

**Considerations for Implementing  
the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics**

**Intended Audience:** Teachers, Administrators, Professional Development Coordinators

**Description:** This rubric helps determine level of implementation for the Illinois Learning Standards based on 23 specific education concepts, including: Classroom, Assessment, Key Shifts, and Mathematical Practice Standards. This document can be used as a guide to navigate the full spectrum of implementation of the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics. This rubric is differentiated by grade band, including K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and High School documents.

**Suggested Use for these Documents:**

- Professional development coordinators could use this to lead a professional development workshop.
- Teachers, administrators or other stakeholders could use this to get an overview of the Implementation Considerations.
- Teachers could use this to determine what professional development they need or what classroom changes they still need.

**Materials Necessary:**

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**Resource Links:**

[K-2 Considerations for Implementation](#)

[3-5 Considerations for Implementation](#)

[6-8 Considerations for Implementation](#)

[High School Considerations for Implementation](#)



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**General Characteristics of the Illinois**

- ☐ Communicate expectations for instruction and outcomes regarding the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics.
- ☐ Professional development is aligned with the needs of the school/district with the implementation of the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics.
- ☐ Consider how professional development courses or workshops need to be differentiated in order to best suit the teachers. While some may be ready for advanced methods, others may need further assistance.
- ☐ District leaders should identify student learning priorities to target professional development that promotes the best practices to address student needs. The professional development plan must be systemic—long-range as well as short-range and fully articulated across the entire staff and grade spans.
- ☐ Meet regularly to discuss, update and plan for communications regarding upcoming PARCC assessments:
  - Performance Level Descriptors



- Rubrics
  - Item Task Prototypes
  - Model Content Frameworks
  - Evidence Statements
  - Student Claims
- ☐ Meet regularly to plan how to communicate Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics with stakeholders such as the community, school board and parents.
  - ☐ Determine how they can facilitate and support collaboration among teachers that is focused on implementation of the standards.
  - ☐ Dedicate staff to determine technology needs and how to integrate into the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics classroom.
  - ☐ Develop a timeline to implement varied modes of assessments, including a range of pre, formative, summative and self-assessment measures.
  - ☐ Analyze the current state of the school from a mathematics perspective with data from standardized test scores, state assessments, grades, and quantitative measures of student mathematics comprehension.

#### **Materials**

- ☐ Determine to what extent the existing instructional materials align with the standards and make a plan to address gaps, redundant content or unnecessary curriculum.
- ☐ Update instructional resources to align with the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics; evaluate resources for effectiveness.
- ☐ Examine the Publisher’s Criteria before purchasing any new materials.  
<http://achievethecore.org/page/267/publishers-criteria-for-mathematics>

#### **Climate and Culture**

- ☐ Through frequent conversations, keep the focus on learning by acting as a catalyst to build partnerships with teacher leaders, instructional coaches, and technology specialists.
- ☐ Build collaborative cultures characterized by conversations centered around student learning and reflective inquiry, shared ownership, and short- and long-term thinking.
- ☐ Build trust through shared decision making, frequent communications, frequent visits to classrooms and consistency over time. In these cases, trust becomes a key driver toward a strong culture.
- ☐ Grow leaders by creating opportunities for teacher leadership to emerge and by sharing and distributing leadership throughout the school. This prepares schools for the reality that “many tasks... require many leaders.”
- ☐ Build a Leadership Team for the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics implementation.
- ☐ Examine ISBE’s Comprehensive System of Learning Supports page for more information.  
<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Learning-Supports.aspx>

#### **Instructional Environment:**

- ☐ Engage student interests in mathematics.
- ☐ Establish expectations that are easy to understand and meet.

- ☐ Provide all students with opportunities to engage with mathematics of appropriate complexity for the grade level.
- ☐ Engage students in a productive struggle through discussion and other supports that build towards independence.
- ☐ Include appropriate supports for students who are ELL, have disabilities, or read or write well below grade level.
- ☐ Include extensions and/or more advanced math tasks for students who are well above grade level.
- ☐ Integrate available technology and media throughout curriculum and instruction.





**A research base is connected to this instrument that does include Charlotte Danielson’s Framework for evaluation, however, this tool is not meant to serve as an evaluation tool. This tool is only meant to serve as a connection in thinking for the teacher or administrator to formulate a synthesis from the shifts of the Illinois Learnings Standards to practice in the classroom. Therefore, in no way should it be implied that a beginning implementation level serve as an unsatisfactory or basic level of teacher performance.**






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## Mathematics Grades 6-8: General Considerations for an Illinois Learning Standards Classroom


	Full Implementation	Partial Implementation	Beginning Implementation
<b>Primary Resources</b> 	The teacher has read, references when appropriate, and bases their instruction on the <a href="#">Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics</a> , <a href="#">Progression Documents</a> , <a href="#">The Publishers' Criteria</a> , <a href="#">EQulP Rubric</a> , and the <a href="#">PARCC Evidence Statements and Informational Guides</a> .	The teacher has read and sometimes bases their instruction on the <a href="#">Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics</a> , appropriate <a href="#">Progression Documents</a> , and the <a href="#">PARCC Model Content Frameworks</a> .	The teacher has read and occasionally bases their instruction on the <a href="#">Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics</a> .
<b>Material (Curriculum)</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher has researched alignment of all coursework material to the appropriate grade-level of the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics.</li> <li>The teacher has utilized the <a href="#">Toolkit for Evaluating the Alignment of Instructional and Assessment Materials to the CCSS</a> to identify common pitfalls and necessary steps in creating a curriculum that is truly aligned to the letter and spirit of the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics.</li> </ul>	The teacher occasionally utilizes the <a href="#">Toolkit for Evaluating the Alignment of Instructional and Assessment Materials to the CCSS</a> to identify common pitfalls and necessary steps in creating a curriculum that is truly aligned to the letter and spirit of the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics.	The teacher has not read or does not use the <a href="#">Toolkit for Evaluating the Alignment of Instructional and Assessment Materials to the CCSS</a> .
<b>Classroom Culture</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher provides a safe and welcoming classroom environment that promotes interaction, communication, collaboration, and intellectual risk taking.</li> <li>The teacher directs the communication and discovery of mathematical ideas by posing good questions, engaging students in worthwhile tasks, creating a culture that fosters students' creativity and understanding of mathematics.</li> <li>The teacher frequently uses a student-centered approach, where the teacher's role is facilitator.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher provides a safe and welcoming classroom environment that often promotes interaction, communication, and collaboration.</li> <li>The teacher often provides direct instruction and expects students to answer similar problems with the same process. Students rarely feel comfortable taking intellectual risks.</li> <li>The teacher provides students with worthwhile tasks and classroom time to work in pairs or small groups to find the solutions.</li> <li>The teacher sometimes uses a student-centered approach, where the teacher's role is facilitator.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher provides a safe classroom environment where students are expected to remain silent unless called upon, take good and accurate notes, follow all directions, and work independently.</li> <li>The teacher often provides direct instruction to students and expects students to answer similar problems with the same process that was demonstrated.</li> <li>The teacher rarely provides time for students to collaborate or communicate with one another.</li> <li>The teacher rarely uses a student-centered approach, where the teacher's role is facilitator.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment Literacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher consistently uses assessment concepts and terminology correctly. [As defined in the Guidelines for Classroom Assessment]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher does not consistently use assessment concepts and terminology correctly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher does not use assessment concepts or terminology correctly.</li> </ul>
<b>Linking instruction and assessment</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher implements both standards-aligned instruction and ongoing assessment aligned to standards to promote learning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher inconsistently implements both standards-aligned instruction and ongoing assessment aligned to standards to promote learning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher does not implement both standards-aligned instruction and ongoing assessment aligned to standards to promote learning.</li> </ul>

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<b>Selecting and designing assessment</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher consistently selects and designs assessments based on the purpose for the assessment including what decisions will be influenced by the results and the best method for assessing the expectations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher inconsistently selects and designs assessments based on the purpose for the assessment including what decisions will be influenced by the results and the best method for assessing the expectations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher infrequently selects and designs assessments based on the purpose for the assessment including what decisions will be influenced by the results and the best method for assessing the expectations.</li> </ul>
<b>Administer and score assessment</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher conscientiously administers and scores the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics aligned assessments for the intended purpose, with accommodations as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher inconsistently administers and scores assessments correctly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher seldom administers and scores assessments correctly.</li> </ul>
<b>Feedback</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher consistently provides constructive feedback based assessment data to students to support attainment of the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics expectations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher inconsistently provides constructive feedback based assessment data to students to support attainment of the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics expectations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher seldom provides constructive feedback based assessment data to students to support attainment of the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics expectations.</li> </ul>
<b>Analyzing and using data</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher consistently administers assessments (formative, interim and summative) and accurately analyzes assessment data to inform instruction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher inconsistently administers assessments (formative, interim and summative) and analyzes assessment data to inform instruction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher infrequently administers assessments (formative, interim and summative) and does not analyze assessment data to inform instruction.</li> </ul>
<b>Using data to identify trends</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher independently and collaboratively works with team/grade level members to analyze data, identify trends in achievement, and suggest adjustments to curriculum to meet the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics expectations.</li> </ul>		
<b>Reporting</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher reports assessment data reflecting progress or attainment of the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics expectations clearly and concisely to appropriate stakeholders in a timely manner.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher inconsistently reports assessment data reflecting progress or attainment of the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics expectations clearly and concisely to appropriate stakeholders.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher seldom reports assessment data reflecting progress or attainment of the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics expectations clearly and concisely to appropriate stakeholders in a timely manner.</li> </ul>



# Mathematics: Key Shifts

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<p><b>Focus</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher spends a significant amount of classroom time discussing grade-level, content-aligned standards that have been designated Major work by the <a href="#">PARCC Model Content Frameworks</a>. In grades 6-8, students have a focus on developing ratio and proportional reasoning and linear relationships. Significant time is also spent solving one-variable equations and understanding geometric measurement.</li> <li>The teacher revisits the critical areas (listed at the beginning of the grade-level standards in the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics) throughout the year.</li> <li>The teacher allows students time to explore these key ideas and develop a strong conceptual understanding and procedural skill in a connected and meaningful way related to the world around them.</li> <li>Teachers do not add curriculum that is not directly stated in the appropriate grade-level standards.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher spends classroom time discussing grade-level, content-aligned standards that have been designated Major work by the <a href="#">PARCC Model Content Frameworks</a>.</li> <li>The teacher sometimes revisits the critical areas (listed at the beginning of the grade-level standards in the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics) throughout the year.</li> <li>The teacher often allows students time to explore these key ideas and develop conceptual understanding, procedural skill, and application.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher has not read and/or is not developing units and lessons based on the Major work as defined by the <a href="#">PARCC Model Content Frameworks</a>.</li> <li>The teacher occasionally revisits the critical areas (listed at the beginning of the grade-level standards in the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics) throughout the year. The teacher occasionally adds curriculum that is not stated in the appropriate grade-level standards.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Coherence</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher creates and/or selects lessons that make natural connections to previous grade-level work, lay a natural foundation for subsequent grade-level work and make apparent connections between standards, domains and clusters.</li> <li>Material is developed referencing the <a href="#">Progression Documents</a>, the <a href="#">PARCC Model Content Frameworks</a>, and the <a href="#">PARCC Evidence Statements and Informational Guides</a>.</li> <li>A 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher provides opportunities for connections of rational number arithmetic to proportional reasoning and solving equations, ratios to scale drawings, proportional reasoning to probability models, and linear equations to bivariate data.</li> <li>Mathematics builds upon itself creating an inherent evolution that makes sense.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher creates and/or selects lessons that make some natural connections between grade-level work, subsequent grade-level work, or between standards, domains, and clusters.</li> <li>The teacher occasionally develops lessons or units that follow the <a href="#">Progression Documents</a>, the <a href="#">PARCC Model Content Frameworks</a>, and the <a href="#">PARCC Evidence Statements and Informational Guides</a>.</li> <li>The teacher occasionally points out the connections to the students.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher creates and/or selects lessons that make little connection to previous grade-level work, subsequent grade-level work, or connections between standards, domains, and clusters.</li> <li>The teacher has not read or does not reference the <a href="#">Progression Documents</a>, the <a href="#">PARCC Model Content Frameworks</a>, or the <a href="#">PARCC Evidence Statements and Informational Guides</a>.</li> <li>Mathematical information is presented in a disjointed fashion.</li> </ul>


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<p><b>Rigor</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teacher coherently combines understanding, skill, and application into all tasks and lessons whenever possible.</li> <li>• The teacher provides tasks that are rigorous in nature and applicable to the appropriate standards. Tasks challenge students without being beyond student's skills or abilities.</li> <li>• The teacher creates lessons and assessments representing the difficulty level inherent in the <a href="#">PARCC released items</a>, the <a href="#">Progression Documents</a>, and <a href="#">Illustrative Mathematics</a> tasks.</li> <li>• The teacher provides sufficient opportunities for students to develop their understanding of ratios, slope and linear function. Tasks promote fluency in the four operations with decimals, whole numbers and fractions, as well as solving one-variable linear equations. Tasks provide mathematical insight into the world around including connections of ratios and proportions to blueprints and pricing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teacher occasionally provides tasks for students to develop their understanding of mathematical concepts, become fluent with appropriate procedural skill, and recognize how and when mathematical concepts apply to the world around them.</li> <li>• The teacher occasionally coherently combines these into a lesson.</li> <li>• Occasionally a teacher only addresses one of the three ideas in situations where more than one should be addressed: understanding, skill, or application.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teacher treats most mathematics and tasks as separate ideas in which a student only concentrates on learning conceptual understanding, procedural skill, or application.</li> <li>• The teacher does not often coherently combine understanding, skill, and application into a task, lesson, or assessment.</li> </ul>









# The Standards for Mathematical Practice



**The Definition of a Worthwhile Task:** A worthwhile task cohesively aligns to both common core grade-level content standards and standards for mathematical practice. A task builds upon students' previous knowledge and provides opportunity for students to develop conceptual understanding and obtain procedural skill and fluency. Tasks include a wide variety of mediums and student products. Tasks vary in modalities, learning styles, and length of time required to develop solutions. Tasks require students to communicate their mathematical reasoning.


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<p><b>MP1 - Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 6th-8th grade teacher supports Mathematical Practice Standard 1 by providing worthwhile tasks that require students to work past the point that they would normally want to give up.</li> <li>• Students are asked to read and interpret a problem, determine an appropriate course of action, execute their strategy, changing course as necessary.</li> <li>• When providing support, the teacher provides limited direct instruction or scaffolding of the problem.</li> <li>• The teacher allows the student to determine correct or incorrectness of the answer by providing time for discussion.</li> <li>• Students may work independently or collaboratively and their product may include their strategies that did not work, attempts and reattempts, solution, and proof that the solution is correct.</li> <li>• Students may show signs of frustration or struggle, but continue to work through this.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Example Task</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teacher provides many worthwhile tasks and sufficient wait time for students to engage with the mathematics independently or collaboratively.</li> <li>• The teacher discusses and models the process to making sense of mathematical problems.</li> <li>• The teacher occasionally reminds students or prompts students of the process.</li> <li>• The teacher occasionally limits discussion or time on problems by providing direct instruction, answers, or demonstrating personal approach.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teacher rarely provides worthwhile tasks or appropriate wait time.</li> <li>• Often the teacher provides direct instruction on how to solve the problem.</li> <li>• The teacher does not encourage students to check their answers to see if they make sense.</li> <li>• Everyone in the classroom completes most tasks the same way with little to no discussion on the variety of strategies that could be used.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>MP2 - Reason abstractly and quantitatively</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 6th-8th grade teacher supports Mathematical Practice Standard 2 by engaging students in grade-level worthwhile tasks that challenge students to contextualize the meaning of a number or variable as related to the problem and decontextualize to manipulate symbolic representations by applying properties of operations.</li> <li>• The teacher provides tasks developed to make sense of quantities and their relationships in real world problem (using expressions, equations, and inequalities).</li> <li>• The tasks challenge students across a wide range of learning styles and modalities while encouraging the use of quantitative reasoning.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Example Task</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Often the teacher supports Mathematical Practice Standard 2 by engaging students in grade-level worthwhile tasks that challenge students to contextualize the meaning of a number or variable as related to the problem and decontextualize to manipulate symbolic representations by applying properties of operations.</li> <li>• Occasionally the teacher provides tasks developed to make sense of quantities and their relationships in problem situations.</li> <li>• Some of the tasks challenge students across a wide range of learning styles and modalities while encouraging the use of quantitative reasoning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occasionally the teacher provides tasks in which students must contextualize the meaning of a number or variable as related to the problem and decontextualize to manipulate symbolic representations by applying properties of operations.</li> <li>• Little to no time is spent in understanding the relationships of the quantities, units involved, or properties of operations and objects.</li> <li>• Many of the tasks do not challenge students because they do not vary in their language, expectations, or abstract and quantitative reasoning skills.</li> </ul>

	Full Implementation	Partial Implementation	Beginning Implementation
<p><b>MP3 - Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 6th-8th grade teacher supports Mathematical Practice Standard 3 by engaging students in worthwhile tasks that elicit and challenge students' mathematical communication skills.</li> <li>• Tasks provide opportunities for students to use assumptions, definitions, and previously established results accompanied by expressions, equations, inequalities, models, graphs, tables, and other data displays in constructing arguments.</li> <li>• Tasks vary by incorporating conjectures, facts, counterexamples, and a myriad of justifications.</li> <li>• Tasks offer students the chance to compare the effectiveness of plausible arguments and ask each other “Does that always work?” or “Why is that true?” and honors the multiple strategies students use to solve problems/tasks</li> <li>• The teacher provides tasks that require students to distinguish correct logic or reasoning from that which is flawed (develop critical thinking skills), and if there is a flaw, explain what it is.</li> <li>• The teacher provides ample time and varied tasks that promote both written and oral communication.</li> <li>• The teacher provides re-engagement tasks, where students re-engage the task and critique the work of others.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Example Task</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teacher provides many worthwhile tasks that elicit and challenge students' mathematical communication skills.</li> <li>• The teacher often provides opportunities for students to use assumptions, definitions, and previously established results accompanied by expressions, equations, inequalities, models, graphs, tables, and other data display in constructing arguments.</li> <li>• The teacher often provides collaborative time in the classroom for students to practice supporting their mathematics with both written and oral communication and develop their critical thinking skills by evaluating their own thinking and the thinking of others.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occasionally the teacher provides tasks that elicit and challenge students' mathematical communication skills.</li> <li>• The teacher occasionally provides opportunities for students to work in pairs or small groups to develop their ability to construct a mathematical argument or to express their reasoning to others.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>MP4 - Model with mathematics</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 6th-8th grade teacher supports Mathematical Practice Standard 4 by providing worthwhile tasks that incorporate a wide variety of mediums (symbolically, graphically, tabularly, and contextually) and tools to understand and solve problems arising in everyday life, society, and the workplace.</li> <li>• The teacher promotes the relationship between mathematics and the world around them in meaningful and appropriate ways, encouraging students to view mathematics and everyday life as connected.</li> <li>• The teacher encourages students to make connections from the math they are working on to their real-life circumstances.</li> <li>• The teacher provides tasks that demonstrate this connection and allows students to solve the problems using diagrams, two-way tables, box plots, histograms, scatterplots, graphs, flowcharts, formulas, and more.</li> <li>• The teacher develops a natural practice of reflection, to see if results and models make sense.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Example Task</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teacher often provides worthwhile tasks that incorporate a variety of mediums and tools to understand and solve problems arising in everyday life.</li> <li>• The teacher encourages students to use any model they feel is most appropriate.</li> <li>• The teacher makes clear connections between the math students are working on to students' real-life circumstances.</li> <li>• The teacher reminds students to reflect and check their work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teacher provides few worthwhile tasks involving the modeling of mathematics and the connections that exist between mathematical concepts and everyday life.</li> <li>• The teacher demonstrates several ways to model with mathematics but limits the resources available or acceptable solutions in an effort to maintain uniformity.</li> <li>• The teacher often reminds students to reflect and check their work.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MP5 - Use appropriate tools strategically</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 6th-8th grade teacher supports Mathematical Practice Standard 5 by engaging students in a myriad of worthwhile tasks which require the student to identify and properly use the appropriate tool (including estimation and technology) to solve the problem.</li> <li>• The teacher provides a classroom environment where students feel comfortable choosing from a wide variety of tools (paper and pencil, concrete models, rulers, protractors, calculators, spreadsheets, computer algebra systems, statistical packages, dynamic geometry software, applets, etc.).</li> <li>• The teacher encourages students to communicate their reasoning for the tool they chose.</li> <li>• The teacher provides opportunities for students to understand the insight to be gained or the limitations of grade-appropriate tools.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Example Task</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teacher often engages students with worthwhile tasks, which require students to identify and properly use the appropriate tool (including estimation and technology).</li> <li>• The teacher has a wide variety of tools available in the classroom.</li> <li>• The teacher occasionally provides direct instruction of which tool to use and articulates his/her reasoning to the students.</li> <li>• The teacher often has students communicate their reasoning for the tool they chose.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teacher occasionally provides students with worthwhile tasks, which require students to identify and properly use the appropriate tool (including estimation and technology).</li> <li>• The teacher frequently provides specific tools to students.</li> <li>• The teacher rarely has students communicate their reasoning for the tool they chose.</li> <li>• The teacher does not address benefits or limitations of specific tools.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>MP6 - Attend to precision</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 6th-8th grade teacher supports Mathematical Practice Standard 6 by communicating precisely using proper mathematical terms and definitions.</li> <li>• The teacher provides worthwhile tasks that develop students' knowledge and understanding of mathematical language and definitions, and encourages students to use clear and precise language.</li> <li>• The teacher provides a variety of tasks that address the necessity for attention to detail with units, proper use of symbols, ability to calculate accurately and efficiently, and grade-level appropriate mathematical terminology (including terminology referring to rates, ratios, probability models, geometric figures, data displays, components of expressions, equations or inequalities, number systems, and functions).</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Example Task</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teacher often provides worthwhile tasks that develop students' knowledge and understanding of mathematical language and definitions.</li> <li>• The teacher occasionally encourages students to use precise language, units, and symbols.</li> <li>• The teacher occasionally uses non-precise language and sometimes teaches material using mnemonics and/or "tricks".</li> <li>• The teacher often discusses the importance of calculating accurately and efficiently.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teacher does not consistently communicate mathematics with precise or proper mathematical terminology.</li> <li>• The teacher rarely stresses the importance of using proper units and symbols.</li> <li>• The teacher rarely provides worthwhile tasks that develop students' understanding of mathematical language and definitions.</li> <li>• The teacher utilizes mnemonics and/or "tricks" when teaching new mathematical processes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MP7- Look for and make use of structure</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 6th-8th grade teacher supports Mathematical Practice Standard 7 by providing worthwhile tasks that develop students' ability to recognize patterns or structures in mathematics and then use those to efficiently solve a problem.</li> <li>• The teacher encourages students to communicate patterns or structures they see and how they use that knowledge in problem-solving.</li> <li>• The teacher provides tasks that build up students' ability to recognize opportunities to see complicated things as a single object or as being composed of several objects.</li> <li>• The teacher encourages students to look closely at all problems and discern a pattern or a structure. Tasks provide opportunity for students to see parts of an equation as their own entity in order to solve more efficiently.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Example Task</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teacher often provides worthwhile tasks that develop students' ability to recognize patterns or structures in mathematics.</li> <li>• The teacher often points out any patterns or structures in a task to the students and explains how this information can be useful when solving the problem.</li> <li>• The teacher occasionally encourages students to find the pattern or structure on their own.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teacher occasionally provides worthwhile tasks that develop students' ability to recognize patterns or structures in mathematics.</li> <li>• The teacher points out these patterns and structures and explains how the information can be useful when solving the problem.</li> <li>• The teacher provides little to no time for students to communicate the patterns or structures that they see and how they would use them in problem-solving.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>MP8 - Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher supports Mathematical Practice Standard 8 by engaging students in worthwhile tasks that provide opportunity for students to use repeated reasoning to understand algorithms and make generalizations about patterns.</li> <li>Tasks include opportunities for students to use previously learned knowledge of operations to convert from fractions to repeated decimals, and make connections between covariance, rates, and representations showing the relationships between quantities.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Example Task</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher often provides worthwhile tasks that provide opportunity to develop general methods and shortcuts by recognizing patterns.</li> <li>The teacher often points these short cuts out to the students.</li> <li>The teacher occasionally provides tasks and time for students to develop general methods or shortcuts without direct instruction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher occasionally provides worthwhile tasks that develop general methods and shortcuts.</li> <li>The teacher often provides the students with the insight into the patterns and connects them to a general method or shortcut for the students.</li> </ul>