



INDIANA ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Mathematics: **Grade 6**

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I. Introduction

The Indiana Academic Standards for Mathematics are the result of a process designed to identify, evaluate, synthesize, and create the most high-quality, rigorous standards for Indiana students. The standards are designed to ensure that Indiana students are prepared to enter and successfully complete postsecondary education, and that they are prepared for long-term, economically-viable career opportunities.

Standards Process

The Indiana Academic Standards were created through a collaborative process with input from teams of K-12 educators, representing school districts located throughout the state of Indiana; professors of higher education, representing a wide range of Indiana's public and private colleges and universities; and representatives from Indiana businesses and industries. The purpose of the standards process was to design college and career ready standards that would ensure that students who complete high school in Indiana are ready for college and careers.

History

Public Law 286 was passed by the Indiana General Assembly in 2013, which creates Indiana Code 20-19-2-14.5. The law requires the Indiana State Board of Education to perform a comprehensive review of Indiana's current standards (which were the Common Core State Standards) and to adopt college and career readiness educational standards no later than July 1, 2014.

In the fall of 2013, the Indiana Department of Education established Technical Teams, which were comprised of K-12 educators in English/Language Arts and Mathematics. The Technical Teams were responsible for reviewing the existing Indiana Academic Standards (Common Core State Standards) and providing suggestions for edits and word changes to improve the clarity and progression of the standards. The Department also created Advisory Teams, which were made up of educators from higher education institutions across Indiana. The Advisory Teams were responsible for reviewing the work of the Technical Teams and providing additional input.

Evaluation Process

In January of 2014, the Indiana Department of Education, in collaboration with the Indiana State Board of Education, established Evaluation Teams. The Evaluation Teams were responsible for going several steps further than the Technical and Advisory Teams. The Evaluation Teams were tasked with conducting a comprehensive analysis of several sets of standards, with the goal of identifying the standards that most clearly aligned with the skills that Hoosier students would need to know and be able to do in order to be college and career ready.

Membership for the Evaluation Teams was gleaned from individuals who had previously participated on either a Technical Team or an Advisory Team. The Evaluation Team members were selected for their subject matter expertise (in English/Language Arts or Mathematics) and their classroom teaching experience. The Evaluation Teams were made up of K-12 educators who represented a wide variety of Indiana school districts and over 445 years of combined classroom teaching experience, and higher education subject matter experts in English/Language Arts and Mathematics, representing Indiana's public and private institutions of higher education.

The Evaluation Teams met for the first time in February of 2014. The English/Language Arts evaluation teams were given the E/LA Common Core State Standards, as well as Indiana’s 2006 E/LA Academic Standards and the standards created by the National Council of Teachers of English. The Mathematics evaluation teams were given the Mathematics Common Core State Standards, as well as Indiana’s 2000 Math Academic Standards, Indiana’s 2009 Math Academic Standards, and the standards created by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

The panel was instructed to independently evaluate each set of standards, identifying whether the standard was wholly aligned with what a Hoosier student would need to know and be able to do in order to be college and career ready; partially aligned with what a Hoosier student would need to know and be able to do in order to be college and career ready; or not aligned with what a Hoosier student would need to know and be able to do in order to be college and career ready. The results of the evaluation were processed according to a forced consensus requirement—a majority requirement was calculated for each group of standards that was reviewed. Any standard that received a fully aligned rating by the majority of reviewers was marked as fully aligned; any standard that received a not aligned rating by the majority of reviewers was marked as not aligned; and any standard that received a partially aligned rating by the majority, or did not have a majority result, was marked as partially aligned.

Once the evaluations were complete, the results were compiled, and the Evaluation Teams were brought together to conduct a consensus process. The consensus process was blind (meaning that the Evaluation Team members did not know the origin of the standards that they were discussing). Through the consensus process, the Evaluation Teams were asked to select the standards that best and most thoroughly represented what students should know and be able to do in various areas of English/Language Arts and Mathematics in order to be college and career ready. The Evaluation Teams selected the standards that they found to be most appropriate; combined standards to create a more appropriate, rigorous, or clear standard; or, if they determined that gaps existed, wrote their own standards, or reviewed standards from other states (for example, the English/Language Arts Evaluation Teams reviewed the 2010 draft standards from Massachusetts).

Once the Evaluation Teams had selected the standards (from Common Core State Standards, Indiana Academic, or other states) or had written their own where they found gaps, the list of skills identified as necessary for students to be college and career ready was posted for public comment.

Public Comment, Public Hearings, and National Expert Review

The draft college and career ready standards were posted for the public to review on February 19, 2014. The public was invited to provide comment through March 12. Thousands of public comments were received. There were also three public hearings held in southern, central, and northern Indiana to receive public comment on the draft standards.

The comments from both the online public comment and the public hearings were compiled and reviewed and used to contribute to further iterations of the standards.

In addition, a variety of national experts were contacted to review the draft standards posted on February 19th. The results of the reviews were discussed, and portions of the reviews were incorporated into further iterations of the standards.

Reconvening of Evaluation Teams

The Evaluation Teams were reconvened in March of 2014. The teams were tasked with incorporating public comment, as well as national expert review, and with further reviewing the draft standards to ensure that they were aligned across grade levels and showed appropriate progression from grade to grade. The Evaluation Teams were also tasked with editing and revising standards for clarity, and addressing any other public comments around grade appropriateness, bias, embedded pedagogy, or other factors.

Once the Evaluation Teams completed their reviews, the results were sent to the College and Career Ready Panels for final review and approval. The results were also shared with additional national experts, who provided reviews. The results of those reviews were analyzed and synthesized and shared with the CCR Panels.

College and Career Ready Panels

The College and Career Ready (CCR) Panels were created in order to ensure that the standards that Indiana developed were aligned with what colleges, universities, industries, and businesses deem necessary for students to be college and career ready. The CCR Panels were made up of subject matter experts from a variety of Indiana public and private colleges and universities, as well as individuals representing Indiana's businesses and industries.

The CCR Panels were brought together in late March of 2014 to review the draft Indiana Academic Standards that had been reviewed and vetted by the Evaluation Teams in mid-March of 2014. The CCR Panels were tasked with reviewing the standards from 12th grade through kindergarten to ensure that the standards were clear and understandable; aligned across grade levels, showing appropriate progression from grade to grade; and designed to prepare students for college and career readiness. The CCR panels met several times throughout the end of March 2014 and early April 2014 to accomplish this task. At their last meeting, the CCR panel members were asked to sign off on the draft standards, indicating whether, in their professional opinion, the standards were poised to prepare Hoosier students to be college and career ready.

Indiana Academic Standards (College and Career Ready)

The culmination of the efforts of the Technical Teams, Advisory Teams, Evaluation Teams, and CCR Panels is the Indiana Academic Standards that are college and career ready. While many of the standards originated from various sources, including the Common Core State Standards; 2000, 2006, and 2009 Indiana Academic Standards; Massachusetts 2010 Draft English/Language Arts Standards; Virginia Standards of Learning; Nebraska English/Language Arts Standards; the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics; and the National Council of Teachers of English, a number of original standards were also written by members of the Evaluation Teams or CCR Panels.

The process was designed to identify the clearest, most rigorous, and best aligned standards in Mathematics and English/Language Arts to ensure that Hoosier students will graduate from high school with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to be lifelong learners who can succeed in post-secondary education and economically-viable career opportunities.

What are the Indiana Academic Standards?

The Academic Standards are designed to help educators, parents, students, and community members understand what students need to know and be able to do at each grade level, and within each content strand, in order to exit high school college and career ready. The Indiana Academic Standards for English/Language Arts demonstrate what students should know and be able to do in the areas of Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening, and Media Literacy. The Indiana Academic Standards for Mathematics demonstrate what students should know and be able to do in the areas of K-8 Mathematics; Algebra I, II, and Geometry; and higher-level high school Mathematics courses. The Indiana Academic Standards for Content Area Literacy (History/Social Studies and Science/Technical Subjects) indicate ways in which students should be able to incorporate literacy skills into various content areas at the 6-12 grade levels.

What are the Indiana Academic Standards NOT?

1). *The standards are not curriculum.*

While the standards may be used as the basis for curriculum, **the Indiana Academic Standards are not a curriculum**. Therefore, identifying the sequence of instruction at each grade—what will be taught and for how long—requires concerted effort and attention at the district and school levels. While the standards may have examples embedded, and resource materials may include guidelines and suggestions, the standards do not prescribe any particular curriculum. Curricular tools, including textbooks, are selected by the district/school and adopted through the local school board.

2). *The standards are not instructional practices.*

While the standards demonstrate what Hoosier students should know and be able to do in order to be prepared for college and careers, the standards are not instructional practices. The educators and subject matter experts that worked on the standards have taken care to ensure that the standards are free from embedded pedagogy and instructional practices. **The standards do not define how teachers should teach**. The standards must be complemented by well-developed, aligned, and appropriate curricular materials, as well as robust and effective instructional practices.

3). *The standards do not necessarily address students who are far below or far above grade-level.*

The standards are designed to show what the average Hoosier student should know and be able to do in order to be prepared for college and career. However, some students may be far below grade level or in need of special education, and other students may be far above grade level. The standards do not provide differentiation or intervention methods necessary to support and meet the needs of these students. It is up to the teacher, school, and district to determine the best and most effective mechanisms of standards delivery for these students.

4). *The standards do not cover all aspects of what is necessary for college and career readiness.*

While the standards cover what have been identified as essential skills for Hoosier students to be ready for college and careers, the standards are not—and cannot be—an exhaustive list of what students need in order to be ready for life after high school. Students, especially younger students, require a wide range of physical, social, and emotional supports in order to be prepared for the rigors of each educational progression (elementary grades to middle grades; middle grades to high school; and high school to college or career).

II. Acknowledgements

The Indiana Academic Standards could not have been developed without the time, dedication, and expertise of Indiana’s K-12 teachers, higher education professors, and representatives of Indiana business and industry. Additionally, the members of the public, including parents, community members, and policymakers who took time to provide public comments, whether through the online comment tool or in person at the various public hearings, have played a key role in contributing to the Indiana Academic Standards.

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PROCESS STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICS

The Process Standards demonstrate the ways in which students should develop conceptual understanding of mathematical content, and the ways in which students should synthesize and apply mathematical skills.

PROCESS STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICS

PS.1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

Mathematically proficient students start by explaining to themselves the meaning of a problem and looking for entry points to its solution. They analyze givens, constraints, relationships, and goals. They make conjectures about the form and meaning of the solution and plan a solution pathway, rather than simply jumping into a solution attempt. They consider analogous problems and try special cases and simpler forms of the original problem in order to gain insight into its solution. They monitor and evaluate their progress and change course if necessary. Mathematically proficient students check their answers to problems using a different method, and they continually ask themselves, "Does this make sense?" and "Is my answer reasonable?" They understand the approaches of others to solving complex problems and identify correspondences between different approaches. Mathematically proficient students understand how mathematical ideas interconnect and build on one another to produce a coherent whole.

PS.2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively.

Mathematically proficient students make sense of quantities and their relationships in problem situations. They bring two complementary abilities to bear on problems involving quantitative relationships: the ability to decontextualize—to abstract a given situation and represent it symbolically and manipulate the representing symbols as if they have a life of their own, without necessarily attending to their referents—and the ability to contextualize, to pause as needed during the manipulation process in order to probe into the referents for the symbols involved. Quantitative reasoning entails habits of creating a coherent representation of the problem at hand; considering the units involved; attending to the meaning of quantities, not just how to compute them; and knowing and flexibly using different properties of operations and objects.

PS.3: Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.

Mathematically proficient students understand and use stated assumptions, definitions, and previously established results in constructing arguments. They make conjectures and build a logical progression of statements to explore the truth of their conjectures. They analyze situations by breaking them into cases and recognize and use counterexamples. They organize their mathematical thinking, justify their conclusions and communicate them to others, and respond to the arguments of others. They reason inductively about data, making plausible arguments that take into account the context from which the data arose. Mathematically proficient students are also able to compare the effectiveness of two plausible arguments, distinguish correct logic or reasoning from that which is flawed, and—if there is a flaw in an argument—explain what it is. They justify whether a given statement is true always, sometimes, or never. Mathematically proficient students participate and collaborate in a mathematics community. They listen to or read the arguments of others, decide whether they make sense, and ask useful questions to clarify or improve the arguments.

PS.4: Model with mathematics.	Mathematically proficient students apply the mathematics they know to solve problems arising in everyday life, society, and the workplace using a variety of appropriate strategies. They create and use a variety of representations to solve problems and to organize and communicate mathematical ideas. Mathematically proficient students apply what they know and are comfortable making assumptions and approximations to simplify a complicated situation, realizing that these may need revision later. They are able to identify important quantities in a practical situation and map their relationships using such tools as diagrams, two-way tables, graphs, flowcharts and formulas. They analyze those relationships mathematically to draw conclusions. They routinely interpret their mathematical results in the context of the situation and reflect on whether the results make sense, possibly improving the model if it has not served its purpose.
PS.5: Use appropriate tools strategically.	Mathematically proficient students consider the available tools when solving a mathematical problem. These tools might include pencil and paper, models, a ruler, a protractor, a calculator, a spreadsheet, a computer algebra system, a statistical package, or dynamic geometry software. Mathematically proficient students are sufficiently familiar with tools appropriate for their grade or course to make sound decisions about when each of these tools might be helpful, recognizing both the insight to be gained and their limitations. Mathematically proficient students identify relevant external mathematical resources, such as digital content, and use them to pose or solve problems. They use technological tools to explore and deepen their understanding of concepts and to support the development of learning mathematics. They use technology to contribute to concept development, simulation, representation, reasoning, communication and problem solving.
PS.6: Attend to precision.	Mathematically proficient students communicate precisely to others. They use clear definitions, including correct mathematical language, in discussion with others and in their own reasoning. They state the meaning of the symbols they choose, including using the equal sign consistently and appropriately. They express solutions clearly and logically by using the appropriate mathematical terms and notation. They specify units of measure and label axes to clarify the correspondence with quantities in a problem. They calculate accurately and efficiently and check the validity of their results in the context of the problem. They express numerical answers with a degree of precision appropriate for the problem context.
PS.7: Look for and make use of structure.	Mathematically proficient students look closely to discern a pattern or structure. They step back for an overview and shift perspective. They recognize and use properties of operations and equality. They organize and classify geometric shapes based on their attributes. They see expressions, equations, and geometric figures as single objects or as being composed of several objects.
PS.8: Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.	Mathematically proficient students notice if calculations are repeated and look for general methods and shortcuts. They notice regularity in mathematical problems and their work to create a rule or formula. Mathematically proficient students maintain oversight of the process, while attending to the details as they solve a problem. They continually evaluate the reasonableness of their intermediate results.

MATHEMATICS: GRADE 6

The Mathematics standards for grade 6 are supplemented by the Process Standards for Mathematics.

The Mathematics standards for grade 6 are made up of 5 strands: Number Sense; Computation; Algebra and Functions; Geometry and Measurement; and Data Analysis and Statistics. The skills listed in each strand indicate what students in grade 6 should know and be able to do in Mathematics.

NUMBER SENSE

GRADE 6
6.NS.1: Understand that positive and negative numbers are used to describe quantities having opposite directions or values (e.g., temperature above/below zero, elevation above/below sea level, credits/debits, positive/negative electric charge). Use positive and negative numbers to represent and compare quantities in real-world contexts, explaining the meaning of 0 in each situation.
6.NS.2: Understand the integer number system. Recognize opposite signs of numbers as indicating locations on opposite sides of 0 on the number line; recognize that the opposite of the opposite of a number is the number itself (e.g., $-(-3) = 3$), and that 0 is its own opposite.
6.NS.3: Compare and order rational numbers and plot them on a number line. Write, interpret, and explain statements of order for rational numbers in real-world contexts.
6.NS.4: Understand that the absolute value of a number is the distance from zero on a number line. Find the absolute value of real numbers and know that the distance between two numbers on the number line is the absolute value of their difference. Interpret absolute value as magnitude for a positive or negative quantity in a real-world situation.
6.NS.5: Know commonly used fractions (halves, thirds, fourths, fifths, eighths, tenths) and their decimal and percent equivalents. Convert between any two representations (fractions, decimals, percents) of positive rational numbers without the use of a calculator.
6.NS.6: Identify and explain prime and composite numbers.
6.NS.7: Find the greatest common factor of two whole numbers less than or equal to 100 and the least common multiple of two whole numbers less than or equal to 12. Use the distributive property to express a sum of two whole numbers from 1 to 100, with a common factor as a multiple of a sum of two whole numbers with no common factor.
6.NS.8: Interpret, model, and use ratios to show the relative sizes of two quantities. Describe how a ratio shows the relationship between two quantities. Use the following notations: a/b , a to b , $a:b$.
6.NS.9: Understand the concept of a unit rate and use terms related to rate in the context of a ratio relationship.
6.NS.10: Use reasoning involving rates and ratios to model real-world and other mathematical problems (e.g., by reasoning about tables of equivalent ratios, tape diagrams, double number line diagrams, or equations).

COMPUTATION

GRADE 6

6.C.1: Divide multi-digit whole numbers fluently using a standard algorithmic approach.

6.C.2: Compute with positive fractions and positive decimals fluently using a standard algorithmic approach.

6.C.3: Solve real-world problems with positive fractions and decimals by using one or two operations.

6.C.4: Compute quotients of positive fractions and solve real-world problems involving division of fractions by fractions. Use a visual fraction model and/or equation to represent these calculations.

6.C.5: Evaluate positive rational numbers with whole number exponents.

6.C.6: Apply the order of operations and properties of operations (identity, inverse, commutative properties of addition and multiplication, associative properties of addition and multiplication, and distributive property) to evaluate numerical expressions with nonnegative rational numbers, including those using grouping symbols, such as parentheses, and involving whole number exponents. Justify each step in the process.

ALGEBRA AND FUNCTIONS

GRADE 6

6.AF.1: Evaluate expressions for specific values of their variables, including expressions with whole-number exponents and those that arise from formulas used in real-world problems.

6.AF.2: Apply the properties of operations (e.g., identity, inverse, commutative, associative, distributive properties) to create equivalent linear expressions and to justify whether two linear expressions are equivalent when the two expressions name the same number regardless of which value is substituted into them.

6.AF.3: Define and use multiple variables when writing expressions to represent real-world and other mathematical problems, and evaluate them for given values.

6.AF.4: Understand that solving an equation or inequality is the process of answering the following question: Which values from a specified set, if any, make the equation or inequality true? Use substitution to determine whether a given number in a specified set makes an equation or inequality true.

6.AF.5: Solve equations of the form $x + p = q$, $x - p = q$, $px = q$, and $x/p = q$ fluently for cases in which p , q and x are all nonnegative rational numbers. Represent real world problems using equations of these forms and solve such problems.

6.AF.6: Write an inequality of the form $x > c$, $x \geq c$, $x < c$, or $x \leq c$, where c is a rational number, to represent a constraint or condition in a real-world or other mathematical problem. Recognize inequalities have infinitely many solutions and represent solutions on a number line diagram.

6.AF.7: Understand that signs of numbers in ordered pairs indicate the quadrant containing the point; recognize that when two ordered pairs differ only by signs, the locations of the points are related by reflections across one or both axes. Graph points with rational number coordinates on a coordinate plane.

6.AF.8: Solve real-world and other mathematical problems by graphing points with rational number coordinates on a coordinate plane. Include the use of coordinates and absolute value to find distances between points with the same first coordinate or the same second coordinate.

6.AF.9: Make tables of equivalent ratios relating quantities with whole-number measurements, find missing values in the tables, and plot the pairs of values on the coordinate plane.

6.AF.10: Use variables to represent two quantities in a proportional relationship in a real-world problem; write an equation to express one quantity, the dependent variable, in terms of the other quantity, the independent variable. Analyze the relationship between the dependent and independent variables using graphs and tables, and relate these to the equation.

GEOMETRY AND MEASUREMENT

GRADE 6

6.GM.1: Convert between measurement systems (English to metric and metric to English) given conversion factors, and use these conversions in solving real-world problems.

6.GM.2: Know that the sum of the interior angles of any triangle is 180° and that the sum of the interior angles of any quadrilateral is 360° . Use this information to solve real-world and mathematical problems.

6.GM.3: Draw polygons in the coordinate plane given coordinates for the vertices; use coordinates to find the length of a side joining points with the same first coordinate or the same second coordinate; apply these techniques to solve real-world and other mathematical problems.

6.GM.4: Find the area of complex shapes composed of polygons by composing or decomposing into simple shapes; apply this technique to solve real-world and other mathematical problems.

6.GM.5: Find the volume of a right rectangular prism with fractional edge lengths using unit cubes of the appropriate unit fraction edge lengths (e.g., using technology or concrete materials), and show that the volume is the same as would be found by multiplying the edge lengths of the prism. Apply the formulas $V = lwh$ and $V = Bh$ to find volumes of right rectangular prisms with fractional edge lengths to solve real-world and other mathematical problems.

6.GM.6: Construct right rectangular prisms from nets and use the nets to compute the surface area of prisms; apply this technique to solve real-world and other mathematical problems.

DATA ANALYSIS AND STATISTICS

GRADE 6

6.DS.1: Recognize a statistical question as one that anticipates variability in the data related to the question and accounts for the variability in the answers. Understand that a set of data collected to answer a statistical question has a distribution which can be described by its center, spread, and overall shape.

6.DS.2: Select, create, and interpret graphical representations of numerical data, including line plots, histograms, and box plots.

6.DS.3: Formulate statistical questions; collect and organize the data (e.g., using technology); display and interpret the data with graphical representations (e.g., using technology).

6.DS.4: Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context in multiple ways, such as: report the number of observations; describe the nature of the attribute under investigation, including how it was measured and its units of measurement; determine quantitative measures of center (mean and/or median) and spread (range and interquartile range), as well as describe any overall pattern and any striking deviations from the overall pattern with reference to the context in which the data were gathered; and relate the choice of measures of center and spread to the shape of the data distribution and the context in which the data were gathered.