

## DesCartes: A Continuum of Learning®

Mathematics

Goal: Operations and Algebraic Thinking

Skills and Concepts to Enhance (73% Probability*) 221 - 230	Skills and Concepts to Develop (50% Probability*) 231 - 240	Skills and Concepts to Introduce (27% Probability*) 241 - 250
Expressions and Equations	Expressions and Equations	Expressions and Equations
Solves real-world problems involving rate of pay     Solves difficult real-world problems involving decimals (e.g., multiple)	• Evaluates numerical expressions using the order of operations (whole numbers only)	<ul> <li>Evaluates expressions using the order of operations, including exponents (whole numbers only)</li> </ul>
multiplications, conversions)	• Evaluates expressions using the order of operations, including	Solves real-world problems involving rate of pay with time and a half
Uses the distributive property	exponents (whole numbers only)	• Evaluates numerical expressions using the order of operations (using
<ul> <li>Calculates the value of a power (e.g., 2<sup>3</sup> = 8)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Solves real-world problems involving rate of pay</li> </ul>	integers)
<ul> <li>Solves problems involving simple interest rates with the formula</li> </ul>	Solves real-world problems involving rate of pay with time and a half	• Evaluates expressions using the order of operations, including
<ul> <li>Uses a table of input/output values to represent patterns</li> </ul>	Solves difficult real-world problems involving decimals (e.g., multiple     multiplications, conversions)	• Solves problems involving simple interest rates without the formula
<ul> <li>Uses basic operations on algebraic expressions (substituting for unknowns)</li> </ul>	Evaluates numerical expressions using the order of operations (using	Simplifies rational expressions with scientific notation
<ul> <li>Recognizes commutative, associative, distributive, symmetric,</li> </ul>	Integers)	<ul> <li>Solves problems with scientific notation</li> </ul>
transitive, and reflexive properties	• Divides rational expressions in a/b form	• Describes and uses a variable with whole numbers, multiplication, and
Uses basic operations on algebraic expressions (expanding -	Uses the distributive property	division in a contextual situation
monomial by a binomial)	• Calculates the power of a number (e.g., $8 = 2^{13}$ )	Uses expressions to represent situations that involve variable     quantities with exponents
Demonstrates an understanding of properties (e.g., commutative, associative, distributive, properties of 0)	• Evaluates expressions containing powers (e.g., 3 <sup>2</sup> x 2 <sup>3</sup> )	Evaluates expressions by substituting with rational numbers
• Writes equivalent forms of algebraic expressions (e.g., $(x + 3)/2 = x/2 +$	Applies rules for multiplying and dividing powers     Solves problems with acceptible potetion	Simplifies polynomial expressions
3/2)	Solves problems with scientific hotation	Multiplies binomials
<ul> <li>Represents relationships of quantities in the form of an expression</li> </ul>	division in a contextual situation	• Factors trinomials in the form $x^2 + bx + c$
Uses basic operations on algebraic expressions (uses correct order of	Uses expressions to represent situations that involve variable	<ul> <li>Factors polynomials using difference of squares</li> </ul>
operations)	quantities with exponents	• Uses basic operations on algebraic expressions (uses correct order of
Expresses a simple linear equation from a contextual situation	Uses basic operations on algebraic expressions (substituting for	operations)
Solves open sentences with calculations on both sides of the sentence	unknowns)	Uses linear equations to represent situations involving variable
Solves 2-step open sentences with missing factors	Uses basic operations on algebraic expressions (substituting for unknown exponents)	quantities
Solves 1-step linear equations	Recognizes commutative associative distributive symmetric	<ul> <li>Solves 2-step open sentences with missing factors (variables on both sides of the sentence)</li> </ul>
Solves 2-step linear equations	transitive, and reflexive properties	Solves linear equations with fractions
Solves linear equations with decimals     Solves linear equations with integers	• Uses basic operations on algebraic expressions (combining like terms)	<ul> <li>Solves linear equations using rational numbers</li> </ul>
Writes equivalent forms of algebraic equations using addition and	<ul> <li>Uses basic operations on algebraic expressions (expanding -</li> </ul>	Solves open sentences with fractions
subtraction	monomial by a binomial)	Applies algebraic methods to solve real-world problems
<ul> <li>Solves open sentences with decimals</li> </ul>	• Writes equivalent forms of algebraic expressions (e.g., $(x + 3)/2 = x/2$ + 3/2)	Applies algebraic methods to solve a variety of real-world and
Solves linear equations in a real-world context using a given formula	Represents relationships of quantities in the form of an expression	theoretical problems
<ul> <li>Applies algebraic methods to solve theoretical problems</li> </ul>	• Uses basic operations on algebraic expressions (uses correct order of	<ul> <li>Solves problems involving consecutive numbers</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Applies algebraic methods to solve real-world problems</li> </ul>	operations)	• Uses polynomial equations to solve complex real-world problems (e.g.,
<ul> <li>Uses graphs to solve simple systems of linear equations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Expresses a simple linear equation from a contextual situation</li> </ul>	a Llaga algebraia methoda ta polya systema of linear equationa
<ul> <li>Applies systems-of-linear-equations methods to solve theoretical</li> </ul>	Solves 2-step open sentences with missing factors (variables on both	Solves simple one step inequality open contenees
problems	sides of the sentence)	Solves simple one-step inequality open semences
• Describes the relationship or a real-world situation represented by a simple linear inequality (e.g., 1, or 2-step)	Solves 2-step linear equations	member using number lines
Solves real-world problems using reasoning strategies	<ul> <li>Solves linear equations with integers</li> <li>Solves linear equations with fractions</li> </ul>	• Describes the relationship or a real-world situation represented by a simple linear inequality (e.g., 1- or 2-step)

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• Uses powers to represent 10, 100, 1000, 10,000, and 100,000	<ul> <li>Solves linear equations using rational numbers</li> </ul>	Solves linear inequalities using graphs
Writes a number expressed in scientific notation in standard form	<ul> <li>Applies algebraic methods to solve real-world problems</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Solves complex real-world problems involving capacity</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Determines slope from a linear equation</li> </ul>	Solves problems involving capacity in the metric system and converts
	<ul> <li>Uses polynomial equations to solve complex real-world problems (e.g., using distributive property, variables on both sides)</li> </ul>	to larger or smaller units <ul> <li>Converts from Celsius to Fahrenheit, given conversion ratios</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Uses graphs to solve simple systems of linear equations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses reasoning strategies to solve problems</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Solves simple one-step inequality open sentences</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Determines the prime factorization of a number using powers</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Expresses a simple linear inequality from a contextual situation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Writes a whole number in scientific notation</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Describes the relationship or a real-world situation represented by a simple linear inequality (e.g., 1- or 2-step)</li> </ul>	Writes a decimal in scientific notation
	<ul> <li>Solves simple linear inequalities using graphs</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Solves problems involving capacity in the metric system and converts to larger or smaller units</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Converts from Celsius to Fahrenheit, given conversion ratios</li> </ul>	
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	<ul> <li>Writes a whole number in scientific notation</li> </ul>	
Use Functions to Model Relationships	Use Functions to Model Relationships	Use Functions to Model Relationships
• Extends a growing pattern of triangular numbers, defined by objects or	<ul> <li>Recognizes and extends arithmetic sequences (predicts nth term)</li> </ul>	Represents growing arithmetic patterns using algebraic expressions or
diagrams	<ul> <li>Represents geometric sequences using written descriptions in</li> </ul>	equations
Represents geometric sequences using written descriptions in	recursive terms (present term, next term)	<ul> <li>Writes linear equations when given ordered pairs</li> </ul>
School problems (present term, next term)	<ul> <li>Recognizes and extends the Fibonacci sequence</li> </ul>	Writes the equation of a horizontal or vertical line when given the
Solves problems involving simple functions	<ul> <li>Writes linear equations when given ordered pairs</li> </ul>	Determines x, or y intercept of a given linear equation
Looks for a growing pattern to solve a problem	Writes the equation of a horizontal or vertical line when given the graph of the line	deptifies and describes situations with verying rates of change
		Solves quadratic equations using concrete models and tables
	Less mapping diagrams to represent functions	Solves quadratic equations using concrete models and tables
	Uses tables to determine functions	Descrephene a real world function using a complex equation (a g
	Identifies the graph type, given equations of linear and nonlinear	• Represents a real-world function using a complex equation (e.g., variables on both sides, distributive, rational)
	functions	<ul> <li>Models real life functions using function notation</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Solves problems involving simple functions</li> </ul>	Determines the minimum and maximum of a quadratic function
	<ul> <li>Solves problems involving complex functions</li> </ul>	Analyzes the properties and characteristics of exponential functions
	<ul> <li>Interprets data given in line graphs to solve problems</li> </ul>	Determines the x- and/or y-intercept of an equation of a function
		Performs operations on functions
		Solves problems involving complex functions
		<ul> <li>Determines the domain and range of a function</li> </ul>

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New Vocabulary: algebra, net, reflexive, short, transitive	New Vocabulary: algebraic sentence, depreciate, equation of a line, is	New Vocabulary: polynomial, solution set, y-intercept
New Signs and Symbols: < less than, m meter/metre, repeating decimal overbar, △ triangle	less than, regression equation, time-and-a-half	New Signs and Symbols: % percent
	New Signs and Symbols: $\leq$ , $\geq$ , () ordered pair, f(x) the value of the	
	function f at x, > greater than, > greater than, $\geq$ greater than or equal to,	
	km kilometer/kilometre, $\leq$ less than or equal to, • multiplication symbol	
	(dot), - subtraction	

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