

**8<sup>th</sup> grade Texas TEKS Standards  
“Batter Up”**

**Mathematics**

§111.24. Mathematics, Grade 8.

(a) Introduction.

(2) Throughout mathematics in Grades 6-8, students build a foundation of basic understandings in number, operation, and quantitative reasoning; patterns, relationships, and algebraic thinking; geometry and spatial reasoning; measurement; and probability and statistics. Students use concepts, algorithms, and properties of rational numbers to explore mathematical relationships and to describe increasingly complex situations. Students use algebraic thinking to describe how a change in one quantity in a relationship results in a change in the other; and they connect verbal, numeric, graphic, and symbolic representations of relationships. Students use geometric properties and relationships, as well as spatial reasoning, to model and analyze situations and solve problems. Students communicate information about geometric figures or situations by quantifying attributes, generalize procedures from measurement experiences, and use the procedures to solve problems. Students use appropriate statistics, representations of data, reasoning, and concepts of probability to draw conclusions, evaluate arguments, and make recommendations.

(3) Problem solving in meaningful contexts, language and communication, connections within and outside mathematics, and formal and informal reasoning underlie all content areas in mathematics. Throughout mathematics in Grades 6-8, students use these processes together with graphing technology and other mathematical tools such as manipulative materials to develop conceptual understanding and solve problems as they do mathematics.

(b) Knowledge and skills.

(8.1) **Number, operation, and quantitative reasoning.** The student understands that different forms of numbers are appropriate for different situations.

The student is expected to:

(A) compare and order rational numbers in various forms including integers, percents, and positive and negative fractions and decimals;

(B) select and use appropriate forms of rational numbers to solve real-life problems including those involving proportional relationships;

(8.2) **Number, operation, and quantitative reasoning.** The student selects and uses appropriate operations to solve problems and justify solutions.

The student is expected to:

- (A) select appropriate operations to solve problems involving rational numbers and justify the selections;
- (B) use appropriate operations to solve problems involving rational numbers in problem situations;
- (C) evaluate a solution for reasonableness; and
- (D) use multiplication by a constant factor (unit rate) to represent proportional relationships.

**(8.3) Patterns, relationships, and algebraic thinking.** The student identifies proportional or non-proportional linear relationships in problem situations and solves problems.

The student is expected to:

- (B) estimate and find solutions to application problems involving percents and other proportional relationships such as similarity and rates.

**(8.14) Underlying processes and mathematical tools.** The student applies Grade 8 mathematics to solve problems connected to everyday experiences, investigations in other disciplines, and activities in and outside of school.

The student is expected to:

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

**(8.15) Underlying processes and mathematical tools.** The student communicates about Grade 8 mathematics through informal and mathematical language, representations, and models.

The student is expected to:

(A) communicate mathematical ideas using language, efficient tools, appropriate units, and graphical, numerical, physical, or algebraic mathematical models; and

(B) evaluate the effectiveness of different representations to communicate ideas.

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

The student is expected to:

(A) make conjectures from patterns or sets of examples and nonexamples; and

(B) validate his/her conclusions using mathematical properties and relationships.