Unit #01: Basic Concepts of Algebra

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Unit Overview

Students will review basic concepts and skills of algebra studied in previous courses. This review includes real numbers and expressions, operations with real numbers, and problem solving. Emphasis is placed on dealing with real numbers symbolically and in the context of word problems.

Enduring Understandings

Basic Algebra concepts can be used to help people solve real world problems

Essential Questions

- How can formulas be used in everyday life?
- How can linear equations be used to understand real-world data?
- Where in life might you find yourself solving equations without realizing it?

Standards/Indicators/Student Learning Objectives (SLOs)

Student Learning Objectives:

- SWBAT create an equation.
- SWBAT model quantitative relationships.
- SWBAT reason with equations.
- SWBAT represent and solve equations graphically.
- SWBAT write expressions in equivalent forms.

MA.K-12.1	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.
MA.K-12.2	Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
MA.A-SSE.A.1a	Interpret parts of an expression, such as terms, factors, and coefficients.
	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.
MA.A-SSE.B	Write expressions in equivalent forms to solve problems
MA.N-Q.A	Reason quantitatively and use units to solve problems.
MA.N-Q.A.1	Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays.
MA.N-Q.A.2	Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling.
MA.N-Q.A.3	Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities.
MA.A-APR.A	Perform arithmetic operations on polynomials
MA.A-CED	Creating Equations
MA.A-CED.A	Create equations that describe numbers or relationships
MA.A-CED.A.1	Create equations and inequalities in one variable and use them to solve problems.
MA.A-CED.A.2	Create equations in two or more variables to represent relationships between quantities; graph equations on coordinate axes with labels and scales.
MA.A-CED.A.3	Represent constraints by equations or inequalities, and by systems of equations and/or inequalities, and interpret solutions as viable or nonviable options in a modeling context.
MA.A-REI	Reasoning with Equations and Inequalities
MA.A-REI.A.1	Explain each step in solving a simple equation as following from the equality of numbers asserted at the previous step, starting from the assumption that the original equation has a solution. Construct a viable argument to justify a solution method.
MA.A-REI.B	Solve equations and inequalities in one variable
MA.A-REI.B.3	Solve linear equations and inequalities in one variable, including equations with coefficients represented by letters.
MA.A-REI.B.4	Solve quadratic equations in one variable.
MA.A-REI.D	Represent and solve equations and inequalities graphically

MA.A-REI.D.10	Understand that the graph of an equation in two variables is the set of all its solutions plotted in the coordinate plane, often forming a curve (which could be a line).
MA.A-REI.D.11	Explain why the x-coordinates of the points where the graphs of the equations $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$ intersect are the solutions of the equation $f(x) = g(x)$; find the solutions approximately, e.g., using technology to graph the functions, make tables of values, or find successive approximations. Include cases where $f(x)$ and/or $g(x)$ are linear, polynomial, rational, absolute value, exponential, and logarithmic functions.
MA.A-REI.D.12	Graph the solutions to a linear inequality in two variables as a half plane (excluding the boundary in the case of a strict inequality), and graph the solution set to a system of linear inequalities in two variables as the intersection of the corresponding half-planes.

Lesson Titles

- Evaluate Algebraic Expressions
- Graphing & Comparing Real Numbers on a Number Line
- Methods Used to Simplify Numerical Expressions
- Properties of Real Numbers & Order of Operations
- Solve Equations in One Variable
- Solve Word Problems by Using an Equation in One Variable
- Translate Word Phrases/Sentences into Algebraic Expressions/Equations

Career Readiness, Life Literacies & Key Skills

TECH.9.4.2.CI.1	Demonstrate openness to new ideas and perspectives (e.g., 1.1.2.CR1a, 2.1.2.EH.1, 6.1.2.CivicsCM.2).
TECH.9.4.2.CI.2	Demonstrate originality and inventiveness in work (e.g., 1.3A.2CR1a).
TECH.9.4.2.CT.2	Identify possible approaches and resources to execute a plan (e.g., 1.2.2.CR1b, 8.2.2.ED.3).
TECH.9.4.2.CT.3	Use a variety of types of thinking to solve problems (e.g., inductive, deductive).
TECH.9.4.2.DC.1	Explain differences between ownership and sharing of information.
TECH.9.4.2.DC.2	Explain the importance of respecting digital content of others.
TECH.9.4.2.TL.1	Identify the basic features of a digital tool and explain the purpose of the tool (e.g., 8.2.2.ED.1).
TECH.9.4.2.TL.2	Create a document using a word processing application.
TECH.9.4.2.TL.3	Enter information into a spreadsheet and sort the information.

Inter-Disciplinary Connections

LA.RST.9-10.3	Follow precisely a complex multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks, attending to special cases or exceptions defined in the text.
LA.W.9-10.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

LA.W.9-10.2.A	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
LA.WHST.9-10.6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
LA.WHST.11-12.9	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
LA.W.9-10.6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
LA.SL.9-10.1	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with peers on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
LA.L.11-12.6	Acquire and use accurately general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
12.9.3.ST.2	Use technology to acquire, manipulate, analyze and report data.
12.9.3.ST-ET.3	Apply processes and concepts for the use of technological tools in STEM.
12.9.3.ST-SM.1	Apply science and mathematics to provide results, answers and algorithms for engineering and technological activities.
12.9.3.ST-SM.2	Apply science and mathematics concepts to the development of plans, processes and projects that address real world problems.
12.9.3.ST-SM.3	Analyze the impact that science and mathematics has on society.

Instructional Strategies, Learning Activities, and Levels of Blooms/DOK

- Bloom's Analysis: Break the concept into parts to understand how each is related to one another
- Bloom's Application: Use knowledge gained in new ways
- Bloom's Comprehension: Make sense of what has been learned
- Bloom's Evaluation: Put new information together in an innovative way
- Bloom's Knowledge: Recall relevant knowledge from prior lessons and long-term memory
- Bloom's Synthesis: Make judgements based on a set of guidelines to create new meaning
- Intro how to solve literal equations
- Intro lesson on solving absolute value equations
- Notes will be taken using Smart Notebook
- Review homework
- Review Solving Equations in one variable with demonstration of examples on board
- Review warm up
- Students will present solutions on the board
- Students will work independently on examples
- Students will work on mathxl
- Students will work together on a worksheet

- Tutoring during Delsea One

Modifications

ELL Modifications

- Engage students with a variety of Mathematical Practices to provide students with multiple entry points and multiple ways to demonstrate their understandings.
- Focus on domain specific vocabulary and keywords
- Offer alternate/or modify assessments
- Offer resources for specific topics in primary language (Youtube web resources)
- Provide ELL students with multiple literacy strategies.
- Provide formal and informal verbal interaction to provide practice, increase motivation, and self-monitoring
- Provide multiple grouping opportunities for students to share their ideas and to encourage work among various backgrounds and cultures (e.g. multiple representation and multimodal experiences).
- Provide opportunities for students to connect with people of similar backgrounds (e.g. conversations via digital tool such as SKYPE, experts from the community helping with a project, journal articles, and biographies).
- Provide students with multiple choices for how they can represent their understandings (e.g. multisensory techniques-auditory/visual aids; pictures, illustrations, graphs, charts, data tables, multimedia, modeling).
- Structure lessons around questions that are authentic, relate to students' interests, social/family background and knowledge of their community.

IEP & 504 Modifications

- Allow student to take notes in class for reinforcement but also provide a copy of completed/correct notes to study from
- Allow student to correct mistakes or answer wrong questions correctly for additional credit if failed the first test (another way to re-teach material)
- Reduce homework length to just those most important for review
- Tutoring during Delsea One

Benchmark Assessment

Skills-based assessment- math practice

Alternate Assessment

Performance tasks

Project-based assignments

Problem-based assignments

Presentations

G & T Modifications

- Ask students' higher level questions that require students to look into causes, experiences, and facts to draw a conclusion or make connections to other areas of learning
- Avoid drill and practice activities
- Encourage peer leadership or mentoring
- Provide additional rigorous challenge problems for advanced students

At Risk Modifications

- reducing homework length to just those tasks most important for review
- retesting
- review, restate, reword directions
- speaking to students privately when redirecting behaviors
- tutoring during delsea one

Formative Assessment

- Exit Ticket
- Group Work
- Guided Practice
- Individual Practice
- Journal Entry
- Kahoot
- Observation
- Oral Responses
- Poll class to self-analyze their comfort level of the lesson
- Socrative
- Teacher Observation

- Vocabulary Review

Summative Assessment

- Alternative Assessment
- Marking Period Assessment
- Unit Test on Solving Equations and Literal Equations

Resources & Materials

- Chromebook
- Graphing Calculator
- Promethean Board
- Smart Notebook
- Teacher generated worksheets
- Textbooks: Algebra and Trigonometry Structure and Method Book 2 (McDougal Littell), Algebra II Common Core (Pearson)

Technology

- google classroom
- http://kutasoftware.com/
- http://mathxlforschool.com/home_school.htm
- https://create.kahoot.it
- https://njctl.org/
- https://quizizz.com/
- https://socrative.com/
- https://www.desmos.com/
- https://www.resourceaholic.com/
- Student 1-1 Device (chromebook)
- TI Graphing Calculator

TECH.8.1.12	Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge.
TECH.8.1.12.A.CS1	Understand and use technology systems.
TECH.8.1.12.A.CS2	Select and use applications effectively and productively.
TECH.8.1.12.B	Creativity and Innovation: Students demonstrate creative thinking, construct knowledge and develop innovative products and process using technology.
TECH.8.1.12.C.CS4	Contribute to project teams to produce original works or solve problems.
TECH.8.1.12.E.CS1	Plan strategies to guide inquiry.

TECH.8.1.12.E.CS4 Process data and report results.