

BACKGROUND

The province of Newfoundland and Labrador commissioned an independent review of mathematics curriculum in the summer of 2007. This review resulted in a number of significant recommendations. In March of 2008, it was announced that this province accepted all recommendations. The first and perhaps most significant of the recommendations were as follows:

- That the WNCPC Common Curriculum Frameworks for Mathematics K – 9 and Mathematics 10 – 12 (WNCPC, 2006 and 2008) be adopted as the basis for the K – 12 mathematics curriculum in this province.
- That implementation commence with Grades K, 1, 4, 7 in September 2008, followed by in Grades 2, 5, 8 in 2009 and Grades 3, 6, 9 in 2010.
- That textbooks and other resources specifically designed to match the WNCPC frameworks be adopted as an integral part of the proposed program change.
- That implementation be accompanied by an introductory professional development program designed to introduce the curriculum to all mathematics teachers at the appropriate grade levels prior to the first year of implementation.

As recommended, implementation at grades K, 1, 4 and 7 begins in September 2008. All teachers assigned to those grades in the spring of 2008 received a two-day professional development opportunity related to the new curriculum and resources. Newly hired teachers will have the same opportunity in September.

INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

The curriculum guide communicates high expectations for students.

The Mathematics Curriculum Guides for Newfoundland and Labrador have been derived from *The Common Curriculum Framework for K–9 Mathematics: Western and Northern Canadian Protocol*, May 2006 (the Common Curriculum Framework). These guides incorporate the conceptual framework for Kindergarten to Grade 9 Mathematics and the general outcomes, specific outcomes and achievement indicators established in the common curriculum framework. They also include suggestions for teaching and learning, suggested assessment strategies, and an identification of the associated resource match between the curriculum and authorized, as well as recommended, resource materials.

BELIEFS ABOUT STUDENTS AND MATHEMATICS LEARNING

Mathematical understanding is fostered when students build on their own experiences and prior knowledge.

Students are curious, active learners with individual interests, abilities and needs. They come to classrooms with varying knowledge, life experiences and backgrounds. A key component in successfully developing numeracy is making connections to these backgrounds and experiences.

Students learn by attaching meaning to what they do, and they need to construct their own meaning of mathematics. This meaning is best developed when learners encounter mathematical experiences that proceed from the simple to the complex and from the concrete to the abstract. Through the use of manipulatives and a variety of pedagogical approaches, teachers can address the diverse learning styles, cultural backgrounds and developmental stages of students, and enhance within them the formation of sound, transferable mathematical understandings. At all levels, students benefit from working with a variety of materials, tools and contexts when constructing meaning about new mathematical ideas. Meaningful student discussions provide essential links among concrete, pictorial and symbolic representations of mathematical concepts.

The learning environment should value and respect the diversity of students' experiences and ways of thinking, so that students are comfortable taking intellectual risks, asking questions and posing conjectures. Students need to explore problem-solving situations in order to develop personal strategies and become mathematically literate. They must realize that it is acceptable to solve problems in a variety of ways and that a variety of solutions may be acceptable.

AFFECTIVE DOMAIN

To experience success, students must be taught to set achievable goals and assess themselves as they work toward these goals.

A positive attitude is an important aspect of the affective domain and has a profound impact on learning. Environments that create a sense of belonging, encourage risk taking and provide opportunities for success help develop and maintain positive attitudes and self-confidence within students. Students with positive attitudes toward learning mathematics are likely to be motivated and prepared to learn, participate willingly in classroom activities, persist in challenging situations and engage in reflective practices.

Teachers, students and parents need to recognize the relationship between the affective and cognitive domains, and attempt to nurture those aspects of the affective domain that contribute to positive attitudes. To experience success, students must be taught to set achievable goals and assess themselves as they work toward these goals.

Striving toward success and becoming autonomous and responsible learners are ongoing, reflective processes that involve revisiting the setting and assessing of personal goals.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Curiosity about mathematics is fostered when children are actively engaged in their environment.

Young children are naturally curious and develop a variety of mathematical ideas before they enter Kindergarten. Children make sense of their environment through observations and interactions at home, in daycares, in preschools and in the community. Mathematics learning is embedded in everyday activities, such as playing, reading, beading, baking, storytelling and helping around the home.

Activities can contribute to the development of number and spatial sense in children. Curiosity about mathematics is fostered when children are engaged in, and talking about, such activities as comparing quantities, searching for patterns, sorting objects, ordering objects, creating designs and building with blocks.

Positive early experiences in mathematics are as critical to child development as are early literacy experiences.

GOALS FOR STUDENTS

The main goals of mathematics education are to prepare students to:

- use mathematics confidently to solve problems
- communicate and reason mathematically
- appreciate and value mathematics
- make connections between mathematics and its applications
- commit themselves to lifelong learning
- become mathematically literate adults, using mathematics to contribute to society.

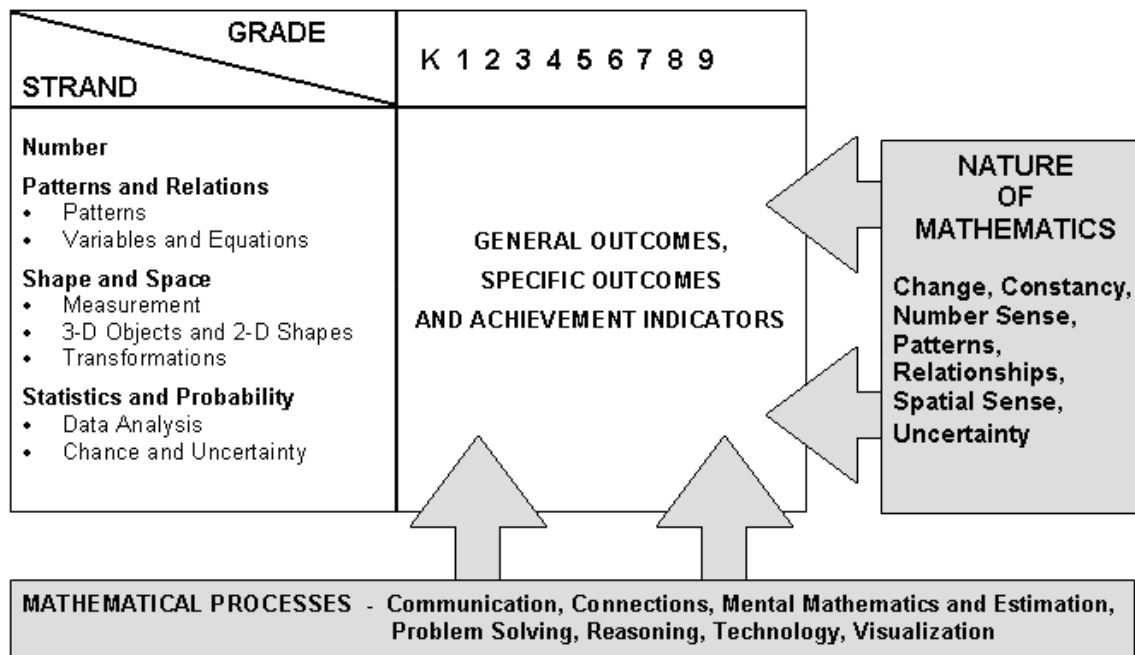
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Students who have met these goals will:

- gain understanding and appreciation of the contributions of mathematics as a science, philosophy and art
- exhibit a positive attitude toward mathematics
- engage and persevere in mathematical tasks and projects
- contribute to mathematical discussions
- take risks in performing mathematical tasks
- exhibit curiosity.

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK FOR K–9 MATHEMATICS

The chart below provides an overview of how mathematical processes and the nature of mathematics influence learning outcomes.



MATHEMATICAL PROCESSES

- *Communication* [C]
 - *Connections* [CN]
 - *Mental Mathematics and Estimation* [ME]
 - *Problem Solving* [PS]
 - *Reasoning* [R]
 - *Technology* [T]
 - *Visualization* [V]
- There are critical components that students must encounter in a mathematics program in order to achieve the goals of mathematics education and embrace lifelong learning in mathematics.
- Students are expected to:
- communicate in order to learn and express their understanding
 - connect mathematical ideas to other concepts in mathematics, to everyday experiences and to other disciplines
 - demonstrate fluency with mental mathematics and estimation
 - develop and apply new mathematical knowledge through problem solving
 - develop mathematical reasoning
 - select and use technologies as tools for learning and for solving problems
 - develop visualization skills to assist in processing information, making connections and solving problems.

The program of studies incorporates these seven interrelated mathematical processes that are intended to permeate teaching and learning.

Communication [C]

Students must be able to communicate mathematical ideas in a variety of ways and contexts.

Students need opportunities to read about, represent, view, write about, listen to and discuss mathematical ideas. These opportunities allow students to create links between their own language and ideas, and the formal language and symbols of mathematics.

Communication is important in clarifying, reinforcing and modifying ideas, attitudes and beliefs about mathematics. Students should be encouraged to use a variety of forms of communication while learning mathematics. Students also need to communicate their learning using mathematical terminology.

Communication helps students make connections among concrete, pictorial, symbolic, oral, written and mental representations of mathematical ideas.

Connections [CN]

Through connections, students begin to view mathematics as useful and relevant.

Contextualization and making connections to the experiences of learners are powerful processes in developing mathematical understanding. This can be particularly true for First Nations, Métis and Inuit learners. When mathematical ideas are connected to each other or to real-world phenomena, students begin to view mathematics as useful, relevant and integrated.

Learning mathematics within contexts and making connections relevant to learners can validate past experiences and increase student willingness to participate and be actively engaged.

The brain is constantly looking for and making connections. “Because the learner is constantly searching for connections on many levels, educators need to *orchestrate the experiences* from which learners extract understanding.... Brain research establishes and confirms that multiple complex and concrete experiences are essential for meaningful learning and teaching” (Caine and Caine, 1991, p. 5).

Mental Mathematics and Estimation [ME]

Mental mathematics is a combination of cognitive strategies that enhance flexible thinking and number sense. It is calculating mentally without the use of external memory aids.

Mental mathematics enables students to determine answers without paper and pencil. It improves computational fluency by developing efficiency, accuracy and flexibility.

Mental mathematics and estimation are fundamental components of number sense.

“Even more important than performing computational procedures or using calculators is the greater facility that students need—more than ever before—with estimation and mental math” (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, May 2005).

Students proficient with mental mathematics “become liberated from calculator dependence, build confidence in doing mathematics, become more flexible thinkers and are more able to use multiple approaches to problem solving” (Rubenstein, 2001, p. 442).

Mental mathematics “provides the cornerstone for all estimation processes, offering a variety of alternative algorithms and nonstandard techniques for finding answers” (Hope, 1988, p. v).

Estimation is used for determining approximate values or quantities or for determining the reasonableness of calculated values. It often uses benchmarks or referents. Students need to know when to estimate, how to estimate and what strategy to use.

Estimation assists individuals in making mathematical judgements and in developing useful, efficient strategies for dealing with situations in daily life.

Problem Solving [PS]

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Learning through problem solving should be the focus of mathematics at all grade levels. When students encounter new situations and respond to questions of the type *How would you ...?* or *How could you ...?*, the problem-solving approach is being modelled. Students develop their own problem-solving strategies by listening to, discussing and trying different strategies.

A problem-solving activity must ask students to determine a way to get from what is known to what is sought. If students have already been given ways to solve the problem, it is not a problem, but practice. A true problem requires students to use prior learnings in new ways and contexts. Problem solving requires and builds depth of conceptual understanding and student engagement.

Problem solving is a powerful teaching tool that fosters multiple, creative and innovative solutions. Creating an environment where students openly look for, and engage in, finding a variety of strategies for solving problems empowers students to explore alternatives and develops confident, cognitive mathematical risk takers.

Reasoning [R]

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Mathematical reasoning helps students think logically and make sense of mathematics. Students need to develop confidence in their abilities to reason and justify their mathematical thinking. High-order questions challenge students to think and develop a sense of wonder about mathematics.

Mathematical experiences in and out of the classroom provide opportunities for students to develop their ability to reason. Students can explore and record results, analyze observations, make and test generalizations from patterns, and reach new conclusions by building upon what is already known or assumed to be true.

Reasoning skills allow students to use a logical process to analyze a problem, reach a conclusion and justify or defend that conclusion.

Technology [T]

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Calculators and computers can be used to:

- explore and demonstrate mathematical relationships and patterns
- organize and display data
- extrapolate and interpolate
- assist with calculation procedures as part of solving problems
- decrease the time spent on computations when other mathematical learning is the focus
- reinforce the learning of basic facts
- develop personal procedures for mathematical operations
- create geometric patterns
- simulate situations
- develop number sense.

Technology contributes to a learning environment in which the growing curiosity of students can lead to rich mathematical discoveries at all grade levels.

Visualization [V]

Visualization “involves thinking in pictures and images, and the ability to perceive, transform and recreate different aspects of the visual-spatial world” (Armstrong, 1993, p. 10). The use of visualization in the study of mathematics provides students with opportunities to understand mathematical concepts and make connections among them.

Visualization is fostered through the use of concrete materials, technology and a variety of visual representations.

Visual images and visual reasoning are important components of number, spatial and measurement sense. Number visualization occurs when students create mental representations of numbers.

Being able to create, interpret and describe a visual representation is part of spatial sense and spatial reasoning. Spatial visualization and reasoning enable students to describe the relationships among and between 3-D objects and 2-D shapes.

Measurement visualization goes beyond the acquisition of specific measurement skills. Measurement sense includes the ability to determine when to measure, when to estimate and which estimation strategies to use (Shaw and Cliatt, 1989).

NATURE OF MATHEMATICS

- *Change*
- *Constancy*
- *Number Sense*
- *Patterns*
- *Relationships*
- *Spatial Sense*
- *Uncertainty*

Mathematics is one way of trying to understand, interpret and describe our world. There are a number of components that define the nature of mathematics and these are woven throughout this program of studies. The components are change, constancy, number sense, patterns, relationships, spatial sense and uncertainty.

Change

It is important for students to understand that mathematics is dynamic and not static. As a result, recognizing change is a key component in understanding and developing mathematics.

Within mathematics, students encounter conditions of change and are required to search for explanations of that change. To make predictions, students need to describe and quantify their observations, look for patterns, and describe those quantities that remain fixed and those that change. For example, the sequence 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, ... can be described as:

- the number of a specific colour of beads in each row of a beaded design
- skip counting by 2s, starting from 4
- an arithmetic sequence, with first term 4 and a common difference of 2
- a linear function with a discrete domain

(Steen, 1990, p. 184).

Change is an integral part of mathematics and the learning of mathematics.

Constancy

Different aspects of constancy are described by the terms stability, conservation, equilibrium, steady state and symmetry (AAAS–Benchmarks, 1993, p. 270). Many important properties in mathematics and science relate to properties that do not change when outside conditions change. Examples of constancy include the following:

- The ratio of the circumference of a teepee to its diameter is the same regardless of the length of the teepee poles.
- The sum of the interior angles of any triangle is 180° .
- The theoretical probability of flipping a coin and getting heads is 0.5.

Some problems in mathematics require students to focus on properties that remain constant. The recognition of constancy enables students to solve problems involving constant rates of change, lines with constant slope, direct variation situations or the angle sums of polygons.

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Number Sense

Number sense, which can be thought of as intuition about numbers, is the most important foundation of numeracy (British Columbia Ministry of Education, 2000, p. 146).

An intuition about number is the most important foundation of a numerate child.

A true sense of number goes well beyond the skills of simply counting, memorizing facts and the situational rote use of algorithms. Mastery of number facts is expected to be attained by students as they develop their number sense. This mastery allows for facility with more complex computations but should not be attained at the expense of an understanding of number.

Number sense develops when students connect numbers to their own real-life experiences and when students use benchmarks and referents. This results in students who are computationally fluent and flexible with numbers and who have intuition about numbers. The evolving number sense typically comes as a by-product of learning rather than through direct instruction. However, number sense can be developed by providing rich mathematical tasks that allow students to make connections to their own experiences and their previous learning.

Patterns

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Working with patterns enables students to make connections within and beyond mathematics.

These skills contribute to students' interaction with, and understanding of, their environment.

Patterns may be represented in concrete, visual or symbolic form. Students should develop fluency in moving from one representation to another.

Students must learn to recognize, extend, create and use mathematical patterns. Patterns allow students to make predictions and justify their reasoning when solving routine and nonroutine problems.

Learning to work with patterns in the early grades helps students develop algebraic thinking, which is foundational for working with more abstract mathematics in higher grades.

Relationships

Mathematics is used to describe and explain relationships.

Mathematics is one way to describe interconnectedness in a holistic worldview. Mathematics is used to describe and explain relationships. As part of the study of mathematics, students look for relationships among numbers, sets, shapes, objects and concepts. The search for possible relationships involves collecting and analyzing data and describing relationships visually, symbolically, orally or in written form.

Spatial Sense

Spatial sense involves visualization, mental imagery and spatial reasoning. These skills are central to the understanding of mathematics.

Spatial sense offers a way to interpret and reflect on the physical environment.

Spatial sense is developed through a variety of experiences and interactions within the environment. The development of spatial sense enables students to solve problems involving 3-D objects and 2-D shapes and to interpret and reflect on the physical environment and its 3-D or 2-D representations.

Some problems involve attaching numerals and appropriate units (measurement) to dimensions of shapes and objects. Spatial sense allows students to make predictions about the results of changing these dimensions; e.g., doubling the length of the side of a square increases the area by a factor of four. Ultimately, spatial sense enables students to communicate about shapes and objects and to create their own representations.

Uncertainty

In mathematics, interpretations of data and the predictions made from data may lack certainty.

Uncertainty is an inherent part of making predictions.

Events and experiments generate statistical data that can be used to make predictions. It is important to recognize that these predictions (interpolations and extrapolations) are based upon patterns that have a degree of uncertainty.

The quality of the interpretation is directly related to the quality of the data. An awareness of uncertainty allows students to assess the reliability of data and data interpretation.

Chance addresses the predictability of the occurrence of an outcome. As students develop their understanding of probability, the language of mathematics becomes more specific and describes the degree of uncertainty more accurately.

STRANDS

- *Number*
- *Patterns and Relations*
- *Shape and Space*
- *Statistics and Probability*

The learning outcomes in the program of studies are organized into four strands across the grades K–9. Some strands are subdivided into substrands. There is one general outcome per substrand across the grades K–9.

The strands and substrands, including the general outcome for each, follow.

Number

- Develop number sense.

Patterns and Relations

Patterns

- Use patterns to describe the world and to solve problems.

Variables and Equations

- Represent algebraic expressions in multiple ways.

Shape and Space

Measurement

- Use direct and indirect measurement to solve problems.

3-D Objects and 2-D Shapes

- Describe the characteristics of 3-D objects and 2-D shapes, and analyze the relationships among them.

Transformations

- Describe and analyze position and motion of objects and shapes.

Statistics and Probability

Data Analysis

- Collect, display and analyze data to solve problems.

Chance and Uncertainty

- Use experimental or theoretical probabilities to represent and solve problems involving uncertainty.

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS

The program of studies is stated in terms of general outcomes, specific outcomes and achievement indicators.

<i>General outcomes</i>	General outcomes are overarching statements about what students are expected to learn in each strand/substrand. The general outcome for each strand/substrand is the same throughout the grades.
<i>Specific outcomes</i>	Specific outcomes are statements that identify the specific skills, understanding and knowledge that students are required to attain by the end of a given grade.
<i>Achievement indicators</i>	Achievement indicators are samples of how students may demonstrate their achievement of the goals of a specific outcome. The range of samples provided is meant to reflect the scope of the specific outcome. Achievement indicators are context-free.

In the specific outcomes, the word *including* indicates that any ensuing items must be addressed to fully meet the learning outcome. The phrase *such as* indicates that the ensuing items are provided for illustrative purposes or clarification, and are not requirements that must be addressed to fully meet the learning outcome.

SUMMARY

The conceptual framework for K–9 mathematics describes the nature of mathematics, mathematical processes and the mathematical concepts to be addressed in Kindergarten to Grade 9 mathematics. The components are not meant to stand alone. Activities that take place in the mathematics classroom should stem from a problem-solving approach, be based on mathematical processes and lead students to an understanding of the nature of mathematics through specific knowledge, skills and attitudes among and between strands.

INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS

Planning for Instruction

Consider the following when planning for instruction:

- Integration of the mathematical processes within each strand is expected.
- By decreasing emphasis on rote calculation, drill and practice, and the size of numbers used in paper and pencil calculations, more time is available for concept development.
- Problem solving, reasoning and connections are vital to increasing mathematical fluency and must be integrated throughout the program.
- There is to be a balance among mental mathematics and estimation, paper and pencil exercises, and the use of technology, including calculators and computers. Concepts should be introduced using manipulatives and be developed concretely, pictorially and symbolically.
- Students bring a diversity of learning styles and cultural backgrounds to the classroom. They will be at varying developmental stages.

Teaching Sequence

The curriculum guide for Grade 7 is organized by units from Unit 1 to Unit 8. This is only a suggested teaching order for the course.

Another suggested teaching sequence would be as follows:

Unit 2, Unit 3, Unit 5, Unit 1, Unit 6, Unit 4, Unit 8, and Unit 7.

This order presents an alternative approach to teaching the course. Unit 3 (Fractions, Decimals and Percents) and Unit 5 (Operations with Fractions) are closely tied together. Unit 1 (Patterns and Relations) and Unit 6 (Equations) are linked together as well. Unit 4 (Circles and Area) and Unit 8 (Geometry) complement each other. Unit 2 (Integers) could be taught at any point throughout the year. Unit 7 (Data Analysis) could be taught at any point throughout the year as well, however, it is recommended that it be taught after Unit 3 since an understanding of fractions, decimals and percents is required to complete the unit. There are a number of combinations of sequences that would be appropriate for teaching this course.

Each two page spread lists the strand, general outcome, and specific outcome. This course could also be taught by strand.

Hours of Instruction Per Unit

The number of hours of instruction per unit is listed in the guide at the beginning of each unit. The number of suggested hours includes time for completing assessment activities, reviewing and evaluating.

Resources

The resource selected by Newfoundland and Labrador for students and teachers is *Math Makes Sense 7* (Pearson). Schools and teachers have this as their primary resource offered by the Department of Education. Column four of the curriculum guide references *Math Makes Sense 7* for this reason.

Teachers may use any resource or combination of resources to meet the required specific outcomes listed in column one of the curriculum guide.

GENERAL AND SPECIFIC OUTCOMES

GENERAL AND SPECIFIC OUTCOMES BY STRAND (pages 17–28)

This section presents the general and specific outcomes for each strand, for Grade 6, 7, and 8.

Refer to **Appendix A** for the general and specific outcomes with corresponding achievement indicators organized by strand for Grade 7.

GENERAL AND SPECIFIC OUTCOMES WITH ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS (pages 29–252)

This section presents general and specific outcomes with corresponding achievement indicators and is organized by unit. The list of indicators contained in this section is not intended to be exhaustive but rather to provide teachers with examples of evidence of understanding that may be used to determine whether or not students have achieved a given specific outcome. Teachers may use any number of these indicators or choose to use other indicators as evidence that the desired learning has been achieved. Achievement indicators should also help teachers form a clear picture of the intent and scope of each specific outcome.

GENERAL AND SPECIFIC OUTCOMES BY STRAND

(Grades 6, 7 and 8)

[C] Communication	[PS] Problem Solving
[CN] Connections	[R] Reasoning
[ME] Mental Mathematics and Estimation	[T] Technology
	[V] Visualization

Number

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
General Outcome Develop number sense.	General Outcome Develop number sense.	General Outcome Develop number sense.
Specific Outcomes	Specific Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate an understanding of place value, including numbers that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> greater than one million less than one thousandth. [C, CN, R, T] Solve problems involving whole numbers and decimal numbers. [ME, PS, T] Demonstrate an understanding of factors and multiples by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> determining multiples and factors of numbers less than 100 identifying prime and composite numbers solving problems using multiples and factors. [CN, PS, R, V] Relate improper fractions to mixed numbers and mixed numbers to improper fractions. [CN, ME, R, V] 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Determine and explain why a number is divisible by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 or 10, and why a number cannot be divided by 0. [C, R] Demonstrate an understanding of the addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of decimals to solve problems (for more than 1-digit divisors or 2-digit multipliers, the use of technology is expected). [ME, PS, T] Solve problems involving percents from 1% to 100%. [C, CN, PS, R, T] Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between positive terminating decimals and positive fractions and between positive repeating decimals and positive fractions. [C, CN, R, T] 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate an understanding of perfect squares and square roots, concretely, pictorially and symbolically (limited to whole numbers). [C, CN, R, V] Determine the approximate square root of numbers that are not perfect squares (limited to whole numbers). [C, CN, ME, R, T] Demonstrate an understanding of percents greater than or equal to 0%, including greater than 100%. [CN, PS, R, V] Demonstrate an understanding of ratio and rate. [C, CN, V]

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[ME] Mental Mathematics and Estimation	[T] Technology
	[V] Visualization

Number (continued)

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
General Outcome Develop number sense.	General Outcome Develop number sense.	General Outcome Develop number sense.
Specific Outcomes	Specific Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
5. Demonstrate an understanding of ratio, concretely, pictorially and symbolically. [C, CN, PS, R, V] 6. Demonstrate an understanding of percent (limited to whole numbers), concretely, pictorially and symbolically. [C, CN, PS, R, V] 7. Demonstrate an understanding of integers, concretely, pictorially and symbolically. [C, CN, R, V]	5. Demonstrate an understanding of adding and subtracting positive fractions and mixed numbers, with like and unlike denominators, concretely, pictorially and symbolically (limited to positive sums and differences). [C, CN, ME, PS, R, V] 6. Demonstrate an understanding of addition and subtraction of integers, concretely, pictorially and symbolically. [C, CN, PS, R, V]	5. Solve problems that involve rates, ratios and proportional reasoning. [C, CN, PS, R] 6. Demonstrate an understanding of multiplying and dividing positive fractions and mixed numbers, concretely, pictorially and symbolically. [C, CN, ME, PS] 7. Demonstrate an understanding of multiplication and division of integers, concretely, pictorially and symbolically. [C, CN, PS, R, V]

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	[V] Visualization

Number (continued)

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
General Outcome Develop number sense.	General Outcome Develop number sense.	
Specific Outcomes 8. Demonstrate an understanding of multiplication and division of decimals (1-digit whole number multipliers and 1-digit natural number divisors). [C, CN, ME, PS, R, V] 9. Explain and apply the order of operations, excluding exponents, with and without technology (limited to whole numbers). [C, CN, ME, PS, T]	Specific Outcomes 7. Compare and order positive fractions, positive decimals (to thousandths) and whole numbers by using: • benchmarks • place value • equivalent fractions and/or decimals. [CN, R, V]	

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Patterns and Relations (Patterns)

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
General Outcome Use patterns to describe the world and to solve problems.	General Outcome Use patterns to describe the world and to solve problems.	General Outcome Use patterns to describe the world and to solve problems.
Specific Outcomes 1. Represent and describe patterns and relationships, using graphs and tables. [C, CN, ME, PS, R, V] 2. Demonstrate an understanding of the relationships within tables of values to solve problems. [C, CN, PS, R]	Specific Outcomes 1. Demonstrate an understanding of oral and written patterns and their equivalent linear relations. [C, CN, R] 2. Create a table of values from a linear relation, graph the table of values, and analyze the graph to draw conclusions and solve problems. [C, CN, PS, R, V]	Specific Outcomes 1. Graph and analyze two-variable linear relations. [C, ME, PS, R, T, V]

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Patterns and Relations (Variables and Equations)

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
General Outcome Represent algebraic expressions in multiple ways.	General Outcome Represent algebraic expressions in multiple ways.	General Outcome Represent algebraic expressions in multiple ways.
Specific Outcomes	Specific Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
<p>3. Represent generalizations arising from number relationships, using equations with letter variables. [C, CN, PS, R, V]</p> <p>4. Express a given problem as an equation in which a letter variable is used to represent an unknown number. [C, CN, PS, R]</p> <p>5. Demonstrate and explain the meaning of preservation of equality, concretely and pictorially. [C, CN, PS, R, V]</p>	<p>3. Demonstrate an understanding of preservation of equality by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • modelling preservation of equality, concretely, pictorially and symbolically • applying preservation of equality to solve equations. [C, CN, PS, R, V] <p>4. Explain the difference between an expression and an equation. [C, CN]</p> <p>5. Evaluate an expression, given the value of the variable(s). [CN, R]</p> <p>6. Model and solve, concretely, pictorially and symbolically, problems that can be represented by one-step linear equations of the form $x + a = b$, where a and b are integers. [CN, PS, R, V]</p>	<p>2. Model and solve problems concretely, pictorially and symbolically, using linear equations of the form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $ax = b$ • $\frac{x}{a} = b, a \neq 0$ • $ax + b = c$ • $\frac{x}{a} + b = c, a \neq 0$ • $a(x + b) = c$ where a, b and c are integers. [C, CN, PS, V]

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Patterns and Relations (Variables and Equations) (continued)

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	<p>General Outcome Represent algebraic expressions in multiple ways.</p>	
	<p>Specific Outcomes</p> <p>7. Model and solve, concretely, pictorially and symbolically, problems that can be represented by linear equations of the form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $ax + b = c$ • $ax = b$ • $\frac{x}{a} = b, a \neq 0$ <p>where a, b and c are whole numbers. [CN, PS, R, V]</p>	

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Shape and Space (Measurement)

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
General Outcome Use direct and indirect measurement to solve problems.	General Outcome Use direct and indirect measurement to solve problems.	General Outcome Use direct and indirect measurement to solve problems.
Specific Outcomes 1. Demonstrate an understanding of angles by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying examples of angles in the environment • classifying angles according to their measure • estimating the measure of angles, using 45°, 90° and 180° as reference angles • determining angle measures in degrees • drawing and labelling angles when the measure is specified. [C, CN, ME, V] 2. Demonstrate that the sum of interior angles is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 180° in a triangle • 360° in a quadrilateral. [C, R]	Specific Outcomes 1. Demonstrate an understanding of circles by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describing the relationships among radius, diameter and circumference • relating circumference to pi • determining the sum of the central angles • constructing circles with a given radius or diameter • solving problems involving the radii, diameters and circumferences of circles. [C, CN, PS, R, V] 2. Develop and apply a formula for determining the area of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • triangles • parallelograms • circles. [CN, PS, R, V]	Specific Outcomes 1. Develop and apply the Pythagorean theorem to solve problems. [CN, PS, R, T, V] 2. Draw and construct nets for 3-D objects. [C, CN, PS, V] 3. Determine the surface area of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • right rectangular prisms • right triangular prisms • right cylinders to solve problems. [C, CN, PS, R, V] 4. Develop and apply formulas for determining the volume of right rectangular prisms, right triangular prisms and right cylinders. [C, CN, PS, R, V]

[C] Communication	[PS] Problem Solving
[CN] Connections	[R] Reasoning
[ME] Mental Mathematics and Estimation	[T] Technology
	[V] Visualization

Shape and Space (Measurement) (continued)

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
<p>General Outcome Use direct and indirect measurement to solve problems.</p>		
<p>Specific Outcomes</p> <p>3. Develop and apply a formula for determining the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • perimeter of polygons • area of rectangles • volume of right rectangular prisms. <p>[C, CN, PS, R, V]</p>		

[C] Communication	[PS] Problem Solving
[CN] Connections	[R] Reasoning
[ME] Mental Mathematics and Estimation	[T] Technology
	[V] Visualization

Shape and Space (3-D Objects and 2-D Shapes)

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
<p>General Outcome Describe the characteristics of 3-D objects and 2-D shapes, and analyze the relationships among them.</p>	<p>General Outcome Describe the characteristics of 3-D objects and 2-D shapes, and analyze the relationships among them.</p>	<p>General Outcome Describe the characteristics of 3-D objects and 2-D shapes, and analyze the relationships among them.</p>
<p>Specific Outcomes</p> <p>4. Construct and compare triangles, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scalene • isosceles • equilateral • right • obtuse • acute <p>in different orientations. [C, PS, R, V]</p> <p>5. Describe and compare the sides and angles of regular and irregular polygons. [C, PS, R, V]</p>	<p>Specific Outcomes</p> <p>3. Perform geometric constructions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • perpendicular line segments • parallel line segments • perpendicular bisectors • angle bisectors. <p>[CN, R, V]</p>	<p>Specific Outcomes</p> <p>5. Draw and interpret top, front and side views of 3-D objects composed of right rectangular prisms. [C, CN, R, T, V]</p>

[C] Communication	[PS] Problem Solving
[CN] Connections	[R] Reasoning
[ME] Mental Mathematics and Estimation	[T] Technology
	[V] Visualization

Shape and Space (Transformations)

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
<p>General Outcome Describe and analyze position and motion of objects and shapes.</p>	<p>General Outcome Describe and analyze position and motion of objects and shapes.</p>	<p>General Outcome Describe and analyze position and motion of objects and shapes.</p>
<p>Specific Outcomes</p> <p>6. Perform a combination of translations, rotations and/or reflections on a single 2-D shape, with and without technology, and draw and describe the image. [C, CN, PS, T, V]</p> <p>7. Perform a combination of successive transformations of 2-D shapes to create a design, and identify and describe the transformations. [C, CN, T, V]</p> <p>8. Identify and plot points in the first quadrant of a Cartesian plane, using whole number ordered pairs. [C, CN, V]</p> <p>9. Perform and describe single transformations of a 2-D shape in the first quadrant of a Cartesian plane (limited to whole number vertices). [C, CN, PS, T, V]</p>	<p>Specific Outcomes</p> <p>4. Identify and plot points in the four quadrants of a Cartesian plane, using integral ordered pairs. [C, CN, V]</p> <p>5. Perform and describe transformations (translations, rotations or reflections) of a 2-D shape in all four quadrants of a Cartesian plane (limited to integral number vertices). [C, CN, PS, T, V]</p>	<p>Specific Outcomes</p> <p>6. Demonstrate an understanding of the congruence of polygons. [CN, R, V]</p>

[C] Communication	[PS] Problem Solving
[CN] Connections	[R] Reasoning
[ME] Mental Mathematics and Estimation	[T] Technology
	[V] Visualization

Statistics and Probability (Data Analysis)

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
General Outcome Collect, display and analyze data to solve problems.	General Outcome Collect, display and analyze data to solve problems.	General Outcome Collect, display and analyze data to solve problems.
Specific Outcomes 1. Create, label and interpret line graphs to draw conclusions. [C, CN, PS, R, V] 2. Select, justify and use appropriate methods of collecting data, including: • questionnaires • experiments • databases • electronic media. [C, CN, PS, R, T] 3. Graph collected data, and analyze the graph to solve problems. [C, CN, PS, R, T]	Specific Outcomes 1. Demonstrate an understanding of central tendency and range by: • determining the measures of central tendency (mean, median, mode) and range • determining the most appropriate measures of central tendency to report findings. [C, PS, R, T] 2. Determine the effect on the mean, median and mode when an outlier is included in a data set. [C, CN, PS, R] 3. Construct, label and interpret circle graphs to solve problems. [C, CN, PS, R, T, V]	Specific Outcomes 1. Critique ways in which data is presented in circle graphs, line graphs, bar graphs and pictographs. [C, R, T, V]

[C] Communication	[PS] Problem Solving
[CN] Connections	[R] Reasoning
[ME] Mental Mathematics and Estimation	[T] Technology
	[V] Visualization

Statistics and Probability (Chance and Uncertainty)

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
<p>General Outcome Use experimental or theoretical probabilities to represent and solve problems involving uncertainty.</p>	<p>General Outcome Use experimental or theoretical probabilities to represent and solve problems involving uncertainty.</p>	<p>General Outcome Use experimental or theoretical probabilities to represent and solve problems involving uncertainty.</p>
<p>Specific Outcomes</p> <p>4. Demonstrate an understanding of probability by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying all possible outcomes of a probability experiment • differentiating between experimental and theoretical probability • determining the theoretical probability of outcomes in a probability experiment • determining the experimental probability of outcomes in a probability experiment • comparing experimental results with the theoretical probability for an experiment. <p>[C, ME, PS, T]</p>	<p>Specific Outcomes</p> <p>4. Express probabilities as ratios, fractions and percents. [C, CN, R, T, V]</p> <p>5. Identify the sample space (where the combined sample space has 36 or fewer elements) for a probability experiment involving two independent events. [C, ME, PS]</p> <p>6. Conduct a probability experiment to compare the theoretical probability (determined using a tree diagram, table or other graphic organizer) and experimental probability of two independent events. [C, PS, R, T]</p>	<p>Specific Outcomes</p> <p>2. Solve problems involving the probability of independent events. [C, CN, PS, T]</p>