

## DesCartes: A Continuum of Learning®

## Mathematics

Goal: Operations and Algebraic Thinking

Skills and Concepts to Enhance (73% Probability*) 251 - 260	Skills and Concepts to Develop (50% Probability*) 261 - 270	Skills and Concepts to Introduce (27% Probability*) 271 - 280
Expressions and Equations	Expressions and Equations	Expressions and Equations
<ul> <li>Simplifies rational expressions with exponents</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Simplifies rational expressions with exponents</li> </ul>	Describes a relationship or a real-world situation represented by a quadratic equation
Solves problems with scientific notation	<ul> <li>Simplifies rational expressions with negative exponents</li> </ul>	
• Describes and uses a variable with whole numbers, multiplication, and division in a contextual situation	<ul> <li>Estimates the limit of a given infinite sequence (e.g., given the sequence 1/n, as n gets larger)</li> </ul>	
Uses expressions to represent situations that involve variable quantities with exponents	<ul> <li>Uses the compound interest equation to solve problems</li> <li>Simplifies monomials</li> </ul>	
Evaluates expressions by substituting with rational numbers	Simplifies polynomial expressions using power laws	
Simplifies monomials	Factors polynomials by identifying a common monomial and then	
Simplifies polynomial expressions	factoring the trinomial	
Simplifies algebraic expressions with integer exponents	<ul> <li>Rewrites a complex formula to solve for a specific variable</li> </ul>	
Multiplies binomials	<ul> <li>Solves quadratic equations using the quadratic formula</li> </ul>	
Multiplies a polynomial by a polynomial	<ul> <li>Solves quadratic equations by completing the square</li> </ul>	
Divides a polynomial by a monomial	<ul> <li>Solves real-world systems of linear equations</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Factors polynomials by identifying common factors</li> </ul>	Solves polynomial inequalities	
• Factors trinomials in the form x <sup>2</sup> + bx + c	<ul> <li>Uses graphs to solve systems of linear inequalities</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Factors polynomials using difference of squares</li> </ul>		
Writes equivalent forms of algebraic equations using multiplication and division		
Solves linear equations using rational numbers		
<ul> <li>Applies algebraic methods to solve complex real-world and theoretical problems</li> </ul>		
Rewrites a complex formula to solve for a specific variable		
Identifies discriminants and roots		
Solves quadratic equations by factoring		
Solves quadratic equations by completing the square		
• Solves polynomial equations (e.g., $ax = b + cx$ , $a(x + b) = c$ , $ax + b = cx + d$ , $a(bx + c) = d(ex + f)$ , $a/x = b$ )		
Uses polynomial equations to solve area and perimeter problems		
<ul> <li>Solves polynomial equations with integers as exponents</li> </ul>		
Uses the Multiplication Property of Equality as a first step in solving systems of linear equations		
Uses substitution as a first step in solving systems of linear equations		
Uses algebraic methods to solve systems of linear equations		
<ul> <li>Uses graphs to solve systems of linear equations</li> </ul>		
Solves real-world systems of linear equations		
<ul> <li>Solves single variable linear inequalities with the variable in only one member using number lines</li> </ul>		
Solves single variable linear inequalities with variable in both members using number lines		

Explanatory Notes

\* At the range mid-point, this is the probability students would correctly answer items measuring these concepts and skills. Both data from test items and review by NWEA curriculum specialists are used to place Learning Continuum statements into appropriate RIT ranges. Blank cells indicate data are limited or unavailable for this range or document version.



## DesCartes: A Continuum of Learning®

Mathematics

Goal: Operations and Algebraic Thinking

RIT Score Range:261 - 270Statements Last Updated:Mar 10, 2014

Skills and Concepts to Enhance (73% Probability*) 251 - 260	Skills and Concepts to Develop (50% Probability*) 261 - 270	Skills and Concepts to Introduce (27% Probability*) 271 - 280
Expressions and Equations	Expressions and Equations	Expressions and Equations
<ul> <li>Uses graphs to solve systems of linear inequalities</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Determines the length of the side of a square, given the area</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Uses reasoning strategies to solve problems</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Uses fractional and negative exponents as optional ways of representing problem situations (e.g., 27<sup>2</sup>/3 = (27<sup>1</sup>/3)<sup>2</sup> = 9)</li> </ul>		
Use Functions to Model Relationships	Use Functions to Model Relationships	Use Functions to Model Relationships
Uses an algebraic expression to represent a triangular number pattern	Writes the equation of the line when given the graph of the line	
<ul> <li>Rewrites an equation for a line in standard form</li> </ul>	Writes linear equations, given slope and point on a line	
<ul> <li>Determines x- or y-intercept of a given linear equation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Models real life functions using function notation</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Writes the equation of the line when given the graph of the line</li> </ul>	Determines the minimum and maximum of a quadratic function	
<ul> <li>Determines the graph of a line when given the equation</li> </ul>	Analyzes the properties and characteristics of exponential functions	
<ul> <li>Writes linear equations, given two points on a line</li> </ul>		
Determines slope from graphs		
<ul> <li>Determines slope from ordered pairs and tables</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Identifies and describes situations with varying rates of change</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Represents a real-world function using a complex equation (e.g., variables on both sides, distributive, rational)</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Models real life functions using function notation</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Distinguishes between linear and nonlinear functions (analysis)</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Uses graphs to represent functions and interpret slope</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Identifies the equation of a parabola</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Determines the vertex of a parabola</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Determines the minimum and maximum of a quadratic function</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Analyzes the properties and characteristics of exponential functions</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Investigates, describes, and predicts the effects of parameter changes on the graphs of exponential functions</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Determines the effects of parameter changes on functions</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Determines the domain and range of a function</li> </ul>		
New Vocabulary: coordinate plane, quadratic equation, undefined, wider, x-coordinate, y-coordinate	New Vocabulary: geometric series, semi-annual New Signs and Symbols: P principal, r rate, t time	New Vocabulary: None New Signs and Symbols: None
New Signs and Symbols: [] square brackets, { } set notation, P perimeter		

## **Explanatory Notes**

\* At the range mid-point, this is the probability students would correctly answer items measuring these concepts and skills. Both data from test items and review by NWEA curriculum specialists are used to place Learning Continuum statements into appropriate RIT ranges. Blank cells indicate data are limited or unavailable for this range or document version.