Unit 1 - Variables, Expressions and Integers

Content Area: **Mathematics**
Course(s): **Pre-Algebra 6**
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Transfer

Big Idea: Algebraic Expressions and Integers

Prior Knowledge

Performed operations on whole numbers

Read bar graphs and line graphs

Found the mean of a set of data

Essential Questions

How can I use models, words and expanded formats to order and compare numbers?

What strategies can be used to simplify expressions with rational coefficients?

What applications offer contextual examples of adding two integers with different signs?

Enduring Understandings

Properties of operations can be used to simplify and write equivalent expressions.

Numerical and algebraic expressions using numbers of any form can be used to solve real world problems.

Critical Knowledge and Skills

Vocabulary

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Numerical expression

Variable

Variable expression

Evaluate

Verbal model

Base

Exponent

Power

Order of operations

Absolute value

Opposites

Negative integers

Positive integers

Origin

Quadrant

Ordered pair

Learning Objectives

Evaluate variable and numerical expressions

Evaluate numerical expressions using the order of operations

Use and apply the addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of integers.

Identify points on the coordinate plane

Plot points on the coordinate plane

Prepare for solving problems

Compare and order integers

Resources

Envision Math
Math iXL
iReady Math
-MyPath Learning
-Diagnostic Assessment 1
Khan Academy

Standards in Mathematics

MA.K-12.3	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.
MA.K-12.4	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.
MA.K-12.6	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.
MA.6.RP.A.3d	Use ratio reasoning to convert measurement units; manipulate and transform units appropriately when multiplying or dividing quantities.
MA.7.NS.A.1	Apply and extend previous understandings of addition and subtraction to add and subtract rational numbers; represent addition and subtraction on a horizontal or vertical number line diagram.
MA.7.NS.A.1a	Describe situations in which opposite quantities combine to make 0.
MA.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 have a sum of 0 (are additive inverses). Interpret sums of rational numbers by describing real-world contexts.
MA.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.
MA.7.NS.A.2	Apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division and of fractions to multiply and divide rational numbers.
MA.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 $(-1)(-1) = 1$ and the rules for multiplying signed numbers. Interpret products of rational numbers by describing real-world contexts.
MA.6.NS.C.5	Understand that positive and negative numbers are used together to describe quantities having opposite directions or values (e.g., temperature above/below zero, elevation above/below sea level, credits/debits, positive/negative electric charge); use positive and negative numbers to represent quantities in real-world contexts, explaining the meaning of 0 in each situation.
MA.6.NS.C.6a	Recognize opposite signs of numbers as indicating locations on opposite sides of 0 on the number line; recognize that the opposite of the opposite of a number is the number itself, e.g., $-(-3) = 3$, and that 0 is its own opposite.
MA.7.NS.A.3	Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving the four operations with rational numbers.

MA.6.NS.C.6b	Understand signs of numbers in ordered pairs as indicating locations in quadrants of the coordinate plane; recognize that when two ordered pairs differ only by signs, the locations of the points are related by reflections across one or both axes.
MA.6.NS.C.7	Understand ordering and absolute value of rational numbers.
MA.6.NS.C.7c	Understand the absolute value of a rational number as its distance from 0 on the number line; interpret absolute value as magnitude for a positive or negative quantity in a real-world situation.
MA.6.NS.C.7d	Distinguish comparisons of absolute value from statements about order.
MA.6.EE.A.1	Write and evaluate numerical expressions involving whole-number exponents.
MA.6.EE.A.2	Write, read, and evaluate expressions in which letters stand for numbers.
MA.6.EE.A.2a	Write expressions that record operations with numbers and with letters standing for numbers.
MA.6.EE.A.2b	Identify parts of an expression using mathematical terms (sum, term, product, factor, quotient, coefficient); view one or more parts of an expression as a single entity.
MA.6.EE.A.2c	Evaluate expressions at specific values of their variables. Include expressions that arise from formulas used in real-world problems. Perform arithmetic operations, including those involving whole number exponents, in the conventional order when there are no parentheses to specify a particular order (Order of Operations).

Interdisciplinary Connections

NJSLS Companion Standards Grades 6-8

RST.6-8.3. Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.

RST.6-8.4. Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6-8 texts and topics.

RST.6-8.7. Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).

NJSLSA.W4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

Career Readiness, Life Literacies, & Key Skills (CLKS)

Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills Practices describe the habits of the mind that all educators in all content areas should seek to develop in their students. They are practices that have been linked to increase college, career, and life success. These practices should be taught and reinforced in all content areas with increasingly higher levels of complexity and expectation as a student advances through a program of study.

Practices:

Act as a responsible and contributing community members and employee

Attend to financial well-being

Demonstrate creativity and innovation

Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them

Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management

Use technology to enhance productivity increase collaboration and communicate effectively

Work productively in teams while using cultural/global competence

9.4.8.CT.2: Develop multiple solutions to a problem and evaluate short- and long-term effects to determine the most plausible option

9.4.8.GCA.2: Demonstrate openness to diverse ideas and perspectives through active discussions to achieve a group goal.

9.4.8.IML.2: Identify specific examples of distortion, exaggeration, or misrepresentation of information.

9.4.8.IML.3: Create a digital visualization that effectively communicates a data set using formatting techniques such as form, position, size, color, movement, and spatial grouping (e.g., 6.SP.B.4, 7.SP.B.8b). • 9.4.8.IML.4: Ask insightful questions to organize different types of data and create meaningful visualizations.

9.4.8.TL.3: Select appropriate tools to organize and present information digitally

Computer Science & Design Thinking (CS & DT)

New approaches necessary for solving the critical challenges that we face as a society will require harnessing the power of technology and computing. Rapidly changing technologies and the proliferation of digital information have permeated and radically transformed learning, working, and everyday life. To be well-educated, global-minded individuals in a computing-intensive world, students must have a clear understanding of the concepts and practices of computer science. As education systems adapt to a vision of students who are not just computer users but also computationally literate creators who are proficient in the concepts and practices of computer science and design thinking, engaging students in computational thinking and human-centered approaches to design through the study of computer science and technology serves to prepare students to ethically produce and critically consume technology.

Computing Systems

Troubleshooting a problem is more effective when knowledge of the specific device along with a systematic process is used to identify the source of a problem.

Data & Analysis

People use digital devices and tools to automate the collection, use, and transformation of data.

8.1.8.CS.1: Recommend improvements to computing devices in order to improve the ways users interact with the devices.

8.2.8.NT.1: Examine a malfunctioning tool, product, or system and propose solutions to the problem.