

Unit 1 Collecting & Organizing Data

Content Area: **Mathematics**
Course(s): **AP Statistics**
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Enduring Understandings

Data collection can be utilized to make summative statements or inferences about a population.

Observational studies can be used to demonstrate correlation or association.

Designed experiments can be used to prove causation.

Data can be organized in a variety of useful ways.

Essential Questions

How can we describe data?

To what extent can statistics help us make predictions and inferences about our world?

How can we determine the validity of our interpretation of the statistics?

Content

Red Hot Topics:
Methods of survey
Types of statistics
Designing
Experiments
Organizing Data

Vocabulary

Population
Sample
Descriptive statistics
Inferential statistics

Discrete data
Continuous data
Univariate
Bivariate
Stratified sample
Cluster sample
Treatment
Placebo
Control
Blocking
Blind
Double Blind

Skills

Identify types of statistics and data.

Establish a process for planning and conducting a study.

Calculate relative frequency.

Construct bar graphs and dotplots.

Distinguish between an experiment and an observational study.

Determine the processes of sampling.

Create a procedure for conducting a designed experiment using proper terminology.

Identify key concepts of a designed experiment and when to block an experiment.

Distinguish the need to blind or double blind an experiment.

Standards

Need to Add College Board Standards

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| CCSS.Math.Content.HSS-ID.A.1 | Represent data with plots on the real number line (dot plots, histograms, and box plots). |
| CCSS.Math.Content.HSS-ID.A.2 | Use statistics appropriate to the shape of the data distribution to compare center (median, mean) and spread (interquartile range, standard deviation) of two or more different data sets. |
| CCSS.Math.Content.HSS-ID.A.3 | Interpret differences in shape, center, and spread in the context of the data sets, accounting for possible effects of extreme data points (outliers). |

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.

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.

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.

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.

