

# ACC 8 - Exponents/Scientific Notation

Content Area: **Mathematics**  
Course(s): **Math 7 Accelerated**  
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## Unit Summary

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Many of the numbers used to solve problems or in formulas have an exponent indicating repeated multiplication. The symbols used to represent powers generate equivalent numerical values and understanding their meanings and how to use them is necessary for solving complex and real world problems.

This unit extends knowledge of numerical and algebraic powers from previous grades. The goal is to develop understanding of the properties of integer exponents, including the product and quotient properties of powers, power of a power property, and zero and negative properties. Students will apply these properties to multiplying polynomials, dividing polynomials by a monomial, and operations with scientific notation.

## Standards

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MA.8.EE.A	Work with radicals and integer exponents.
MA.8.EE.A.1	Know and apply the properties of integer exponents to generate equivalent numerical expressions.
MA.8.EE.A.3	Use numbers expressed in the form of a single digit times an integer power of 10 to estimate very large or very small quantities, and to express how many times as much one is than the other.
MA.8.EE.A.4	Perform operations with numbers expressed in scientific notation, including problems where both decimal and scientific notation are used. Use scientific notation and choose units of appropriate size for measurements of very large or very small quantities (e.g., use millimeters per year for seafloor spreading). Interpret scientific notation that has been generated by technology.
MA.F-IF.C.8b	Use the properties of exponents to interpret expressions for exponential functions.
MA.K-12.1	Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
MA.K-12.6	Attend to precision.
MA.K-12.7	Look for and make use of structure.
MA.K-12.8	Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.
MA.N-RN.A	Extend the properties of exponents to rational exponents.
MA.N-RN.A.1	Explain how the definition of the meaning of rational exponents follows from extending the properties of integer exponents to those values, allowing for a notation for radicals in terms of rational exponents.
MA.N-RN.A.2	Rewrite expressions involving radicals and rational exponents using the properties of exponents.
CAEP.9.2.8.B.3	Evaluate communication, collaboration, and leadership skills that can be developed through school, home, work, and extracurricular activities for use in a career.
TECH.8.1.8.A.1	Demonstrate knowledge of a real world problem using digital tools.
TECH.8.1.8.A.CS1	Understand and use technology systems.
TECH.8.1.8.A.CS2	Select and use applications effectively and productively.

## Student Learning Objectives

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- Students will learn the product of powers, the power of a power, and power of a product properties.
- Students will learn the quotient of powers and the power of a quotient properties.
- Students will learn the process associated with multiplying polynomials and dividing a polynomial by a monomial.
- Students will learn the process of simplifying a problem with zero and negative exponents.
- Students will learn the difference between scientific and standard notation.
- Students will learn the different ways to utilize scientific notation.
- Students will learn to model exponential growth and decay.

## Essential Questions

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- Why is it necessary to have so many ways of representing a single number?
- How do we communicate growth?

## Enduring Understandings

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- Students will understand that exponents are one way to communicate quantities that involve very large and/or very small numbers.

## Application

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- Students will be able to independently use their learning to generate equivalent numerical and algebraic expressions involving exponents to simplify problems and/or answers.
- Students will be able to independently use their learning to utilize and read scientific notation on their calculator.
- Students will be able to independently use their learning to calculate the value of a situation represented by exponential growth or decay such as compound interest.

## Skills

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Students will be skilled at:

- Applying the product of powers property, the power of a power property, and power of a product property.
- Evaluating and simplify problems with zero and negative exponents.
- Applying the quotient of powers property and the power of a quotient property.
- Multiplying polynomials and dividing a polynomial by a monomial.
- Converting between scientific notation and standard notation.

- Inputting and reading scientific notation per their calculator.
- Performing operations with numbers expressed in scientific notation.
- Comparing numbers in scientific notation by approximation and exactly.
- Solving problems with exponential growth and decay.