



Middle School Mathematics Essential Standards

Quick Guide – Grades 6 through 8 Mathematics

This document outlines the essential standards for middle school mathematics courses. These are standards students will use in all future mathematics courses and most work experiences.

Essential standards are explicitly taught, assessed more than once, and intervened upon if students have not yet reached proficiency. Assessment can be both formative and summative. Intervention means that within your class, you will support students who are not yet proficient

All of the Idaho Content Standards can be found in the Essential Standards Extended Guide as well as sample Instructional Groupings.

Grade 6

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6.RP.A.3 Use ratio and rate reasoning to solve real-world and mathematical problems, e.g., by reasoning about tables of equivalent ratios, tape diagrams, double number line diagrams, or equations.
6.NS.A.1 Interpret and compute quotients of fractions and solve word problems involving division of fractions by fractions, e.g., by using visual fraction models and equations to represent the problem.
6.NS.B.3. Fluently add, subtract, multiply, and divide multi-digit decimals using the standard algorithm for each operation.
6.NS.C.5 Understand that positive and negative numbers are used together to describe quantities having opposite directions or values. Use positive and negative numbers (including fractions and decimals) to represent quantities in real-world contexts, explaining the meaning of zero in each situation.
6.NS.C.6 Understand a rational number as a point on the number line. Extend number line diagrams and coordinate axes familiar from previous grades to represent points on the line and in the plane with negative number coordinates.
6.EE.A.2 Write, read, and evaluate expressions in which letters stand for numbers.
6.EE.B.7. Solve real-world and mathematical problems by writing and solving equations of the form $x + p = q$ and $px = q$ for cases in which p , q , and x are all nonnegative rational numbers.
6.EE.C.9 Use variables to represent two quantities in a real-world problem that change in relationship to one another; write equations to represent the relationship between the two

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quantities. Analyze the relationship using graphs and tables and relate these to the equations. Include an understanding of independent and dependent variables.
6.G.A.1. Find the area of right triangles, other triangles, special quadrilaterals, and polygons by composing into rectangles or decomposing into triangles and other shapes; apply these techniques in the context of solving real-world and mathematical problems.
6.SP.A.2 Understand that a set of data collected to answer a statistical question has a distribution, which can be described by its center (median and/or mean), spread (range, interquartile range, and/or mean absolute deviation), and overall shape. The focus of mean absolute deviation (MAD) is visualizing deviations from the mean as a measure of variability as opposed to a focus on calculating MAD.

Grade 7

Grade 7 Mathematics Essential Standards
7.RP.A.2 Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities.
7.RP.A.2a Decide whether two quantities are in a proportional relationship, e.g., by testing for equivalent ratios in a table or graphing on a coordinate plane and observing whether the graph is a straight line through the origin.
7.RP.A.2b Identify the constant of proportionality in tables, graphs, equations, diagrams, and verbal descriptions of proportional relationships. Recognize the constant of proportionality as both the unit rate and as the multiplicative comparison between two quantities.
7.NS.A.1b Understand $p + q$ as the number located a distance $ q $ from p , in the positive or negative direction depending on whether q is positive or negative. Show that a number and its opposite are additive inverses because they have a sum of 0 (e.g., $12.5 + (-12.5) = 0$). Interpret sums of rational numbers by describing real-world contexts.
7.NS.A.1c Understand subtraction of rational numbers as adding the additive inverse, $p - q = p + (-q)$. Show that the distance between two rational numbers on the number line is the absolute value of their difference, and apply this principle in real-world contexts.
7.NS.A.2a Understand that multiplication is extended from fractions to rational numbers by requiring that operations continue to satisfy the properties of operations, particularly the distributive property, leading to products such as $(-1/2)(-1) = 1/2$ and the rules for multiplying signed numbers. Interpret products of rational numbers by describing real-world contexts.
7.NS.A.2b Understand that integers can be divided, provided that the divisor is not zero, and every quotient of integers (with nonzero divisor) is a rational number. If p and q are integers, then $-(p/q) = (-p)/q = p/(-q)$. Interpret quotients of rational numbers by describing real-world contexts.
7.EE.B.4 Use variables to represent quantities in a real-world or mathematical problem, and construct simple equations and inequalities to solve problems by reasoning about the quantities.

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7.G.A.1 Solve problems involving scale drawings of geometric figures, including computing actual lengths and areas from a scale drawing and reproducing a scale drawing at a different scale.
7.SP.A.2 Use data from a random sample about an unknown characteristic of a population. Generate multiple samples (or simulated samples) of the same size to gauge the variation in estimates or predictions, i.e., generate a sampling distribution.

Grade 8

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8.EE.A.1. Know and apply the properties of integer exponents to generate equivalent numerical expressions.
8.EE.B.5. Graph proportional relationships, interpreting the unit rate as the slope of the graph. Compare two different proportional relationships represented in different ways.
8.EE.C.7.b. Solve linear equations with rational number coefficients, including equations whose solutions require expanding expressions using the distributive property and collecting like terms.
8.EE.C.8c. Solve real-world and mathematical problems leading to two linear equations in two variables.
8.F.A.2. Compare properties of two functions each represented in a different way (algebraically, graphically, numerically in tables, or by verbal descriptions).
8.F.B.4. Construct a function to model a linear relationship between two quantities. Determine the rate of change and initial value of the function from a description of a relationship or from two (xx, yy) values, including reading these from a table or from a graph. Interpret the rate of change and initial value of a linear function in terms of the situation it models, and in terms of its graph or a table of values.
8.G.A.2. Understand that a two-dimensional figure is congruent to another if the second can be obtained from the first by a sequence of rotations, reflections, and translations.
8.G.A.4. Understand that a two-dimensional figure is similar to another if the second can be obtained from the first by a sequence of rotations, reflections, translations, and dilations.
8.G.B.7. Apply the Pythagorean Theorem to determine unknown side lengths in right triangles in real-world and mathematical problems in two and three dimensions.
8.G.B.8. Apply the Pythagorean Theorem to find the distance between two points in a coordinate system.
8.SP.A.2. Know that straight lines are widely used to model relationships between two quantitative variables. For scatter plots that suggest a linear association, informally fit a straight line, and informally assess the model fit by judging the closeness of the data points to the line.
8.SP.A.4. Understand that patterns of association can also be seen in bivariate categorical data by displaying frequencies and relative frequencies in a two-way table. Construct and interpret a two-way table summarizing data on two categorical variables collected from the

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same subjects. Use relative frequencies calculated for rows or columns to describe possible association between the two variables.

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