	 Can you now use a different method, for example, a table, a graph, or algebra? Is this method better than your original one? Why? 		

Student Materials

Beta Version

Cash Registers

The drawer of a cash register contains some quarters and some dollar bills.

- x = the number of quarter coins in the cash register.
- y = the number of dollar bills in the cash register.

The following two equations are true:

- 3x = y4x + y = 70
- 1. Explain in words the meaning of each equation.



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2. Find two pairs of values for x and y that satisfy the first equation.

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3. Find two pairs of values for x and y that satisfy the second equation.

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4. Find pairs of values for x and y that satisfy both equations simultaneously.

Assessing Sample Student Work

You are the teacher and have to assess this work.

Correct the work and write comments on the accuracy and organization of each response.

- •What do you like about this student's work?
- •What method did the student use? Is it clear? Is it accurate? Is it efficient?
- •What errors did the student make?
- •How might the work be improved?

Sample Student Work: Ava

$$3 x = y \quad y = 3x \qquad 4x + y = 70 \\ 4x + y = 7 \\ Try \quad x = 1 \quad y = 3 \\ Try \quad 2x = 2 \quad y = 6 \qquad 8 + 6 = 1^{12} \\ Try \quad x = 3 \quad y = 9 \qquad 12 + 9 = 21 \\ Try \quad x = 3 \quad y = 9 \qquad 16 + 12 = 28 \\ Try \quad x = 4 \quad y = 12 \qquad 16 + 12 = 28 \\ \end{array}$$
Sample Student Work: Ethan

$$3x = y$$

$$4x + y = 70$$

$$3x + y = 0$$

$$4x + y = 70 + 7x + 2y = 70$$

$$x = 53 7x5 = 35$$

$$35 + 2y = 70$$

$$2y = 35$$

$$y = 17 - 5 - must be a whole mumber$$

$$x = 6$$

$$7x 6 = 42$$

$$42 + 2y = 20$$

$$2y = 2.8$$

$$y = 14$$

Sample Student Work: Joe

$$3 x = 3^{2}$$

$$4x + y = 7^{2}$$

$$4x + y = 7^{2}$$

$$4x + y = 7^{2}$$

$$x^{3} + y = 7^{2}$$

$$x^{3} + y + y = 2^{2}$$

$$5 - y = 2^{2}$$

$$5 - y = 2^{2}$$

$$x = \frac{4x}{3} = (14)^{2}$$

Sample Student Work: Mia



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Suggested lesson outline

Individual work: Cash Registers (10 minutes)

Give each student the task sheet *Cash Registers*. Help students to understand the problem, and explain the context of the task briefly.

Spend ten minutes on your own answering these questions.

What does "simultaneously" mean?

Show all your work on the sheet.



Students who sit together often produce similar answers and, when they come to compare their work, they have little to discuss.

For this reason we suggest that, when students do this task individually, you ask them to move to different seats. Then, for the collaborative task, allow them to return to their usual places. Experience has shown that this produces more profitable discussions.

Collaborative small-group work: Cash Registers (10 minutes)

Organize the class into small groups of two or three students and hand out a fresh sheet of paper to each group. Students should now have another go at the task, but this time they will combine their ideas.

I want you now to work together in your groups.

Your task is to produce an answer together that is better than your individual ones.

Throughout this activity, encourage students to articulate their reasoning, justify their choices mathematically, and question the choices put forward by others.

As students work you have two tasks, to note student approaches to their work, and to support their thinking.

Note student approaches to their work

How do students choose to tackle this task? Notice the variety in approaches. Notice any common errors. You can use this information to focus your questioning in the whole-class discussion towards the end of the lesson.

Support student thinking

Try not to make suggestions that prompt students towards a particular answer. Instead, ask questions to help students clarify their thinking.

You may find that some students interpret the letters as "quarters" and "dollars" rather than the number of quarters and number of dollars. For example, they may say things like:

"3x = y means three times as many quarters as dollars." "4x + y = 70 means 4 quarters plus dollars equals 70." "There is \$70 in the till."

The following questions and prompts may be helpful for both students struggling with the task and those making quick progress:

What do the letters x and y represent?

Replace x and y in this equation by words and now say what the equation means.

Are there more dollar bills or more quarters in the cash register? How do you know?

Do you have any values for x and y that work for the first equation? How can you check to see if they also work for the second one? If these don't fit, what other values for x and y can you use?

Why have you chosen these values for x and y?

Unit of Study

Around a Big Idea



The Trip

This problem gives you the chance to: • form and solve equations

A group of students is planning a trip using cars and minibuses.

Each car can hold 5 students and each minibus can hold 14 students.

There will be 53 students on the trip.

Let x be the number of cars and y the number of minibuses they will need.

1. Write an equation in x and y for the number of students on the trip.

The estimate for gas costs is \$4 for each car and \$6 for each minibus.

The total costs for gas will be \$32.

2. Write an equation in x and y for the gas costs.

3. Use both of your equations to find the number of cars and minibuses the students will use. Show your work clearly.





Common Core Standards: A New Direction linking Instruction and Assessment



Four More Years to Implemented the CCSSM

Domains K-8

Counting &						Ratios & Pro	oportional		
Cardinality						Relation	nships		
Operations and Algebraic Thinking						The Number System			
Number and Operations in Base Ten						Expressions and Equations			
		Fractions						Functions	
Measurement and Data									
Geometry						Geometry			
						Statistics and Probability			
K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

Two Mathematics Pathways

Two Regular Sequences:

Traditional Pathway

 2 Algebra courses,1 Geometry course, with Probability and Statistics interwoven Courses in higher level mathematics: Precalculus, Calculus*, Advanced Statistics, Discrete Mathematics, Advanced Quantitative Reasoning, or courses designed for career technical programs of study.

Integrated Pathway

 3 courses that attend to Algebra, Geometry, and Probability and Statistics each year



Algebra Forever vs CCSSM



Arnobl Schwarzenegger July 8,2008

"We have made significant gains in enrolling students in Algebra I in eighth grade in recent years, surpassing other state in the U.S. But we must set our goal higher." We have also made more significant gains in FAILING students in Algebra I in eighth grade in recent years, surpassing other state in the U.S.

3 out of 4 failed in 2008

California Adopted the CCSSM on August 2, 2010 with an addition 15% of a traditional Algebra 1 course and other added standards. We selected PARCC as the assessment to complete the Race to the Top application that we never won.



State Senator Hancock



"Several implementation issues arise by California adopting a different set of grade 8 math standards from other participating states. For example, instructional materials for use in California would need to be different from those used by other states - the unique additional standards may increase the costs of those materials for our local school districts. In addition, assessment consortia will be developing assessment aligned to the common core standards and not the variation adopted in California. This may result in issues with our Algebra standards and curriculum not being aligned with our assessment and accountability system."



NEWS RELEASE

California Adopts Modified Math Standards to Restore Local Decision Making

Required by Legislation, Move Allows Progress Toward Common Core

The move rescinds action by the prior Board in 2010, which adopted standards that contained a unique Grade 8 Algebra I course inconsistent with the published *Common Core State Standards for Mathematics*.

Torlakson recommended the unique Grade 8 Algebra I course be replaced with Algebra I and Mathematics I courses based upon the *Common Core State Standards for Mathematics*.

Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2013



The California Algebra Experiment

- In 2012, 59% of all eighth grade students took the CST Algebra 1 exam and more than half were not successful. Even more will repeated the class again in high school.
- In 9th grade, 49% of the students took CST Algebra 1 exam and 75% of those students did not pass.
- Research studies indicate nearly 65% of the students who were placed in Algebra in eighth grade are placed in the same level of Algebra in ninth grade.
- About 46% of the students who were successful in Algebra in the eighth grade (B- grade and Proficient) and who were placed again in Algebra in ninth grade were less successful in their second experience.

It is Algebra Forever not Algebra for All

The word *Algebra* in the title of the course is a major hurdle to improving student learning in mathematics.

It leads to misplacement of students, tracking, and traditional beliefs that only some students can success at mathematics.

What's in a Name?

- Algebra is the greatest gatekeeper to higher education. (ETS 1988)
- There is no official Algebra 1 course, it differs greatly from state to state although they are all use the same title.
- No other course a has such a failure rate. Teachers believe the Algebra 1 course must be difficult .
- There is no mathematical reason why for a course to be called Algebra (it is a misnomer). Algebra is a strand of mathematics.
- Failure in the course Algebra 1 is the single greatest reasons cited for dropping out in CA (Los Angeles Times 2009).
- Algebra as a course is all about status.

New K-12 Math Curriculum Inspired by The Common Core State Standards



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The Gates Foundation and the Pearson Foundation are funding a large scale project to create a system of courses to support the ELA and Mathematics CCSS. These will be a modular, electronic curriculum spanning all grade levels. A Santa Cruz based company, Learning In Motion, is working to write the lessons.



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Think in Terms of Units

Phil Daro has suggested that it is not the lesson or activity, but rather the **unit** that is the "optimal grain-size for the learning of mathematics". Hence that was the starting point for our Scope and Sequence.



Developers of High School: Patrick Callahan, Dick Stanley, David Foster, Brad Findell, Phil Daro, and Marge Cappo





Middle School Curriculum



CCSS High School Units

High School Algebra Units:

A0 Introductory Unit A1 Modeling with Functions A2 Linear Functions A3 Linear Equations and Ineq in One Var A4 Linear Equations and Ineq in Two Var A5 Quadratic Functions A6 Quadratic Equations A7 Exponential Functions A8 Trigonometric Functions A9 Functions A10 Rational and Polynomial Expressions

High School Geometry Units:

G0 Introduction and Construction
G1 Basic Definitions and Rigid Motions
G2 Geometric Relationships and Properties
G3 Similarity
G4 Coordinate Geometry
G5 Circle and Conics
G6 Trigonometric Ratios
G7 Geometric Measurement and Dimension
M4 Capstone Geometric Modeling Project

High School Prob & Stat Units:

- P1 Probability
- S1 Statistics
- S2 Statistics (Random Process)









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CCSSM 8th Grade are HS Standards



Algebra/Functio ns 67%

Geometry

(Transformations and Triangle Proofs) 20%

- Bivariate Data 10%
- Cross-Concept Project 3%

When do we Accelerate????



Where to Accelerate?

- Can we live without understanding....
- Integer and their operations
- **Division of Fractions**
- Ratio and proportional reasoning
- Expression, Equations^{*} and Inequalities

Statistics



Where to Accelerate?

Can we live without understanding....

Properties of rational numbers, percents, discounts, markups, etc.

Rate and problems solving using rate

Similarity, proportional reasoning

Algebraic Modeling with Equations

Probability

Geometry: Angles, Volume, Surface Area, 3-D shapes

7TH GRADE



When do they Accelerate in Japan?



After 8th Grade!!!!!!

Where to Accelerate????



When do we Accelerate????



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Number Talks

Number talks were developed for classroom teachers to engage students in "mental math" through grag with interesting mathematics problems. Educators can use number talks regularly as introductions to the mathematical practice, as "warm ups" for other lessons, or as stand-alone extended engagements with mathematical concepts.

2nd grade: Number of the Day

In this Number Talk, Stephanie Leteon engages her 2nd grade students in finding multiple ways to write equations that result in the number 170. She introduces her students with some norms for their learning, such as listening, sharing, writing. She introduces the day's number by asking them what they notice about the number, and what those noticings (multiple of ten, even number) might mean for their equations. Students work individually, then share in small groups, then share as a whole group. Letson facilitates their discussion and follows student insights when they are offered.



D Play

2nd grade: ¿Como se suma?/ How do we add?

In this Number Talk, Katie Arrillaga engages her 2nd grade Spanish bilingual students in a discussion about strategies for mentally solving a problem involving two-digit addition with regrouping. The students share their strategies and evaluate each other's approaches for solving the problem.



D Play

4th grade: Can This Be True?

In this Number Talk, Elysha Passeggi engages her 4th grade students in a discussion about whether or not the sum of two two-digit numbers can be 238. Students share their responses, defend their thinking, and formulate declarative statements about why the problem is definitively false.



NUMBER TALKS

- Ind Grade: Number of the Day
- 2nd Grade: ¿Cômo Se Suma? / How Do We Add?
- 4th Grade: Can This Be True?
- 5th/6th Grade: Guess My Rule
- 7th Grade: What's the Savings?

Curriculum inspired by the CCSS

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