Tennessee Math Standards

Introduction

The Process

The Tennessee State Math Standards were reviewed and developed by Tennessee teachers for Tennessee schools. The rigorous process used to arrive at the standards in this document began with a public review of the then-current standards. After receiving 130,000+ reviews and 20,000+ comments, a committee composed of Tennessee educators spanning elementary through higher education reviewed each standard. The committee scrutinized and debated each standard using public feedback and the collective expertise of the group. The committee kept some standards as written, changed or added imbedded examples, clarified the wording of some standards, moved some standards to different grades, and wrote new standards that needed to be included for coherence and rigor. From here the standards went before the appointed Standards Review Committee to make further recommendations before being presented to the Tennessee Board of Education for final adoption.

The result is Tennessee Math Standards for Tennessee Students by Tennesseans.

Mathematically Prepared

Tennessee students have various mathematical needs that their K-12 education should address.

All students should be able to recall and use their math education when the need arises. That is, a student should know certain math facts and concepts such as the multiplication table, how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide basic numbers, how to work with simple fractions and percentages, etc. There is a level of procedural fluency that a student's K-12 math education should provide him or her along with conceptual understanding so that this can be recalled and used throughout his or her life. Students also need to be able to reason mathematically. This includes problem solving skills in work and non-work related settings and the ability to critically evaluate the reasoning of others.

A student's K-12 math education should also prepare him or her to be free to pursue post-secondary education opportunities. Students should be able to pursue whatever career choice, and its post-secondary education requirements, that they desire. To this end, the K-12 math standards lay the foundation that allows any student to continue further in college, technical school, or with any other post-secondary educational needs.

A college and career ready math class is one that addresses all of the needs listed above. The standards' role is to define what our students should know, understand, and be able to do mathematically so as to fulfill these needs. To that end, the standards address conceptual understanding, procedural fluency, and application.

Conceptual Understanding, Procedural Fluency, and Application

In order for our students to be mathematically proficient, the standards focus on a balanced development of conceptual understanding, procedural fluency, and application. Through this balance, students gain understanding and critical thinking skills that are necessary to be truly college and career ready.

Conceptual understanding refers to understanding mathematical concepts, operations, and relations. It is more than knowing isolated facts and methods. Students should be able to make sense of why a mathematical idea is important and the kinds of contexts in which it is useful. It also allows students to connect prior knowledge to new ideas and concepts.

Procedural fluency is the ability to apply procedures accurately, efficiently, and flexibly. One cannot stop with memorization of facts and procedures alone. It is about recognizing when one strategy or procedure is more appropriate to apply than another. Students need opportunities to justify both informal strategies and commonly used procedures through distributed practice. Procedural fluency includes computational fluency with the four arithmetic operations. In the early grades, students are expected to develop fluency with whole numbers in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Therefore, computational fluency expectations are addressed throughout the standards. Procedural fluency extends students' computational fluency and applies in all strands of mathematics. It builds from initial exploration and discussion of number concepts to using informal strategies and the properties of operations to develop general methods for solving problems (NCTM, 2014).

Application provides a valuable context for learning and the opportunity to practice skills in a relevant and a meaningful way. As early as Kindergarten, students are solving simple "word problems" with meaningful contexts. In fact, it is in solving word problems that students are building a repertoire of procedures for computation. They learn to select an efficient strategy and determine whether the solution(s) makes sense. Problem solving provides an important context in which students learn about numbers and other mathematical topics by reasoning and developing critical thinking skills (Adding It Up, 2001).

Progressions

The standards for each grade are not written to be nor are they to be considered as an island in and of themselves. There is a flow, or progression, from one grade to the next, all the way through to the high school standards. There are four main progressions that are composed of mathematical domains/conceptual categories (see the Structure section below and color chart on the following page).

The progressions are grouped as follows:

Grade	Domain/Conceptual Category
K	Counting and Cardinality
K-5	Number and Operations in Base Ten
3-5	Number and Operations – Fractions
6-7	Ratios and Proportional Relationships
6-8	The Number System
9-12	Number and Quantity
K-5	Operations and Algebraic Thinking
6-8	Expressions and Equations
8	Functions
9-12	Algebra and Functions
K-12	Geometry
K-5	Measurement and Data
6-12	Statistics and Probability

State Standards – Mathematics Learning Progressions

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Each of the progressions begins in Kindergarten, with a constant movement toward the high school standards as a student advances through the grades. This is very important to guarantee a steady, age appropriate progression which allows the student and teacher alike to see the overall coherence of and connections among the mathematical topics. It also ensures that gaps are not created in the mathematical education of our students.

Structure of the Standards

Most of the structure of the previous state standards has been maintained. This structure is logical and informative as well as easy to follow. An added benefit is that most Tennessee teachers are already familiar with it.

The structure includes:

- **Content Standards -** Statements of what a student should know, understand, and be able to do.

- **Clusters -** Groups of related standards. Cluster headings may be considered as the big idea(s) that the group of standards they represent are addressing. They are therefore useful as a quick summary of the progression of ideas that the standards in a domain are covering and can help teachers to determine the focus of the standards they are teaching.

- **Domains -** A large category of mathematics that the clusters and their respective content standards delineate and address. For example, *Number and Operations – Fractions* is a domain under which there are a number of clusters (the big ideas that will be addressed) along with their respective content standards, which give the specifics of what the student should know, understand, and be able to do when working with fractions.

- **Conceptual Categories –** The content standards, clusters, and domains in the 9^{th}-12^{th} grades are further organized under conceptual categories. These are very broad categories of mathematical thought and lend themselves to the organization of high school course work. For example, Algebra is a conceptual category in the high school standards under which are domains such as Seeing Structure in Expressions, Creating Equations, Arithmetic with Polynomials and Rational Expressions, etc.

Standards and Curriculum

It should be noted that the standards are what students should know, understand, and be able to do; but, they do not dictate how a teacher is to teach them. In other words, the standards do not dictate curriculum. For example, students are to understand and be able to add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions according to the standards. Although within the standards algorithms are mentioned and examples are given for clarification, how to approach these concepts and the order in which the standards are taught within a grade or course are all decisions determined by the local district, school, and teachers.

Example from the Standards' Document for K – 8

Taken from 3rd Grade Standards:

Measurement and Data (MD)	
Cluster Headings	**Content Standards**
A. Solve problems involving measurement and estimation of intervals of time, liquid volumes, and masses of objects.	3.MD.A.1 Tell and write time to the nearest minute and measure time intervals in minutes. Solve contextual problems involving addition and subtraction of time intervals in minutes. *For example, students may use a number line to determine the difference between the start time and the end time of lunch.* 3.MD.A.2 Measure the mass of objects and liquid volume using standard units of grams (g), kilograms (kg), milliliters (ml), and liters (l). Estimate the mass of objects and liquid volume using benchmarks. *For example, a large paper clip is about one gram, so a box of about 100 large clips is about 100 grams. Therefore, ten boxes would be about 1 kilogram.*

The domain is indicated at the top of the table of standards. The left column of the table contains the cluster headings. A light green coloring of the cluster heading (and codes of each of the standards within that cluster) indicates the major work of the grade. Supporting standards have no coloring. In this way, printing on a non-color printer, the standards belonging to the major work of the grade will be lightly shaded and stand distinct from the supporting standards. This color coding scheme will be followed throughout all standards K – 12. Next to the clusters are the content standards that indicate specifically what a student is to know, understand, and do with respect to that cluster. The numbering scheme for K-8 is intuitive and consistent throughout the grades. The numbering scheme for the high school standards will be somewhat different.

Example coding for grades K-8 standards:
3.MD.A.1
3 is the grade level.
Measurement and Data (**MD**) is the domain.
A is the cluster (ordered by A, B, C, etc. for first cluster, second cluster, etc.).
1 is the standard number (the standards are numbered consecutively throughout each domain regardless of cluster).

Example from the Standards' Document for 9 – 12

Taken from Integrated Math 1 Standards:

Algebra

Seeing Structure in Expressions (A.SSE)

Cluster Headings	Content Standards	Scope & Clarifications
A. Interpret the structure of expressions.	**M1.A.SSE.A.1** Interpret expressions that represent a quantity in terms of its context.* **a.** Interpret parts of an expression, such as terms, factors, and coefficients. **b.** Interpret complicated expressions by viewing one or more of their parts as a single entity.	*For example, interpret $P(1 + r)^n$ as the product of P and a factor not depending on P.* *Tasks are limited to linear and exponential expressions, including related numerical expressions.*

The high school standards follow a slightly different coding structure. They start with the course indicator (M1 – Integrated Math 1, A1 – Algebra 1, G – Geometry, etc.), then the conceptual category (in the example below – Algebra) and then the domain (just above the table of standards it represents – Seeing Structure in Expressions). There are various domains under each conceptual category. The table of standards contains the cluster headings (see explanation above), content standards, and the scope and clarifications column, which gives further clarification of the standard and the extent of its coverage in the course. A * with a standard indicates a modeling standard (see MP4 on p.11). The color coding is light green for the major work of the grade and no color for the supporting standards.

Example coding for grades 9-12 standards:
M1.A.SSE.A.1
Integrated Math 1 (**M1**) is the course.
Algebra (**A**) is the conceptual category.
Seeing Structure in Expressions (**SSE**) is the domain.
A is the cluster (ordered by A, B, C, etc. for first cluster, second cluster, etc.).
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The Standards for Mathematical Practice

Being successful in mathematics requires that development of approaches, practices, and habits of mind be in place as one strives to develop mathematical fluency, procedural skills, and conceptual understanding. The Standards for Mathematical Practice are meant to address these areas of expertise that teachers should seek to develop within their students. These approaches, practices, and habits of mind can be summarized as “processes and proficiencies” that successful mathematicians have as a part of their work in mathematics.

Processes and proficiencies are two words that address the purpose and intent of the practice standards. Process is used to indicate a particular course of action intended to achieve a result, and this ties to the process standards from NCTM that pertain to problem solving, reasoning and proof, communication, representation, and connections. Proficiencies pertain to being skilled in the command of fundamentals derived from practice and familiarity. Mathematically, this addresses concepts such as adaptive reasoning, strategic competence, conceptual understanding, procedural fluency, and productive dispositions toward the work at hand. The practice standards are written to address the needs of the student with respect to being successful in mathematics.

These standards are most readily developed in the solving of high-level mathematical tasks. High-level tasks demand a greater level of cognitive effort to solve than routine practice problems do. Such tasks require one to make sense of the problem and work at solving it. Often a student must reason abstractly and quantitatively as he or she constructs an approach. The student must be able to argue his or her point as well as critique the reasoning of others with respect to the task. These tasks are rich enough to support various entry points for finding solutions. To develop the processes and proficiencies addressed in the practice standards, students must be engaged in rich, high-level mathematical tasks that support the approaches, practices, and habits of mind which are called for within these standards.

The following are the eight standards for mathematical practice:

Standards for Mathematical Practice
1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. 2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively. 3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others. 4. Model with mathematics. 5. Use appropriate tools strategically. 6. Attend to precision. 7. Look for and make use of structure. 8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

A full description of each of these standards follows.

MP1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

Mathematically proficient students start by explaining to themselves the meaning of a problem and looking for entry points to its solution. They analyze givens, constraints, relationships, and goals. They make conjectures about the form and meaning of the solution and plan a solution pathway rather than simply jumping into a solution attempt. They consider analogous problems and try special cases and simpler forms of the original problem in order to gain insight into its solution. They monitor and evaluate their progress and change course if necessary. Older students might, depending on the context of the problem, transform algebraic expressions or change the viewing window on their graphing calculator to get the information they need. Mathematically proficient students can explain correspondences between equations, verbal descriptions, tables, and graphs or draw diagrams of important features and relationships, graph data, and search for regularity or trends. Younger students might rely on using concrete objects or pictures to help conceptualize and solve a problem. Mathematically proficient students check their answers to problems using a different method, and they continually ask themselves, "Does this make sense?" They can understand the approaches of others to solving complex problems and identify correspondences between different approaches.

MP2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively.

Mathematically proficient students make sense of quantities and their relationships in problem situations. They bring two complementary abilities to bear on problems involving quantitative relationships: the ability to *decontextualize*—to abstract a given situation and represent it symbolically and manipulate the representing symbols as if they have a life of their own, without necessarily attending to their referents—and the ability to *contextualize*, to pause as needed during the manipulation process in order to probe into the referents for the symbols involved. Quantitative reasoning entails habits of creating a coherent representation of the problem at hand, considering the units involved, attending to the meaning of quantities, not just how to compute them, and knowing and flexibly using different properties of operations and objects.

MP3: 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.

MP4: 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.

MP5: Use appropriate tools strategically.

Mathematically proficient students consider the available tools when solving a mathematical problem. These tools might include pencil and paper, concrete models, a ruler, a compass, a protractor, a calculator, a spreadsheet, a computer algebra system, a statistical package, or dynamic geometry software. Proficient students are sufficiently familiar with tools appropriate for their grade or course to make sound decisions about when each of these tools might be helpful, recognizing both the insight to be gained and their limitations. For example, mathematically proficient high school students analyze graphs of functions and solutions generated using a graphing calculator. They detect possible errors by strategically using estimation and other mathematical knowledge. When making mathematical models, they know that technology can enable them to visualize the results of varying assumptions, explore consequences, and compare predictions with data. Mathematically proficient students at various grade levels are able to identify relevant external mathematical resources, such as digital content located on a website, and use them to pose or solve problems. They are able to use technological tools to explore and deepen their understanding of concepts.

MP6: 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, expressing 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.

MP7: Look for and make use of structure.

Mathematically proficient students look closely to discern a pattern or structure. Young students, for example, might notice that three and seven more is the same amount as seven and three more, or they may sort a collection of shapes according to how many sides the shapes have. Later, students see 7 × 8 equals the well-remembered 7 × 5 + 7 × 3, in preparation for learning about the distributive property. In the expression $x^2 + 9x + 14$, older students can see the 14 as 2 × 7 and the 9 as 2 + 7. They recognize the significance of an existing line in a geometric figure and can use the strategy of drawing an auxiliary line for solving problems. They also can step back for an overview and shift perspective. They can see complicated things, such as some algebraic expressions, as single objects or as being composed of several objects. For example, they can see $5 - 3(x - y)^2$ as 5 minus a positive number times a square and use that to realize that its value cannot be more than 5 for any real numbers x and y.

MP8: Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

Mathematically proficient students notice if calculations are repeated and look both for general methods and for shortcuts. Upper elementary students might notice when dividing 25 by 11 that they are repeating the same calculations over and over again, and conclude they have a repeating decimal. By paying attention to the calculation of slope as they repeatedly check whether points are on the line through (1, 2) with slope 3, middle school students might abstract the equation $(y - 2)/(x - 1) = 3$. Noticing the regularity in the way terms cancel when expanding $(x - 1)(x + 1)$, $(x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)$, and $(x - 1)(x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)$ might lead them to the general formula for the sum of a geometric series. As they work to solve a problem, mathematically proficient students maintain oversight of the process, while attending to the details. They continually evaluate the reasonableness of their intermediate results.

Literacy Skills for Mathematical Proficiency

Communication in mathematics employs literacy skills in reading, vocabulary, speaking and listening, and writing. Mathematically proficient students communicate using precise terminology and multiple representations including graphs, tables, charts, and diagrams. By describing and contextualizing mathematics, students create arguments and support conclusions. They evaluate and critique the reasoning of others and analyze and reflect on their own thought processes. Mathematically proficient students have the capacity to engage fully with mathematics in context by posing questions, choosing appropriate problem-solving approaches, and justifying solutions.

Literacy Skills for Mathematical Proficiency
1. Use multiple reading strategies. 2. Understand and use correct mathematical vocabulary. 3. Discuss and articulate mathematical ideas. 4. Write mathematical arguments.

Reading

Reading in mathematics is different from reading literature. Mathematics contains expository text along with precise definitions, theorems, examples, graphs, tables, charts, diagrams, and exercises. Students are expected to recognize multiple representations of information, use mathematics in context, and draw conclusions from the information presented. In the early grades, non-readers and struggling readers benefit from the use of multiple representations and contexts to develop mathematical connections, processes, and procedures. As students' literacy skills progress, their skills in mathematics develop so that by high school, students are using multiple reading strategies, analyzing context-based problems to develop understanding and comprehension, interpreting and using multiple representations, and fully engaging with mathematics textbooks and other mathematics-based materials. These skills support Mathematical Practices 1 and 2.

Vocabulary

Understanding and using mathematical vocabulary correctly is essential to mathematical proficiency. Mathematically proficient students use precise mathematical vocabulary to express ideas. In all grades, separating mathematical vocabulary from everyday use of words is important for developing an understanding of mathematical concepts. For example, a “table” in everyday use means a piece of furniture, while in mathematics, a “table” is a way of organizing and presenting information. Mathematically proficient students are able to parse a mathematical term, definition, or theorem, provide examples and counterexamples, and use precise mathematical vocabulary in reading, speaking, and writing arguments and explanations. These skills support Mathematical Practice 6.

Speaking and Listening

Mathematically proficient students can listen critically, discuss, and articulate their mathematical ideas clearly to others. As students' mathematical abilities mature, they move from communicating through reiterating others' ideas to paraphrasing, summarizing, and drawing their own conclusions. A mathematically proficient student uses appropriate mathematics vocabulary in verbal discussions, listens to mathematical arguments, and dissects an argument to recognize flaws or determine validity. These skills support Mathematical Practice 3.

Writing

Mathematically proficient students write mathematical arguments to support and refute conclusions and cite evidence for these conclusions. Throughout all grades, students write reflectively to compare and contrast problem-solving approaches, evaluate mathematical processes, and analyze their thinking and decision-making processes to improve their mathematical strategies. These skills support Mathematical Practices 2, 3, and 4.

Mathematics | Grade 6

The descriptions below provide an overview of the mathematical concepts and skills that students explore throughout the 6th grade.

Ratios and Proportional Relationships
6th grade begins the formal study of ratios and proportions. Students use reasoning about multiplication and division to solve ratio and rate problems about quantities. By viewing equivalent ratios and rates as deriving from, and extending, pairs of rows (or columns) in the multiplication table and by analyzing simple drawings that indicate the relative size of quantities, students connect their understanding of multiplication and division with ratios and rates. Thus students expand the scope of problems for which they can use multiplication and division to solve problems, and they connect ratios and fractions. Students solve a wide variety of problems involving ratios and rates. Proportional relationships are added and studied in the 7th grade.

The Number System
Students use fractions, multiplication, and division along with an understanding of the relationship between multiplication and division to understand and explain why the procedures for dividing fractions make sense. Students use these operations to solve problems. Students also extend their previous understandings of numbers and the ordering of numbers to the full system of rational numbers, which includes negative rational numbers, and in particular negative integers. They reason about the order and absolute value of rational numbers and about the location of points in all four quadrants of the coordinate plane.

Expressions and Equations
Students begin to use properties of arithmetic operations systematically to work with numerical expressions that contain whole-number exponents. Students come to understand more fully the use of variables and variable expressions. They write expressions and equations that correspond to given situations, evaluate expressions, and use expressions and formulas to solve problems. Students understand that expressions in different forms can be equivalent, and they use the properties of operations to rewrite expressions in equivalent forms. Students know that the solutions of an equation are the values of the variables that make the equation true. Students use properties of operations and the idea of maintaining the equality of both sides of an equation to solve simple one-step equations. Students explore how algebraic expressions can represent written situations and generalize relationships from specific cases.

Geometry
Students build on their work with area from earlier grades by reasoning about relationships among shapes to determine area, surface area, and volume. They find areas of right triangles, other triangles, and special quadrilaterals by decomposing these shapes, rearranging or removing pieces, and relating the shapes to rectangles. Using these methods, students discuss, develop, and justify formulas for areas of triangles and parallelograms. Students find areas of polygons and surface areas of prisms and pyramids by decomposing them into pieces whose area they can more easily determine. They reason about right rectangular prisms with fractional side lengths to extend formulas for the volume of a right rectangular prism to fractional side lengths. They prepare for work on scale drawings and constructions in the 7th grade by drawing polygons in the coordinate plane.

Statistics and Probability
6th grade students begin to formally develop their ability to think statistically. They understand that a set of data (collected to answer a question) will have a distribution, which can be described by its center, spread, and shape. Students calculate the median, mean, and mode and relate these to the overall shape of the distribution. They recognize that the median measures center in the sense that it is roughly the middle value. The mean measures center in the sense that it is the value that each data point would take on if the total of the data values were redistributed equally, and also in the sense that it is a balance point. They understand that the mode refers to the most frequently occurring number found in a set of numbers and is found by collecting and organizing the data in order to count the frequency of each result. Students display, summarize and describe numerical data sets, considering the context in which the data were collected. Students use number lines, dot plots, box plots, and pie charts to display numerical data.

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Ratios and Proportional Relationships (RP)

Cluster Headings	Content Standards
A. Understand ratio concepts and use ratio reasoning to solve problems.	**6.RP.A.1** Understand the concept of a ratio and use ratio language to describe a ratio relationship between two quantities. *For example, the ratio of wings to beaks in a bird house at the zoo was 2:1, because for every 2 wings there was 1 beak. Another example could be for every vote candidate A received, candidate C received nearly three votes*
	6.RP.A.2 Understand the concept of a unit rate *a/b* associated with a ratio *a:b* with *b ≠ 0*. Use rate language in the context of a ratio relationship. *For example, this recipe has a ratio of 3 cups of flour to 4 cups of sugar, so there is 3/4 cup of flour for each cup of sugar. Also, we paid $75 for 15 hamburgers, which is a rate of $5 per hamburger.* (Expectations for unit rates in 6th grade are limited to non-complex fractions).
	6.RP.A.3 Use ratio and rate reasoning to solve real-world and mathematical problems (e.g., by reasoning about tables of equivalent ratios, tape diagrams, double number line diagrams, or equations). **a.** Make tables of equivalent ratios relating quantities with whole number measurements, find missing values in the tables, and plot the pairs of values on the coordinate plane. Use tables to compare ratios. **b.** Solve unit rate problems including those involving unit pricing and constant speed*. For example, if a runner ran 10 miles in 90 minutes, running at that speed, how long will it take him to run 6 miles? How fast is he running in miles per hour?* **c.** Find a percent of a quantity as a rate per 100 (e.g., 30% of a quantity means 30/100 times the quantity); solve problems involving finding the whole, given a part and the percent. **d.** Use ratio reasoning to convert customary and metric measurement units (within the same system); manipulate and transform units appropriately when multiplying or dividing quantities.

The Number System (NS)

Cluster Headings	Content Standards
A. Apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division to divide fractions by fractions.	**6.NS.A.1** Interpret and compute quotients of fractions, and solve contextual problems involving division of fractions by fractions (e.g., using visual fraction models and equations to represent the problem is suggested). *For example, create a story context for (2/3) ÷ (3/4) and use a visual fraction model to show the quotient; use the relationship between multiplication and division to explain that (2/3) ÷ (3/4) = 8/9 because 3/4 times 8/9 is 2/3 ((a/b) ÷ (c/d) = ad/bc.)* *Further example: How much chocolate will each person get if 3 people share 1/2 lb of chocolate equally? How wide is a rectangular strip of land with length 3/4 mi and area 1/2 square mi?*

Cluster Headings	Content Standards
B. Compute fluently with multi-digit numbers and find common factors and multiples.	**6.NS.B.2** Fluently divide multi-digit numbers using a standard algorithm. **6.NS.B.3** Fluently add, subtract, multiply, and divide multi-digit decimals using a standard algorithm for each operation. **6.NS.B.4** Find the greatest common factor of two whole numbers less than or equal to 100 and the least common multiple of two whole numbers less than or equal to 12. Use the distributive property to express a sum of two whole numbers 1–100 with a common factor as a multiple of a sum of two whole numbers with no common factor. *For example, express 36 + 8 as 4 (9 + 2).*
C. Apply and extend previous understandings of numbers to the system of rational numbers.	**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.
	6.NS.C.6 Understand a rational number as a point on the number line. Extend number line diagrams and coordinate axes familiar from previous grades to represent points on the line and in the plane with negative number coordinates. **a.** 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. *For example, – (–3) = 3, and that 0 is its own opposite.* **b.** 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. **c.** Find and position integers and other rational numbers on a horizontal or vertical number line diagram; find and position pairs of integers and other rational numbers on a coordinate plane.
	6.NS.C.7 Understand ordering and absolute value of rational numbers. **a.** Interpret statements of inequality as statements about the relative position of two numbers on a number line diagram. *For example, interpret –3 > –7 as a statement that –3 is located to the right of –7 on a number line oriented from left to right.* **b.** Write, interpret, and explain statements of order for rational numbers in real-world contexts. *For example, write –3 °C > –7 °C to express the fact that –3 °C is warmer than –7 °C.* **c.** Understand the absolute value of a rational number as its distance from 0 on the number line and distinguish comparisons of absolute value from statements about order in a real-world context. *For example, an account balance of -24 dollars represents a greater debt than an account balance -14 dollars because -24 is located to the left of -14 on the number line*

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C. Apply and extend previous understandings of numbers to the system of rational numbers.	**6.NS.C.8** Solve real-world and mathematical problems by graphing points in all four quadrants of the coordinate plane. Include use of coordinates and absolute value to find distances between points with the same first coordinate or the same second coordinate.

Expressions and Equations (EE)

Cluster Headings	Content Standards
A. Apply and extend previous understandings of arithmetic to algebraic expressions.	**6.EE.A.1** Write and evaluate numerical expressions involving whole-number exponents.
	6.EE.A.2 Write, read, and evaluate expressions in which variables stand for numbers. **a.** Write expressions that record operations with numbers and with variables. *For example, express the calculation "Subtract y from 5" as 5 - y.* **b.** 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. *For example, describe the expression 2 (8 + 7) as a product of two factors; view (8 + 7) as both a single entity and a sum of two terms.* **c.** 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).
	6.EE.A.3 Apply the properties of operations (including, but not limited to, commutative, associative, and distributive properties) to generate equivalent expressions. The distributive property is prominent here. *For example, apply the distributive property to the expression* 3 (2 + x) *to produce the equivalent expression* 6 + 3x*; apply the distributive property to the expression* 24x + 18y *to produce the equivalent expression* 6 (4x + 3y)*; apply properties of operations to* y + y + y *to produce the equivalent expression* 3y.
	6.EE.A.4 Identify when expressions are equivalent (i.e., when the expressions name the same number regardless of which value is substituted into them). *For example, the expression* 5b + 3b *is equivalent to* (5 +3) b*, which is equivalent to* 8b.
B. Reason about and solve one-variable equations and inequalities.	**6.EE.B.5** Understand solving an equation or inequality is carried out by determining if any of the values from a given set make the equation or inequality true. Use substitution to determine whether a given number in a specified set makes an equation or inequality true.

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B. Reason about and solve one-variable equations and inequalities.	**6.EE.B.6** Use variables to represent numbers and write expressions when solving a real-world or mathematical problem; understand that a variable can represent an unknown number, or, depending on the purpose at hand, any number in a specified set. **6.EE.B.7** Solve real-world and mathematical problems by writing and solving one-step equations of the form $x + p = q$ and $px = q$ for cases in which p, q, and x are all nonnegative rational numbers. **6.EE.B.8** Interpret and write an inequality of the form $x > c$ or $x < c$ which represents a condition or constraint in a real-world or mathematical problem. Recognize that inequalities have infinitely many solutions; represent solutions of inequalities on number line diagrams.
C. Represent and analyze quantitative relationships between dependent and independent variables.	**6.EE.C.9** Use variables to represent two quantities in a real-world problem that change in relationship to one another. *For example, Susan is putting money in her savings account by depositing a set amount each week (50). Represent her savings account balance with respect to the number of weekly deposits (*s = 50w*, illustrating the relationship between balance amount* s *and number of weeks* w*).* **a.** Write an equation to express one quantity, thought of as the dependent variable, in terms of the other quantity, thought of as the independent variable. **b.** Analyze the relationship between the dependent and independent variables using graphs and tables, and relate these to the equation.

Geometry (G)

Cluster Headings	Content Standards
A. Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving area, surface area, and volume.	**6.G.A.1** Find the area of right triangles, other triangles, special quadrilaterals, and polygons by composing into rectangles or decomposing into triangles and other shapes; know and apply these techniques in the context of solving real-world and mathematical problems. **6.G.A.2** Find the volume of a right rectangular prism with fractional edge lengths by packing it with unit cubes of the appropriate unit fraction edge lengths, and show that the volume is the same as would be found by multiplying the edge lengths of the prism. Know and apply the formulas $V = lwh$ and $V = Bh$ *where B is the area of the base* to find volumes of right rectangular prisms with fractional edge lengths in the context of solving real-world and mathematical problems.

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A. Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving area, surface area, and volume.	**6.G.A.3** Draw polygons in the coordinate plane given coordinates for the vertices; use coordinates to find the length of a side that joins two vertices (vertical or horizontal segments only). Know and apply these techniques in the context of solving real-world and mathematical problems. **6.G.A.4** Represent three-dimensional figures using nets made up of rectangles and triangles, and use the nets to find the surface area of these figures. Apply these techniques in the context of solving real-world and mathematical problems.

Statistics and Probability (SP)

Cluster Headings	Content Standards
A. Develop understanding of statistical variability.	**6.SP.A.1** Recognize a statistical question as one that anticipates variability in the data related to the question and accounts for it in the answers. *For example, "How old am I?" is not a statistical question, but "How old are the students in my school?" is a statistical question because one anticipates variability in students' ages.* **6.SP.A.2** Understand that a set of data collected to answer a statistical question has a distribution which can be described by its center (mean, median, mode), spread (range), and overall shape. **6.SP.A.3** Recognize that a measure of center for a numerical data set summarizes all of its values with a single number, while a measure of variation describes how its values vary with a single number.
B. Summarize and describe distributions.	**6.SP.B.4** Display a single set of numerical data using dot plots (line plots), box plots, pie charts and stem plots.
	6.SP.B.5 Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context. **a.** Report the number of observations. **b.** Describe the nature of the attribute under investigation, including how it was measured and its units of measurement. **c.** Give quantitative measures of center (median and/or mean) and variability (range) as well as describing any overall pattern with reference to the context in which the data were gathered. **d.** Relate the choice of measures of center to the shape of the data distribution and the context in which the data were gathered.

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