

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills

7th Grade Math

Introduction.

- (1) Within a well-balanced mathematics curriculum, the primary focal points at Grade 7 are using direct proportional relationships in number, geometry, measurement, and probability; applying addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of decimals, fractions, and integers; and using statistical measures to describe data.
- (2) Throughout mathematics in Grades 6-8, students build a foundation of basic understandings in number, operation, and quantitative reasoning; patterns, relationships, and algebraic thinking; geometry and spatial reasoning; measurement; and probability and statistics. Students use concepts, algorithms, and properties of rational numbers to explore mathematical relationships and to describe increasingly complex situations. Students use algebraic thinking to describe how a change in one quantity in a relationship results in a change in the other; and they connect verbal, numeric, graphic, and symbolic representations of relationships. Students use geometric properties and relationships, as well as spatial reasoning, to model and analyze situations and solve problems. Students communicate information about geometric figures or situations by quantifying attributes, generalize procedures from measurement experiences, and use the procedures to solve problems. Students use appropriate statistics, representations of data, reasoning, and concepts of probability to draw conclusions, evaluate arguments, and make recommendations.
- (3) Problem solving in meaningful contexts, language and communication, connections within and outside mathematics, and formal and informal reasoning underlie all content areas in mathematics. Throughout mathematics in Grades 6-8, students use these processes together with graphing technology and other mathematical tools such as manipulative materials to develop conceptual understanding and solve problems as they do mathematics.

Knowledge and skills.

- (7.1) **Number, operation, and quantitative reasoning.** The student represents and uses numbers in a variety of equivalent forms.

The student is expected to:

- (A) compare and order integers and positive rational numbers;
- (B) convert between fractions, decimals, whole numbers, and percents mentally, on paper, or with a calculator; and
- (C) represent squares and square roots using geometric models.

(7.2) **Number, operation, and quantitative reasoning.** The student adds, subtracts, multiplies, or divides to solve problems and justify solutions.

The student is expected to:

- (A) represent multiplication and division situations involving fractions and decimals with models, including concrete objects, pictures, words, and numbers;
- (B) use addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to solve problems involving fractions and decimals;
- (C) use models, such as concrete objects, pictorial models, and number lines, to add, subtract, multiply, and divide integers and connect the actions to algorithms;
- (D) use division to find unit rates and ratios in proportional relationships such as speed, density, price, recipes, and student-teacher ratio;
- (E) simplify numerical expressions involving order of operations and exponents;
- (F) select and use appropriate operations to solve problems and justify the selections; and
- (G) determine the reasonableness of a solution to a problem.

(7.3) **Patterns, relationships, and algebraic thinking.** The student solves problems involving direct proportional relationships.

The student is expected to:

- (A) estimate and find solutions to application problems involving percent; and
- (B) estimate and find solutions to application problems involving proportional relationships such as similarity, scaling, unit costs, and related measurement units.

(7.4) **Patterns, relationships, and algebraic thinking.** The student represents a relationship in numerical, geometric, verbal, and symbolic form.

The student is expected to:

- (A) generate formulas involving unit conversions, perimeter, area, circumference, volume, and scaling;
- (B) graph data to demonstrate relationships in familiar concepts such as conversions, perimeter, area, circumference, volume, and scaling; and

- (C) use words and symbols to describe the relationship between the terms in an arithmetic sequence (with a constant rate of change) and their positions in the sequence.

(7.5) **Patterns, relationships, and algebraic thinking.** The student uses equations to solve problems.

The student is expected to:

- (A) use concrete and pictorial models to solve equations and use symbols to record the actions; and
- (B) formulate problem situations when given a simple equation and formulate an equation when given a problem situation.

(7.6) **Geometry and spatial reasoning.** The student compares and classifies two- and three-dimensional figures using geometric vocabulary and properties.

The student is expected to:

- (A) use angle measurements to classify pairs of angles as complementary or supplementary;
- (B) use properties to classify triangles and quadrilaterals;
- (C) use properties to classify three-dimensional figures, including pyramids, cones, prisms, and cylinders; and
- (D) use critical attributes to define similarity.

(7.7) **Geometry and spatial reasoning.** The student uses coordinate geometry to describe location on a plane.

The student is expected to:

- (A) locate and name points on a coordinate plane using ordered pairs of integers; and
- (B) graph reflections across the horizontal or vertical axis and graph translations on a coordinate plane.

(7.8) **Geometry and spatial reasoning.** The student uses geometry to model and describe the physical world.

The student is expected to:

- (A) sketch three-dimensional figures when given the top, side, and front views;
- (B) make a net (two-dimensional model) of the surface area of a three-dimensional figure; and

- (C) use geometric concepts and properties to solve problems in fields such as art and architecture.

(7.9) **Measurement.** The student solves application problems involving estimation and measurement.

The student is expected to:

- (A) estimate measurements and solve application problems involving length (including perimeter and circumference) and area of polygons and other shapes;
- (B) connect models for volume of prisms (triangular and rectangular) and cylinders to formulas of prisms (triangular and rectangular) and cylinders; and
- (C) estimate measurements and solve application problems involving volume of prisms (rectangular and triangular) and cylinders.

(7.10) **Probability and statistics.** The student recognizes that a physical or mathematical model can be used to describe the experimental and theoretical probability of real-life events.

The student is expected to:

- (A) construct sample spaces for simple or composite experiments; and
- (B) find the probability of independent events.

(7.11) **Probability and statistics.** The student understands that the way a set of data is displayed influences its interpretation.

The student is expected to:

- (A) select and use an appropriate representation for presenting and displaying relationships among collected data, including line plot, line graph, bar graph, stem and leaf plot, circle graph, and Venn diagrams, and justify the selection; and
- (B) make inferences and convincing arguments based on an analysis of given or collected data.

(7.12) **Probability and statistics.** The student uses measures of central tendency and range to describe a set of data.

The student is expected to:

- (A) describe a set of data using mean, median, mode, and range; and
- (B) choose among mean, median, mode, or range to describe a set of data and justify the choice for a particular situation.

- (7.13) **Underlying processes and mathematical tools.** The student applies Grade 7 mathematics to solve problems connected to everyday experiences, investigations in other disciplines, and activities in and outside of school.

The student is expected to:

- (A) identify and apply mathematics to everyday experiences, to activities in and outside of school, with other disciplines, and with other mathematical topics;
- (B) use a problem-solving model that incorporates understanding the problem, making a plan, carrying out the plan, and evaluating the solution for reasonableness;
- (C) select or develop an appropriate problem-solving strategy from a variety of different types, including drawing a picture, looking for a pattern, systematic guessing and checking, acting it out, making a table, working a simpler problem, or working backwards to solve a problem; and
- (D) select tools such as real objects, manipulatives, paper/pencil, and technology or techniques such as mental math, estimation, and number sense to solve problems.

- (7.14) **Underlying processes and mathematical tools.** The student communicates about Grade 7 mathematics through informal and mathematical language, representations, and models.

The student is expected to:

- (A) communicate mathematical ideas using language, efficient tools, appropriate units, and graphical, numerical, physical, or algebraic mathematical models; and
- (B) evaluate the effectiveness of different representations to communicate ideas.

- (7.15) **Underlying processes and mathematical tools.** The student uses logical reasoning to make conjectures and verify conclusions.

The student is expected to:

- (A) make conjectures from patterns or sets of examples and nonexamples; and
- (B) validate his/her conclusions using mathematical properties and relationships.