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## Mathematics

RIT Score Range:
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 |
| - Simplifies rational expressions with exponents <br> - Solves problems with scientific notation <br> - Describes and uses a variable with whole numbers, multiplication, and division in a contextual situation <br> - Uses expressions to represent situations that involve variable quantities with exponents <br> - Evaluates expressions by substituting with rational numbers <br> - Simplifies monomials <br> - Simplifies polynomial expressions <br> - Simplifies algebraic expressions with integer exponents <br> - Multiplies binomials <br> - Multiplies a polynomial by a polynomial <br> - Divides a polynomial by a monomial <br> - Factors polynomials by identifying common factors <br> - Factors trinomials in the form $x^{\wedge} 2+b x+c$ <br> - Factors polynomials using difference of squares <br> - Writes equivalent forms of algebraic equations using multiplication and division <br> - Solves linear equations using rational numbers <br> - Applies algebraic methods to solve complex real-world and theoretical problems <br> - Rewrites a complex formula to solve for a specific variable <br> - Identifies discriminants and roots <br> - Solves quadratic equations by factoring <br> - Solves quadratic equations by completing the square <br> - Solves polynomial equations (e.g., $a x=b+c x, a(x+b)=c, a x+b=$ $c x+d, a(b x+c)=d(e x+f), a / x=b)$ <br> - Uses polynomial equations to solve area and perimeter problems <br> - Solves polynomial equations with integers as exponents <br> - Uses the Multiplication Property of Equality as a first step in solving systems of linear equations <br> - Uses substitution as a first step in solving systems of linear equations <br> - Uses algebraic methods to solve systems of linear equations <br> - Uses graphs to solve systems of linear equations <br> - Solves real-world systems of linear equations <br> - Solves single variable linear inequalities with the variable in only one member using number lines <br> - Solves single variable linear inequalities with variable in both members using number lines | - Simplifies rational expressions with exponents <br> - Simplifies rational expressions with negative exponents <br> - Estimates the limit of a given infinite sequence (e.g., given the sequence $1 / n$, as $n$ gets larger) <br> - Uses the compound interest equation to solve problems <br> - Simplifies monomials <br> - Simplifies polynomial expressions using power laws <br> - Factors polynomials by identifying a common monomial and then factoring the trinomial <br> - Rewrites a complex formula to solve for a specific variable <br> - Solves quadratic equations using the quadratic formula <br> - Solves quadratic equations by completing the square <br> - Solves real-world systems of linear equations <br> - Solves polynomial inequalities <br> - Uses graphs to solve systems of linear inequalities | - Describes a relationship or a real-world situation represented by a quadratic equation |

Explanatory Notes
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| Expressions and Equations | Expressions and Equations | Expressions and Equations |
| - Uses graphs to solve systems of linear inequalities <br> - Determines the length of the side of a square, given the area <br> - Uses reasoning strategies to solve problems <br> - Uses fractional and negative exponents as optional ways of representing problem situations (e.g., $27^{\wedge} 2 / 3=\left(27^{\wedge} 1 / 3\right)^{\wedge} 2=9$ ) |  |  |
| 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 <br> - Rewrites an equation for a line in standard form <br> - Determines $x$ - or $y$-intercept of a given linear equation <br> - Writes the equation of the line when given the graph of the line <br> - Determines the graph of a line when given the equation <br> - Writes linear equations, given two points on a line <br> - Determines slope from graphs <br> - Determines slope from ordered pairs and tables <br> - Identifies and describes situations with varying rates of change <br> - Represents a real-world function using a complex equation (e.g., variables on both sides, distributive, rational) <br> - Models real life functions using function notation <br> - Distinguishes between linear and nonlinear functions (analysis) <br> - Uses graphs to represent functions and interpret slope <br> - Identifies the equation of a parabola <br> - Determines the vertex of a parabola <br> - Determines the minimum and maximum of a quadratic function <br> - Analyzes the properties and characteristics of exponential functions <br> - Investigates, describes, and predicts the effects of parameter changes on the graphs of exponential functions <br> - Determines the effects of parameter changes on functions <br> - Determines the domain and range of a function | - Writes the equation of the line when given the graph of the line <br> - Writes linear equations, given slope and point on a line <br> - Models real life functions using function notation <br> - Determines the minimum and maximum of a quadratic function <br> - Analyzes the properties and characteristics of exponential functions |  |
| New Vocabulary: coordinate plane, quadratic equation, undefined, wider, | New Vocabulary: geometric series, semi-annual | New Vocabulary: None |
| x-coordinate, y-coordinate <br> New Signs and Symbols: [ ] square brackets, \{ \} set notation, P perimeter | New Signs and Symbols: P principal, r rate, t time | New Signs and Symbols: None |

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