



Diocese of Alexandria ~ Catholic Schools

Where faith and knowledge grow



DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA

As the Diocese of Alexandria seeks to provide a comprehensive learning environment, we are charged to “Teach More” by showing how all learning flows from and relates to our Creator. In this way, we will give our teaching a deeper meaning and purpose than simply the content itself. With this as our goal, the Catholic Schools Office has intertwined our selected curricular standards with the Catholic Standards developed by the Cardinal Newman Society. Through the merging of these two curricula, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies, teachers will be provided a roadmap to guide student’s understanding and recognition of the relationship between learning and the connection to our God.

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Through comprehensive review of curricula from high performing districts throughout the United States in combination with parochial schools and Newman Cardinal Standards, the Curriculum Team for the Diocese of Alexandria has generated curricula for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The development of this framework is designed to guide the instructional path of teachers as they focus on the formation of their students in the areas of faith, academic excellence, responsible citizenry, and effective communication and collaboration. This process is a continuous improvement process with no defined beginning or end.

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Frameworks



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HOW TO USE

The frameworks are guides to instruction. The frameworks assist teachers in planning and pacing instruction. Specific dates or weeks that may be included in this document are for reference. Each school and teacher must consider the make-up of their students, focusing on the needs and strengths of each child when pacing and planning instruction.

The cycles for the year help pace instruction and ensure students have consistent coverage of the content. The duration (the suggested amount of time to spend on each cycle) does not accommodate for the scheduling of special events, inclement weather or school events. Teachers, with principal guidance, should adjust pacing as needed to accommodate for these events.

RESEARCH-BASED HIGH-YIELD PRACTICES FOR INSTRUCTION

These strategies have proven effective in affecting student learning and achievement gains. As you plan daily instruction, consider how and where to integrate these strategies into the instructional sequence. Effect size is in parentheses. Please refer to the works of John Hattie for a complete description of instructional effect size.

- Classroom Discussion/Discourse (.82)
- Teacher Clarity/making the learning visible with expectations for learning (.75)
- Reciprocal Teaching (.74)
- Feedback (.73)
- Metacognitive Strategies (.69)

Student Areas

Essential Questions

- *How does mathematics help us understand God's creation?*
- *How does the use of math help us to understand the importance of clarity, reality and goodness?*
- *How do we solve addition and subtraction sentences to solve real world problems with and without concrete objects?*
- *What are the ethical, moral, and legal implications of Internet use?*
- *How does the study of mathematics enable us to understand, communicate, and live Gospel values?*

Catholic School – Mathematic Standards (CS.GS)

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| CS.M.712.GS.1 | Demonstrate the mental habits of precise, determined, careful and accurate questioning, inquiry, and reasoning in pursuit of transcendent truths. |
| CS.M.712.GS.2 | Develop lines of inquiry (as developmentally appropriate) to understand why things are true and why they are false. |
| CS.M.712.GS.3 | Have faith in the glory and dignity of human reason as both a gift from God and a reflection of Him in whose image and likeness we are made. |
| CS.M.712.GS.4 | Explain how mathematics in its reflection of the good, true, and beautiful reveals qualities of being and the presence of God. |

The Number System (DOA.8.NS)

| STANDARDS | | ACT Reporting Category <i>ACT Knowledge and Skills</i> |
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| Know that there are numbers that are not rational, and approximate them by rational numbers. | | |
| DOA.8.NS.A.1 | Know that numbers that are not rational are called irrational. Understand informally that every number has a decimal expansion; for rational numbers, show that the decimal expansion repeats eventually. Convert a decimal expansion that repeats eventually into a rational number by analyzing repeating patterns. | The Number System Justification and Explanation Modeling Extending Operations Rational Number Concepts & Operations |
| DOA.8.NS.A.2 | Use rational approximations of irrational numbers to compare the size of irrational numbers, locate them approximately on a number line diagram, and estimate the value of expressions. <i>For example, by truncating the decimal expansion of $\sqrt{2}$, show that $\sqrt{2}$ is between 1 and 2, then between 1.4 and 1.5, and explain how to continue on to get better approximations to the hundredths place.</i> | |

Expressions and Equations (DOA.8.EE)

| STANDARDS | | ACT Reporting Category <i>ACT Knowledge and Skills</i> |
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| Work with radicals and integer exponents | | |
| DOA.8.EE.A.1 | Know and apply the properties of integer exponents to generate equivalent numerical expressions. <i>For example, $3^2 \cdot 3^{-5} = 3^{-3} = 1/3^3 = 1/27$.</i> | <b style="color: red;">Expressions & Equations Justification and Explanation Modeling Expressions Linear Equations |
| DOA.8.EE.A.2 | Use square root and cube root symbols to represent solutions to equations of the form $x^2 = p$ and $x^3 = p$, where p is a positive rational number. Evaluate square roots of small perfect squares and cube roots of small perfect cubes. Know that $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational. | |
| DOA.8.EE.A.3 | Use numbers expressed in the form of a single digit times an integer power of 10 to estimate very large or very small quantities, and to express how many times as much one is than the other. <i>For example, estimate the population of the United States as $3 \cdot 10^8$ and the population of the world as $7 \cdot 10^9$, and determine that the world population is more than 20 times larger.</i> | |
| DOA.8.EE.A.4 | Perform operations with numbers expressed in scientific notation, including problems where both decimal and scientific notation are used. Use scientific notation and choose units of appropriate size for measurements of very large or very small quantities (e.g., use millimeters per year for seafloor spreading). Interpret scientific notation that has been generated by technology. | |
| Understand the connections between proportional relationships, lines, and linear equations | | |
| DOA.8.EE.B.5 | Graph proportional relationships, interpreting the unit rate as the slope of the graph. Compare two different proportional relationships represented in different ways. For example, compare a distance-time graph to a distance-time equation to determine which of two moving objects has greater speed. | <b style="color: red;">Expressions & Equations Justification and Explanation Modeling Expressions Linear Equations |
| DOA.8.EE.B.6 | Use similar triangles to explain why the slope m is the same between any two distinct points on a non-vertical line in the coordinate plane; derive the equation $y = mx$ for a line through the origin and the equation $y = mx + b$ for a line intercepting the vertical axis at b . | |

Expressions and Equations (DOA.8.EE) continued...

| STANDARDS | | ACT Reporting Category <i>ACT Knowledge and Skills</i> |
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| Analyze and solve linear equations and pairs of simultaneous linear equations | | |
| DOA.8.EE.C.7 | Solve linear equations in one variable. | Expressions & Equations Justification and Explanation Modeling Expressions Linear Equations |
| DOA.8.EE.C.7a | Give examples of linear equations in one variable with one solution, infinitely many solutions, or no solutions. Show which of these possibilities is the case by successively transforming the given equation into simpler forms, until an equivalent equation of the form $x = a$, $a = a$, or $a = b$ results (where a and b are different numbers). | |
| DOA.8.EE.C.7b | Solve linear equations with rational number coefficients, including equations whose solutions require expanding expressions using the distributive property and collecting like terms. | |
| DOA.8.EE.C.8 | Analyze and solve pairs of simultaneous linear equations. | |
| DOA.8.EE.C.8a | Understand that solutions to a system of two linear equations in two variables correspond to points of intersection of their graphs, because points of intersection satisfy both equations simultaneously. | |
| DOA.8.EE.C.8b | Solve systems of two linear equations in two variables algebraically, and estimate solutions by graphing the equations. Solve simple cases by inspection. <i>For example, $3x + 2y = 5$ and $3x + 2y = 6$ have no solution because $3x + 2y$ cannot simultaneously be 5 and 6.</i> | |
| DOA.8.EE.C.8c | Solve real-world and mathematical problems leading to two linear equations in two variables. <i>For example, given coordinates for two pairs of points, determine whether the line through the first pair of points intersects the line through the second pair.</i> | |

Functions (DOA.8.F)

| STANDARDS | | ACT Reporting Category ACT Knowledge and Skills |
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| Define, evaluate, and compare functions | | |
| DOA.8.F.A.1 | Understand that a function is a rule that assigns to each input exactly one output. The graph of a function is the set of ordered pairs consisting of an input and the corresponding output. (Function notation is not required in this grade level.) | Functions Justification and Explanation Modeling Linear Functions |
| DOA.8.F.A.2 | Compare properties of two functions each represented in a different way (algebraically, graphically, numerically in tables, or by verbal descriptions). <i>For example, given a linear function represented by a table of values and a linear function represented by an algebraic expression, determine which function has the greater rate of change.</i> | |
| DOA.8.F.A.3 | Interpret the equation $y = mx + b$ as defining a linear function, whose graph is a straight line; categorize functions as linear or nonlinear when given equations, graphs, or tables. <i>For example, the function $A = s^2$ giving the area of a square as a function of its side length is not linear because its graph contains the points (1,1), (2,4) and (3,9), which are not on a straight line.</i> | |
| Use functions to model relationships between quantities | | |
| DOA.8.F.B.4 | Construct a function to model a linear relationship between two quantities. Determine the rate of change and initial value of the function from a description of a relationship or from two (x, y) values, including reading these from a table or from a graph. Interpret the rate of change and initial value of a linear function in terms of the situation it models, and in terms of its graph or a table of values. | Functions Justification and Explanation Modeling Linear Functions |
| DOA.8.F.B.5 | Describe qualitatively the functional relationship between two quantities by analyzing a graph (e.g., where the function is increasing or decreasing, linear or nonlinear). Sketch a graph that exhibits the qualitative features of a function that has been described verbally. | |

Geometry (DOA.8.G)

STANDARDS

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ACT Knowledge and Skills

Understand congruence and similarity using physical models, transparencies, or geometry software

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| DOA.8.G.A.1 | Verify experimentally the properties of rotations, reflections, and translations: |
| DOA.8.G.A.1a | Lines are taken to lines, and line segments to line segments of the same length. |
| DOA.8.G.A.1b | Angles are taken to angles of the same measure. |
| DOA.8.G.A.1c | Parallel lines are taken to parallel lines. |
| DOA.8.G.A.2 | Explain that a two-dimensional figure is congruent to another if the second can be obtained from the first by a sequence of rotations, reflections, and translations; given two congruent figures, describe a sequence that exhibits the congruence between them. (Rotations are only about the origin and reflections are only over the y -axis and x -axis in Grade 8.) |
| DOA.8.G.A.3 | Describe the effect of dilations, translations, rotations, and reflections on two-dimensional figures using coordinates. (Rotations are only about the origin, dilations only use the origin as the center of dilation, and reflections are only over the y -axis and x -axis in Grade 8.) |
| DOA.8.G.A.4 | Explain that a two-dimensional figure is similar to another if the second can be obtained from the first by a sequence of rotations, reflections, translations, and dilations; given two similar two-dimensional figures, describe a sequence that exhibits the similarity between them. (Rotations are only about the origin, dilations only use the origin as the center of dilation, and reflections are only over the y -axis and x -axis in Grade 8.) |
| DOA.8.G.A.5 | Use informal arguments to establish facts about the angle sum and exterior angle of triangles, about the angles created when parallel lines are cut by a transversal, and the angle-angle criterion for similarity of triangles. <i>For example, arrange three copies of the same triangle so that the sum of the three angles appears to form a line, and give an argument in terms of transversals why this is so.</i> |

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Understand and apply the Pythagorean Theorem

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| DOA.8.G.B.6 | Explain a proof of the Pythagorean Theorem and its converse using the area of squares. |
| DOA.8.G.B.7 | Apply the Pythagorean Theorem to determine unknown side lengths in right triangles in real-world and mathematical problems in two and three dimensions. |
| DOA.8.G.B.8 | Apply the Pythagorean Theorem to find the distance between two points in a coordinate system. |

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Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving volume of cylinders, cones, and spheres

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| DOA.8.G.C.9 | Know the formulas for the volumes of cones, cylinders, and spheres and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems. |
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Statistics and Probability (DOA.8.SP)

STANDARDS

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ACT Knowledge and Skills

Investigate patterns of association in bivariate data.

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| DOA.8.SP.A.1 | Construct and interpret scatter plots for bivariate measurement data to investigate patterns of association between two quantities. Describe patterns such as clustering, outliers, positive or negative association, linear association, and nonlinear association. |
| DOA.8.SP.A.2 | Know that straight lines are widely used to model relationships between two quantitative variables. For scatter plots that suggest a linear association, informally fit a straight line, and informally assess the model fit by judging the closeness of the data points to the line. |
| DOA.8.SP.A.3 | Use the equation of a linear model to solve problems in the context of bivariate measurement data, interpreting the slope and intercept. <i>For example, in a linear model for a biology experiment, interpret a slope of 1.5 cm/hr as meaning that an additional hour of sunlight each day is associated with an additional 1.5 cm in mature plant height.</i> |
| DOA.8.SP.A4 | Understand that patterns of association can also be seen in bivariate categorical data by displaying frequencies and relative frequencies in a two-way table. Construct and interpret a two-way table summarizing data on two categorical variables collected from the same subjects. Use relative frequencies calculated for rows or columns to describe possible association between the two variables. <i>For example, collect data from students in your class on whether or not they have a curfew on school nights and whether or not they have assigned chores at home. Is there evidence that those who have a curfew also tend to have chores?</i> |

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