On December 10, 2009, the Colorado State Board of Education adopted the revised Mathematics Academic Standards, along with academic standards in nine other content areas, creating Colorado’s first fully aligned preschool through high school academic expectations. Developed by a broad spectrum of Coloradans representing Pre-K and K-12 education, higher education, and business, utilizing the best national and international exemplars, the intention of these standards is to prepare Colorado schoolchildren for achievement at each grade level, and ultimately, for successful performance in postsecondary institutions and/or the workforce.

Concurrent to the revision of the Colorado standards was the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) initiative, whose process and purpose significantly overlapped with that of the Colorado Academic Standards. Led by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and the National Governors Association (NGA), these standards present a national perspective on academic expectations for students, Kindergarten through High School in the United States.

Upon the release of the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics on June 2, 2010, the Colorado Department of Education began a gap analysis process to determine the degree to which the expectations of the Colorado Academic Standards aligned with the Common Core. The independent analysis proved a nearly 95% alignment between the two sets of standards. On August 2, 2010, the Colorado State Board of Education adopted the Common Core State Standards, and requested the integration of the Common Core State Standards and the Colorado Academic Standards.

In partnership with the dedicated members of the Colorado Standards Revision Subcommittee in Mathematics, this document represents the integration of the combined academic content of both sets of standards, maintaining the unique aspects of the Colorado Academic Standards, which include personal financial literacy, 21st century skills, school readiness competencies, postsecondary and workforce readiness competencies, and preschool expectations. The result is a world-class set of standards that are greater than the sum of their parts.

The Colorado Department of Education encourages you to review the Common Core State Standards and the extensive appendices at www.corestandards.org. While all the expectations of the Common Core State Standards are embedded and coded with CCSS: in this document, additional information on the development and the intentions behind the Common Core State Standards can be found on the website.
"Pure mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas."

Albert Einstein

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“If America is to maintain our high standard of living, we must continue to innovate. We are competing with nations many times our size. We don’t have a single brain to waste. Math and science are the engines of innovation. With these engines we can lead the world. We must demystify math and science so that all students feel the joy that follows understanding.”

Dr. Michael Brown, Nobel Prize Laureate

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In the 21st century, a vibrant democracy depends on the full, informed participation of all people. We have a vast and rapidly growing trove of information available at any moment. However, being informed means, in part, using one’s sense of number, shape, data and symbols to organize, interpret, make and assess the validity of claims about quantitative information. In short, informed members of society know and do mathematics.

Mathematics is indispensable for understanding our world. In addition to providing the tools of arithmetic, algebra, geometry and statistics, it offers a way of thinking about patterns and relationships of quantity and space and the connections among them. Mathematical reasoning allows us to devise and evaluate methods for solving problems, make and test conjectures about properties and relationships, and model the world around us.
Standards Organization and Construction

As the subcommittee began the revision process to improve the existing standards, it became evident that the way the standards information was organized, defined, and constructed needed to change from the existing documents. The new design is intended to provide more clarity and direction for teachers, and to show how 21st century skills and the elements of school readiness and postsecondary and workforce readiness indicators give depth and context to essential learning.

The “Continuum of State Standards Definitions” section that follows shows the hierarchical order of the standards components. The “Standards Template” section demonstrates how this continuum is put into practice.

The elements of the revised standards are:

**Prepared Graduate Competencies:** The preschool through twelfth-grade concepts and skills that all students who complete the Colorado education system must master to ensure their success in a postsecondary and workforce setting.

**Standard:** The topical organization of an academic content area.

**High School Expectations:** The articulation of the concepts and skills of a standard that indicates a student is making progress toward being a prepared graduate. *What do students need to know in high school?*

**Grade Level Expectations:** The articulation (at each grade level), concepts, and skills of a standard that indicate a student is making progress toward being ready for high school. *What do students need to know from preschool through eighth grade?*

**Evidence Outcomes:** The indication that a student is meeting an expectation at the mastery level. *How do we know that a student can do it?*

**21st Century Skills and Readiness Competencies:** Includes the following:

- **Inquiry Questions:**
  Sample questions are intended to promote deeper thinking, reflection and refined understandings precisely related to the grade level expectation.

- **Relevance and Application:**
  Examples of how the grade level expectation is applied at home, on the job or in a real-world, relevant context.

- **Nature of the Discipline:**
  The characteristics and viewpoint one keeps as a result of mastering the grade level expectation.
Continuum of State Standards Definitions

**Prepared Graduate Competency**
Prepared Graduate Competencies are the P-12 concepts and skills that all students leaving the Colorado education system must have to ensure success in a postsecondary and workforce setting.

**Standards**
Standards are the topical organization of an academic content area.

**Grade Level Expectations**
Expectations articulate, at each grade level, the knowledge and skills of a standard that indicates a student is making progress toward high school.

*What do students need to know?*

**High School Expectations**
Expectations articulate the knowledge and skills of a standard that indicates a student is making progress toward being a prepared graduate.

*What do students need to know?*

**Evidence Outcomes**
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**21st Century and PWR Skills**

**Inquiry Questions:** Sample questions intended to promote deeper thinking, reflection and refined understandings precisely related to the grade level expectation.

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STANDARDS TEMPLATE

Content Area: NAME OF CONTENT AREA
Standard: The topical organization of an academic content area.

**Prepared Graduates:**
- The P-12 concepts and skills that all students who complete the Colorado education system must master to ensure their success in a postsecondary and workforce setting

### High School and Grade Level Expectations

**Concepts and skills students master:**

Grade Level Expectation: High Schools: The articulation of the concepts and skills of a standard that indicates a student is making progress toward being a prepared graduate.

Grade Level Expectations: The articulation, at each grade level, the concepts and skills of a standard that indicates a student is making progress toward being ready for high school.

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**How do we know that a student can do it?**

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Prepared Graduate Competencies in Mathematics

The prepared graduate competencies are the preschool through twelfth-grade concepts and skills that all students who complete the Colorado education system must master to ensure their success in a postsecondary and workforce setting.

Prepared graduates in mathematics:

- Understand the structure and properties of our number system. At their most basic level numbers are abstract symbols that represent real-world quantities
- Understand quantity through estimation, precision, order of magnitude, and comparison. The reasonableness of answers relies on the ability to judge appropriateness, compare, estimate, and analyze error
- Are fluent with basic numerical and symbolic facts and algorithms, and are able to select and use appropriate (mental math, paper and pencil, and technology) methods based on an understanding of their efficiency, precision, and transparency
- Make both relative (multiplicative) and absolute (arithmetic) comparisons between quantities. Multiplicative thinking underlies proportional reasoning
- Recognize and make sense of the many ways that variability, chance, and randomness appear in a variety of contexts
- Solve problems and make decisions that depend on understanding, explaining, and quantifying the variability in data
- Understand that equivalence is a foundation of mathematics represented in numbers, shapes, measures, expressions, and equations
- Make sound predictions and generalizations based on patterns and relationships that arise from numbers, shapes, symbols, and data
- Apply transformation to numbers, shapes, functional representations, and data
- Make claims about relationships among numbers, shapes, symbols, and data and defend those claims by relying on the properties that are the structure of mathematics
- Communicate effective logical arguments using mathematical justification and proof. Mathematical argumentation involves making and testing conjectures, drawing valid conclusions, and justifying thinking
- Use critical thinking to recognize problematic aspects of situations, create mathematical models, and present and defend solutions
The Colorado academic standards in mathematics are the topical organization of the concepts and skills every Colorado student should know and be able to do throughout their preschool through twelfth-grade experience.

1. **Number Sense, Properties, and Operations**
   Number sense provides students with a firm foundation in mathematics. Students build a deep understanding of quantity, ways of representing numbers, relationships among numbers, and number systems. Students learn that numbers are governed by properties and understanding these properties leads to fluency with operations.

2. **Patterns, Functions, and Algebraic Structures**
   Pattern sense gives students a lens with which to understand trends and commonalities. Students recognize and represent mathematical relationships and analyze change. Students learn that the structures of algebra allow complex ideas to be expressed succinctly.

3. **Data**
   Data and probability sense provides students with tools to understand information and uncertainty. Students ask questions and gather and use data to answer them. Students use a variety of data analysis and statistics strategies to analyze, develop and evaluate inferences based on data. Probability provides the foundation for collecting, describing, and interpreting data.

4. **Shape, Dimension, and Geometric Relationships**
   Geometric sense allows students to comprehend space and shape. Students analyze the characteristics and relationships of shapes and structures, engage in logical reasoning, and use tools and techniques to determine measurement. Students learn that geometry and measurement are useful in representing and solving problems in the real world as well as in mathematics.

**Modeling Across the Standards**
Modeling links classroom mathematics and statistics to everyday life, work, and decision-making. Modeling is the process of choosing and using appropriate mathematics and statistics to analyze empirical situations, to understand them better, and to improve decisions. When making mathematical models, technology is valuable for varying assumptions, exploring consequences, and comparing predictions with data. Modeling is best interpreted not as a collection of isolated topics but rather in relation to other standards, specific modeling standards appear throughout the high school standards indicated by a star symbol (*).
Standards for Mathematical Practice
from
The Common Core State Standards for Mathematics

The Standards for Mathematical Practice have been included in the Nature of Mathematics section in each Grade Level Expectation of the Colorado Academic Standards. The following definitions and explanation of the Standards for Mathematical Practice from the Common Core State Standards can be found on pages 6, 7, and 8 in the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics. Each Mathematical Practices statement has been notated with (MP) at the end of the statement.

Mathematics | Standards for Mathematical Practice

The Standards for Mathematical Practice describe varieties of expertise that mathematics educators at all levels should seek to develop in their students. These practices rest on important "processes and proficiencies" with longstanding importance in mathematics education. The first of these are the NCTM process standards of problem solving, reasoning and proof, communication, representation, and connections. The second are the strands of mathematical proficiency specified in the National Research Council’s report Adding It Up: adaptive reasoning, strategic competence, conceptual understanding (comprehension of mathematical concepts, operations and relations), procedural fluency (skill in carrying out procedures flexibly, accurately, efficiently and appropriately), and productive disposition (habitual inclination to see mathematics as sensible, useful, and worthwhile, coupled with a belief in diligence and one's own efficacy).

1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
Mathematically proficient students start by explaining to themselves the meaning of a problem and looking for entry points to its solution. They analyze givens, constraints, relationships, and goals. They make conjectures about the form and meaning of the solution and plan a solution pathway rather than simply jumping into a solution attempt. They consider analogous problems, and try special cases and simpler forms of the original problem in order to gain insight into its solution. They monitor and evaluate their progress and change course if necessary. Older students might, depending on the context of the problem, transform algebraic expressions or change the viewing window on their graphing calculator to get the information they need. Mathematically proficient students can explain correspondences between equations, verbal descriptions, tables, and graphs or draw diagrams of important features and relationships, graph data, and search for regularity or trends. Younger students might rely on using concrete objects or pictures to help conceptualize and solve a problem. Mathematically proficient students check their answers to problems using a different method, and they continually ask themselves, "Does this make sense?" They can understand the approaches of others to solving complex problems and identify correspondences between different approaches.

2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
Mathematically proficient students make sense of quantities and their relationships in problem situations. They bring two complementary abilities to bear on problems involving quantitative relationships: the ability to decontextualize—to abstract a given situation and represent it symbolically and manipulate the representing symbols as if they have a life of their own, without necessarily attending to their referents—and the ability to contextualize, to pause as needed during the manipulation process in order to probe into the referents for the symbols involved. Quantitative reasoning entails habits of creating a coherent representation of the problem at hand; considering the units involved; attending to the meaning of quantities, not just how to compute them; and knowing and flexibly using different properties of operations and objects.

3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
Mathematically proficient students understand and use stated assumptions, definitions, and previously established results in constructing arguments. They make conjectures and build a logical progression of statements to explore the truth of their conjectures. They are able to analyze situations by breaking them into cases, and can recognize and use counterexamples. They justify their conclusions, communicate them to others, and respond to the arguments of others. They reason inductively about data, making plausible arguments that take into account the context from which the data arose.
Mathematically proficient students are also able to compare the effectiveness of two plausible arguments, distinguish correct logic or reasoning from that which is flawed, and—if there is a flaw in an argument—explain what it is. Elementary students can construct arguments using concrete referents such as objects, drawings, diagrams, and actions. Such arguments can make sense and be correct, even though they are not generalized or made formal until later grades. Later, students learn to determine domains to which an argument applies. Students at all grades can listen or read the arguments of others, decide whether they make sense, and ask useful questions to clarify or improve the arguments.

4. **Model with mathematics.**
Mathematically proficient students can apply the mathematics they know to solve problems arising in everyday life, society, and the workplace. In early grades, this might be as simple as writing an addition equation to describe a situation. In middle grades, a student might apply proportional reasoning to plan a school event or analyze a problem in the community. By high school, a student might use geometry to solve a design problem or use a function to describe how one quantity of interest depends on another. Mathematically proficient students who can apply what they know are comfortable making assumptions and approximations to simplify a complicated situation, realizing that these may need revision later. They are able to identify important quantities in a practical situation and map their relationships using such tools as diagrams, two-way tables, graphs, flowcharts and formulas. They can analyze those relationships mathematically to draw conclusions. They routinely interpret their mathematical results in the context of the situation and reflect on whether the results make sense, possibly improving the model if it has not served its purpose.

5. **Use appropriate tools strategically.**
Mathematically proficient students consider the available tools when solving a mathematical problem. These tools might include pencil and paper, concrete models, a ruler, a protractor, a calculator, a spreadsheet, a computer algebra system, a statistical package, or dynamic geometry software. Proficient students are sufficiently familiar with tools appropriate for their grade or course to make sound decisions about when each of these tools might be helpful, recognizing both the insight to be gained and their limitations. For example, mathematically proficient high school students analyze graphs of functions and solutions generated using a graphing calculator. They detect possible errors by strategically using estimation and other mathematical knowledge. When making mathematical models, they know that technology can enable them to visualize the results of varying assumptions, explore consequences, and compare predictions with data. Mathematically proficient students at various grade levels are able to identify relevant external mathematical resources, such as digital content located on a website, and use them to pose or solve problems. They are able to use technological tools to explore and deepen their understanding of concepts.

6. **Attend to precision.**
Mathematically proficient students try to communicate precisely to others. They try to use clear definitions in discussion with others and in their own reasoning. They state the meaning of the symbols they choose, including using the equal sign consistently and appropriately. They are careful about specifying units of measure, and labeling axes to clarify the correspondence with quantities in a problem. They calculate accurately and efficiently, express numerical answers with a degree of precision appropriate for the problem context. In the elementary grades, students give carefully formulated explanations to each other. By the time they reach high school they have learned to examine claims and make explicit use of definitions.

7. **Look for and make use of structure.**
Mathematically proficient students look closely to discern a pattern or structure. Young students, for example, might notice that three and seven more is the same amount as seven and three more, or they may sort a collection of shapes according to how many sides the shapes have. Later, students will see \(7 \times 8\) equals the well remembered \(7 \times 5 + 7 \times 3\), in preparation for learning about the distributive property. In the expression \(x^2 + 9x + 14\), older students can see the 14 as \(2 \times 7\) and the 9 as \(2 + 7\). They recognize the significance of an existing line in a geometric figure and can use the strategy of drawing an auxiliary line for solving problems. They also can step back for an overview and shift perspective. They can see complicated things, such as some algebraic expressions, as single objects or
as being composed of several objects. For example, they can see $5 - 3(x - y)^2$ as 5 minus a positive number times a square and use that to realize that its value cannot be more than 5 for any real numbers $x$ and $y$.

8. **Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.**
Mathematically proficient students notice if calculations are repeated, and look both for general methods and for shortcuts. Upper elementary students might notice when dividing 25 by 11 that they are repeating the same calculations over and over again, and conclude they have a repeating decimal. By paying attention to the calculation of slope as they repeatedly check whether points are on the line through $(1, 2)$ with slope 3, middle school students might abstract the equation $(y - 2)/(x - 1) = 3$. Noticing the regularity in the way terms cancel when expanding $(x - 1)(x + 1)$, $(x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)$, and $(x - 1)(x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)$ might lead them to the general formula for the sum of a geometric series. As they work to solve a problem, mathematically proficient students maintain oversight of the process, while attending to the details. They continually evaluate the reasonableness of their intermediate results.

**Connecting the Standards for Mathematical Practice to the Standards for Mathematical Content**
The Standards for Mathematical Practice describe ways in which developing student practitioners of the discipline of mathematics increasingly ought to engage with the subject matter as they grow in mathematical maturity and expertise throughout the elementary, middle and high school years. Designers of curricula, assessments, and professional development should all attend to the need to connect the mathematical practices to mathematical content in mathematics instruction. The Standards for Mathematical Content are a balanced combination of procedure and understanding. Expectations that begin with the word “understand” are often especially good opportunities to connect the practices to the content. Students who lack understanding of a topic may rely on procedures too heavily. Without a flexible base from which to work, they may be less likely to consider analogous problems, represent problems coherently, justify conclusions, apply the mathematics to practical situations, use technology mindfully to work with the mathematics, explain the mathematics accurately to other students, step back for an overview, or deviate from a known procedure to find a shortcut. In short, a lack of understanding effectively prevents a student from engaging in the mathematical practices. In this respect, those content standards which set an expectation of understanding are potential "points of intersection" between the Standards for Mathematical Content and the Standards for Mathematical Practice. These points of intersection are intended to be weighted toward central and generative concepts in the school mathematics curriculum that most merit the time, resources, innovative energies, and focus necessary to qualitatively improve the curriculum, instruction, assessment, professional development, and student achievement in mathematics.
Mathematics

Grade Level Expectations at a Glance

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2. Formulate, represent, and use strategies to add and subtract within 100 with flexibility, accuracy, and efficiency |
| 2. Patterns, Functions, and Algebraic Structures | Expectations for this standard are integrated into the other standards at this grade level. |
| 3. Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability | 1. Visual displays of data can be constructed in a variety of formats to solve problems |
| 4. Shape, Dimension, and Geometric Relationships | 1. Shapes can be described by their attributes and used to represent part/whole relationships  
2. Some attributes of objects are measurable and can be quantified using different tools |

From the Common State Standards for Mathematics, Page 17.

**Mathematics | Grade 2**

In Grade 2, instructional time should focus on four critical areas: (1) extending understanding of base-ten notation; (2) building fluency with addition and subtraction; (3) using standard units of measure; and (4) describing and analyzing shapes.

(1) Students extend their understanding of the base-ten system. This includes ideas of counting in fives, tens, and multiples of hundreds, tens, and ones, as well as number relationships involving these units, including comparing. Students understand multi-digit numbers (up to 1000) written in base-ten notation, recognizing that the digits in each place represent amounts of thousands, hundreds, tens, or ones (e.g., 853 is 8 hundreds + 5 tens + 3 ones).

(2) Students use their understanding of addition to develop fluency with addition and subtraction within 100. They solve problems within 1000 by applying their understanding of models for addition and subtraction, and they develop, discuss, and use efficient, accurate, and generalizable methods to compute sums and differences of whole numbers in base-ten notation, using their understanding of place value and the properties of operations. They select and accurately apply methods that are appropriate for the context and the numbers involved to mentally calculate sums and differences for numbers with only tens or only hundreds.

(3) Students recognize the need for standard units of measure (centimeter and inch) and they use rulers and other measurement tools with the understanding that linear measure involves an iteration of units. They recognize that the smaller the unit, the more iterations they need to cover a given length.

(4) Students describe and analyze shapes by examining their sides and angles. Students investigate, describe, and reason about decomposing and combining shapes to make other shapes. Through building, drawing, and analyzing two- and three-dimensional shapes, students develop a foundation for understanding area, volume, congruence, similarity, and symmetry in later grades.
21st Century Skills and Readiness Competencies in Mathematics

Mathematics in Colorado’s description of 21st century skills is a synthesis of the essential abilities students must apply in our rapidly changing world. Today’s mathematics students need a repertoire of knowledge and skills that are more diverse, complex, and integrated than any previous generation. Mathematics is inherently demonstrated in each of Colorado 21st century skills, as follows:

Critical Thinking and Reasoning
Mathematics is a discipline grounded in critical thinking and reasoning. Doing mathematics involves recognizing problematic aspects of situations, devising and carrying out strategies, evaluating the reasonableness of solutions, and justifying methods, strategies, and solutions. Mathematics provides the grammar and structure that make it possible to describe patterns that exist in nature and society.

Information Literacy
The discipline of mathematics equips students with tools and habits of mind to organize and interpret quantitative data. Informationally literate mathematics students effectively use learning tools, including technology, and clearly communicate using mathematical language.

Collaboration
Mathematics is a social discipline involving the exchange of ideas. In the course of doing mathematics, students offer ideas, strategies, solutions, justifications, and proofs for others to evaluate. In turn, the mathematics student interprets and evaluates the ideas, strategies, solutions, justifications and proofs of others.

Self-Direction
Doing mathematics requires a productive disposition and self-direction. It involves monitoring and assessing one’s mathematical thinking and persistence in searching for patterns, relationships, and sensible solutions.

Invention
Mathematics is a dynamic discipline, ever expanding as new ideas are contributed. Invention is the key element as students make and test conjectures, create mathematical models of real-world phenomena, generalize results, and make connections among ideas, strategies and solutions.
Colorado’s Description for School Readiness  
(Adopted by the State Board of Education, December 2008)  
School readiness describes both the preparedness of a child to engage in and benefit from learning experiences, and the ability of a school to meet the needs of all students enrolled in publicly funded preschools or kindergartens. School readiness is enhanced when schools, families, and community service providers work collaboratively to ensure that every child is ready for higher levels of learning in academic content.

Colorado’s Description of Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness  
(Adopted by the State Board of Education, June 2009)  
Postsecondary and workforce readiness describes the knowledge, skills, and behaviors essential for high school graduates to be prepared to enter college and the workforce and to compete in the global economy. The description assumes students have developed consistent intellectual growth throughout their high school career as a result of academic work that is increasingly challenging, engaging, and coherent. Postsecondary education and workforce readiness assumes that students are ready and able to demonstrate the following without the need for remediation: Critical thinking and problem-solving; finding and using information/information technology; creativity and innovation; global and cultural awareness; civic responsibility; work ethic; personal responsibility; communication; and collaboration.

How These Skills and Competencies are Embedded in the Revised Standards  
Three themes are used to describe these important skills and competencies and are interwoven throughout the standards: inquiry questions; relevance and application; and the nature of each discipline. These competencies should not be thought of stand-alone concepts, but should be integrated throughout the curriculum in all grade levels. Just as it is impossible to teach thinking skills to students without the content to think about, it is equally impossible for students to understand the content of a discipline without grappling with complex questions and the investigation of topics.

Inquiry Questions – Inquiry is a multifaceted process requiring students to think and pursue understanding. Inquiry demands that students (a) engage in an active observation and questioning process; (b) investigate to gather evidence; (c) formulate explanations based on evidence; (d) communicate and justify explanations, and; (e) reflect and refine ideas. Inquiry is more than hands-on activities; it requires students to cognitively wrestle with core concepts as they make sense of new ideas.

Relevance and Application – The hallmark of learning a discipline is the ability to apply the knowledge, skills, and concepts in real-world, relevant contexts. Components of this include solving problems, developing, adapting, and refining solutions for the betterment of society. The application of a discipline, including how technology assists or accelerates the work, enables students to more fully appreciate how the mastery of the grade level expectation matters after formal schooling is complete.

Nature of Discipline – The unique advantage of a discipline is the perspective it gives the mind to see the world and situations differently. The characteristics and viewpoint one keeps as a result of mastering the grade level expectation is the nature of the discipline retained in the mind’s eye.
1. Number Sense, Properties, and Operations

Number sense provides students with a firm foundation in mathematics. Students build a deep understanding of quantity, ways of representing numbers, relationships among numbers, and number systems. Students learn that numbers are governed by properties, and understanding these properties leads to fluency with operations.

Prepared Graduates

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Content Area: Mathematics
Standard: 1. Number Sense, Properties, and Operations

Prepared Graduates:
- Understand the structure and properties of our number system. At their most basic level numbers are abstract symbols that represent real-world quantities.

Grade Level Expectation: Second Grade

Concepts and skills students master:
1. The whole number system describes place value relationships through 1,000 and forms the foundation for efficient algorithms.

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<td>iv. Read and write numbers to 1000 using base-ten numerals, number names, and expanded form. (CCSS: 2.NBT.3)</td>
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<td>ii. Add up to four two-digit numbers using strategies based on place value and properties of operations. (CCSS: 2.NBT.6)</td>
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<td>iii. Add and subtract within 1000, using concrete models or drawings and strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between addition and subtraction; relate the strategy to a written method. (CCSS: 2.NBT.7)</td>
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<td>iv. Mentally add 10 or 100 to a given number 100–900, and mentally subtract 10 or 100 from a given number 100–900. (CCSS: 2.NBT.8)</td>
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### Content Area: Mathematics

#### Standard: 1. Number Sense, Properties, and Operations

**Prepared Graduates:**
- Are fluent with basic numerical and symbolic facts and algorithms, and are able to select and use appropriate (mental math, paper and pencil, and technology) methods based on an understanding of their efficiency, precision, and transparency.

### Grade Level Expectation: Second Grade

#### Concepts and skills students master:
2. Formulate, represent, and use strategies to add and subtract within 100 with flexibility, accuracy, and efficiency

#### Evidence Outcomes

**Students can:**

- Represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction. (CCSS: 2.OA)
  - i. Use addition and subtraction within 100 to solve one- and two-step word problems involving situations of adding to, taking from, putting together, taking apart, and comparing, with unknowns in all positions.³ (CCSS: 2.OA.1)
  - ii. Apply addition and subtraction concepts to financial decision-making (PFL)
- Fluently add and subtract within 20 using mental strategies. (CCSS: 2.OA.2)
- Know from memory all sums of two one-digit numbers. (CCSS: 2.OA.2)
- Use equal groups of objects to gain foundations for multiplication. (CCSS: 2.OA)
  - i. Determine whether a group of objects (up to 20) has an odd or even number of members.⁴ (CCSS: 2.OA.3)
  - ii. Write an equation to express an even number as a sum of two equal addends. (CCSS: 2.OA.3)
  - iii. Use addition to find the total number of objects arranged in rectangular arrays with up to 5 rows and up to 5 columns and write an equation to express the total as a sum of equal addends. (CCSS: 2.OA.4)

#### 21st Century Skills and Readiness Competencies

**Inquiry Questions:**
1. What are the ways numbers can be broken apart and put back together?
2. What could be a result of not using pennies (taking them out of circulation)?

**Relevance and Application:**
1. Addition is used to find the total number of objects such as total number of animals in a zoo, total number of students in first and second grade.
2. Subtraction is used to solve problems such as how many objects are left in a set after taking some away, or how much longer one line is than another.
3. The understanding of the value of a collection of coins helps to determine how many coins are used for a purchase or checking that the amount of change is correct.

**Nature of Mathematics:**
1. Mathematicians use visual models to understand addition and subtraction.
2. Mathematicians make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. (MP)
3. Mathematicians reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MP)
4. Mathematicians look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning. (MP)
Standard: 1. Number Sense, Properties, and Operations
Second Grade

1 e.g., 706 equals 7 hundreds, 0 tens, and 6 ones. Understand the following as special cases: (CCSS: 2.NBT.1)
100 can be thought of as a bundle of ten tens — called a “hundred.” (CCSS: 2.NBT.1a)
The numbers 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900 refer to one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, or nine hundreds (and 0 tens and 0 ones). (CCSS: 2.NBT.1b)
2 Understand that in adding or subtracting three-digit numbers, one adds or subtracts hundreds and hundreds, tens and tens, ones and ones; and sometimes it is necessary to compose or decompose tens or hundreds. (CCSS: 2.NBT.7)
3 e.g., by using drawings and equations with a symbol for the unknown number to represent the problem. (CCSS: 2.OA.1)
4 e.g., by pairing objects or counting them by 2s. (CCSS: 2.OA.3)
2. Patterns, Functions, and Algebraic Structures

Pattern sense gives students a lens with which to understand trends and commonalities. Being a student of mathematics involves recognizing and representing mathematical relationships and analyzing change. Students learn that the structures of algebra allow complex ideas to be expressed succinctly.

Prepared Graduates

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Standard: 2. Patterns, Functions, and Algebraic Structures

**Prepared Graduates:**

**Grade Level Expectation: PRESCHOOL THROUGH THIRD GRADE**

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3. Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability

Data and probability sense provides students with tools to understand information and uncertainty. Students ask questions and gather and use data to answer them. Students use a variety of data analysis and statistics strategies to analyze, develop and evaluate inferences based on data. Probability provides the foundation for collecting, describing, and interpreting data.

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Prepared Graduate Competencies in the 3. Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability Standard are:

- Recognize and make sense of the many ways that variability, chance, and randomness appear in a variety of contexts
- Solve problems and make decisions that depend on understanding, explaining, and quantifying the variability in data
- Communicate effective logical arguments using mathematical justification and proof. Mathematical argumentation involves making and testing conjectures, drawing valid conclusions, and justifying thinking
- Use critical thinking to recognize problematic aspects of situations, create mathematical models, and present and defend solutions
Content Area: Mathematics  
Standard: 3. Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability

Prepared Graduates:  
- Solve problems and make decisions that depend on understanding, explaining, and quantifying the variability in data

Grade Level Expectation: Second Grade

Concepts and skills students master:  
1. Visual displays of data can be constructed in a variety of formats to solve problems

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<td>2. What can data tell you about the people you survey?</td>
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<td>ii. Draw a picture graph and a bar graph (with single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories. (CCSS: 2.MD.10)</td>
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Inquiry Questions:
1. What are the ways data can be displayed?
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Relevance and Application:
1. People use data to describe the world and answer questions such as how many classmates are buying lunch today, how much it rained yesterday, or in which month are the most birthdays.

Nature of Mathematics:
1. Mathematics can be displayed as symbols.
2. Mathematicians make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. (MP)
3. Mathematicians model with mathematics. (MP)
4. Mathematicians attend to precision. (MP)
4. Shape, Dimension, and Geometric Relationships

Geometric sense allows students to comprehend space and shape. Students analyze the characteristics and relationships of shapes and structures, engage in logical reasoning, and use tools and techniques to determine measurement. Students learn that geometry and measurement are useful in representing and solving problems in the real world as well as in mathematics.

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Content Area: Mathematics  
Standard: 4. Shape, Dimension, and Geometric Relationships

Prepared Graduates:
- Apply transformation to numbers, shapes, functional representations, and data

Grade Level Expectation: Second Grade

Concepts and skills students master:
1. Shapes can be described by their attributes and used to represent part/whole relationships

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| a. Recognize and draw shapes having specified attributes, such as a given number of angles or a given number of equal faces. (CCSS: 2.G.1) | 1. How can we describe geometric figures?
2. Is a half always the same size and shape? |
| b. Identify triangles, quadrilaterals, pentagons, hexagons, and cubes. (CCSS: 2.G.1) | |
| c. Partition a rectangle into rows and columns of same-size squares and count to find the total number of them. (CCSS: 2.G.2) | |
| d. Partition circles and rectangles into two, three, or four equal shares, describe the shares using the words halves, thirds, half of, a third of, etc., and describe the whole as two halves, three thirds, four fourths. (CCSS: 2.G.3) | |
| e. Recognize that equal shares of identical wholes need not have the same shape. (CCSS: 2.G.3) | |

Inquiry Questions:
1. How can we describe geometric figures?
2. Is a half always the same size and shape?

Relevance and Application:
1. Fairness in sharing depends on equal quantities, such as sharing a piece of cake, candy bar, or payment for a chore.
2. Shapes are used to communicate how people view their environment.
3. Geometry provides a system to describe, organize, and represent the world around us.

Nature of Mathematics:
1. Geometers use shapes to describe and understand the world.
2. Mathematicians reason abstractly and quantitatively. (MP)
3. Mathematicians model with mathematics. (MP)
## Content Area: Mathematics
### Standard: 4. Shape, Dimension, and Geometric Relationships

**Prepared Graduates:**
- Understand quantity through estimation, precision, order of magnitude, and comparison. The reasonableness of answers relies on the ability to judge appropriateness, compare, estimate, and analyze error.

### Grade Level Expectation: Second Grade

**Concepts and skills students master:**
2. Some attributes of objects are measurable and can be quantified using different tools

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<td>1. What are the different things we can measure?</td>
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<td>i. Measure the length of an object by selecting and using appropriate tools such as rulers, yardsticks, meter sticks, and measuring tapes. (CCSS: 2.MD.1)</td>
<td>2. How do we decide which tool to use to measure something?</td>
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<td>ii. Measure the length of an object twice, using length units of different lengths for the two measurements; describe how the two measurements relate to the size of the unit chosen. (CCSS: 2.MD.2)</td>
<td>3. What would happen if everyone created and used their own rulers?</td>
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<td>iii. Estimate lengths using units of inches, feet, centimeters, and meters. (CCSS: 2.MD.3)</td>
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<td>iv. Measure to determine how much longer one object is than another, expressing the length difference in terms of a standard length unit. (CCSS: 2.MD.4)</td>
<td>1. Measurement is used to understand and describe the world including sports, construction, and explaining the environment.</td>
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<td>b. Relate addition and subtraction to length. (CCSS: 2.MD)</td>
<td><strong>Nature of Mathematics:</strong></td>
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<td>i. Use addition and subtraction within 100 to solve word problems involving lengths that are given in the same units and equations with a symbol for the unknown number to represent the problem. (CCSS: 2.MD.5)</td>
<td>1. Mathematicians use measurable attributes to describe countless objects with only a few words.</td>
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<td>ii. Represent whole numbers as lengths from 0 on a number line diagram and represent whole-number sums and differences within 100 on a number line diagram. (CCSS: 2.MD.6)</td>
<td>2. Mathematicians use appropriate tools strategically. (MP)</td>
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<td>c. Solve problems time and money. (CCSS: 2.MD)</td>
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<td>i. Tell and write time from analog and digital clocks to the nearest five minutes, using a.m. and p.m. (CCSS: 2.MD.7)</td>
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<td>ii. Solve word problems involving dollar bills, quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies, using $ and ¢ symbols appropriately. (CCSS: 2.MD.8)</td>
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Standard: 4. Shape, Dimension, and Geometric Relationships
Second Grade

1 e.g., by using drawings (such as drawings of rulers). (CCSS: 2.MD.5)
2 with equally spaced points corresponding to the numbers 0, 1, 2, ... (CCSS: 2.MD.6)
3 Example: If you have 2 dimes and 3 pennies, how many cents do you have? (CCSS: 2.MD.6)