

Overview of Major Math Topics Addressed in Grade 7

Directions: In addition to the objectives listed in your seventh grade textbook, I am providing you with a list of the major topics you are expected to master before June. Any topics not found in the textbook will be provided by my supplementary handouts throughout the year. In the event of an absence, it is very important that all missed notes be copied into your math notebooks.

- Apply and extend previous understandings of addition and subtraction to add and subtract rational numbers.
- Represent addition and subtraction on a horizontal or vertical number line diagram.
- Describe situations in which opposite quantities combine to make 0.
- Understand $p + q$ as the number located a distance $|q|$ from p , in the positive or negative direction depending on whether q is positive or negative.
- Show that a number and its opposite have a sum of 0 (are additive inverses).
- Interpret sums of rational numbers by describing real-world contexts.
- Understand subtraction of rational numbers as adding the additive inverse, $p - q = p + (-q)$.
- Show that the distance between two rational numbers on the number line is the absolute value of their difference, and apply this principle in real world contexts.
- Apply properties of operations as strategies to add and subtract rational numbers.
- Apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division and of fractions to multiply and divide rational numbers.
- Understand that multiplication is extended from fractions to rational numbers by requiring that operations continue to satisfy the properties of operations, particularly the distributive property, leading to products such as $(-1)(-1) = 1$ and the rules for multiplying signed numbers.
- Interpret products of rational numbers by describing real world contexts.
- Understand that integers can be divided, provided that the divisor is not zero, and every quotient of integers (with non-zero divisor) is a rational number.
- If p and q are integers, then $-(p/q) = (-p) / (q) = (p) / (-q)$.
- Interpret quotients of rational numbers by describing real-world contexts.
- Apply properties of operations as strategies to multiply and divide rational numbers.
- Convert a rational number to a decimal using long division; know that the decimal form of a rational number terminates in 0s or eventually repeats.
- Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving the four operations with rational numbers.
- Apply properties of operations as strategies to add, subtract, factor, and expand linear expressions with rational coefficients.
- Understand that rewriting an expression in a different form in a problem context can shed light on the problem and show how the quantities in it are related.

- Solve multi-step real-life and mathematical problems posed with positive and negative rational numbers in any form (whole numbers, fractions, decimals), using tools strategically.
- Apply properties of operations to calculate with numbers in any form, convert between forms as appropriate; and assess the reasonableness of answers using mental computation and estimating strategies.
- Use variables to represent quantities in a real-world or mathematical problem, and construct simple equations and inequalities to solve problems by reasoning about the quantities.
- Solve word problems leading to equations of the form $px + q = r$ and $p(x + q) = r$, where p , q , and r are specific rational numbers. Solve these equations fluently.
- Compare an algebraic solution to an arithmetic solution, identifying the sequence of operations used in each approach.
- Solve word problems leading to inequalities of the form $px + q > r$ or $px + q < r$, where p , q , and r are specific rational numbers.
- Graph the solution set of the inequality and interpret it in the context of the problem.
- Compute unit rates associated with ratios of fractions, including ratios of lengths, areas, and other quantities measured in like or different units.
- Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities.
- Decide whether two quantities are in a proportional relationship, e.g. by testing for equivalent ratios in a table or graphing on a coordinate plane and observing whether the graph is a straight line through the origin.
- Identify the constant of proportionality (unit rate) in tables, graphs, equations, diagrams, and verbal descriptions of proportional relationships.
- Represent proportional relationships by equations.
- Explain what a point (x, y) on the graph of a proportional relationship means in terms of the situation, with special attention to the point $(0,0)$ and $(1, r)$ where r is the unit rate.
- Use proportional relationships to solve multi-step ratio and percent problems, including simple interest, tax, markups, and markdowns (discounts), gratuities and commissions, percent increase and decrease, and percent error.
- Solve problems involving scale drawings of geometric figures, including computing actual lengths and areas from a scale drawing at a different scale.
- Draw (freehand, with ruler and protractor, and with technology) geometric shapes with given conditions.
- Focus on constructing triangles from three measures of angles or sides, noticing when the conditions determine a unique triangle, more than one triangle, or no triangle.
- Describe the two-dimensional figures that result from slicing three-dimensional figures, as in plane sections of right rectangular prisms and right rectangular pyramids..
- Know the formulas for the area and circumference of a circle and use them to solve problems.
- Give an informal derivation of the relationship between the circumference and area of a circle.

- Use facts about supplementary, complementary, vertical, and adjacent angles in a multi-step problem to write and solve simple equations for an unknown angle in a figure.
- Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving area, volume, and surface area of two- and three-dimensional objects composed of triangles, quadrilaterals, polygons, cubes, and right prisms.
- Understand that statistics can be used to gain information about a population by examining a sample of the population.
- Generalizations about a population from a sample are valid only if the sample is representative of that population.
- Understand that random sampling tends to produce representative samples and support valid inferences.
- Use data from a random sample to draw inferences about a population with an unknown characteristic of interest.
- Generate multiple samples (or simulated samples) of the same size to gauge the variation in estimates or predictions.
- Informally assess the degree of visual overlap of two numerical data distributions with similar variabilities, measuring the difference between the centers by expressing it as a multiple of a measure of variability.
- Use measures of center and measures of variability for numerical data from random samples to draw informal comparative inferences about two populations.
- Understand that the probability of a chance event is a number between 0 and 1 that expresses the likelihood of the event occurring. Larger numbers indicate greater likelihood.
- A probability near 0 indicates an unlikely event, a probability around $\frac{1}{2}$ indicates an event that is neither unlikely nor likely, and a probability near 1 indicates a likely event.
- Approximate the probability of a chance event by collecting data on the chance process that produces it and observing its long-run relative frequency, and predict the approximate relative frequency given the probability.
- Develop a probability model and use it to find the probabilities of events.
- Compare probabilities from a model to observed frequencies; if the agreement is not good, explain possible sources of the discrepancy.
- Develop a uniform probability model by assigning equal probability to all outcomes, and use the model to determine probabilities of events.
- Develop a probability model (which may not be uniform) by observing frequencies in data generated from a chance process.
- Find probabilities of compound events using organized lists, tables, tree diagrams, and simulation.
- Understand that, just as with simple events, the probability of a compound event is the fraction of outcomes in the sample space for which the compound event occurs.
- Represent sample spaces for compound events using methods such as organized lists, tables, and tree diagrams. For an event described in everyday language, identify the outcomes in the sample space which compose the event.
- Design and use a simulation to generate frequencies for compound events.

Please Note: This is merely a list of the general areas that need to be mastered. Some of these topics have already been introduced in the lower grades. How many do you instantaneously recall? These are the areas you may consider to be mastered. Focus your study attention on those areas which have not reached the “mastered” status!