Module 1
Participant Guide

Focus on Practice Standards

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Connecticut Core Standards for Mathematics

Grades 6–12

Systems of Professional Learning

Connecticut Core Standards Systems of Professional Learning

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Section 1: Understanding the Foundations of the Connecticut Core Standards

What Do We Know?

As you talk with your group, use the space below to take notes on what is currently known about the CCS-Math.

What do we know about the CCS-Math?

Coherence

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Grade 7

Analyze proportional relationships and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems.

1. Compute unit rates associated with ratios of fractions, including ratios of lengths, areas and other quantities measured in like or different units. For example, if a person walks 1/2 mile in each 1/4 hour, compute the unit rate as the complex fraction 1/2/1/4 miles per hour, equivalently 2 miles per hour.

2. Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities.
a. 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.
b. Identify the constant of proportionality (unit rate) in tables, graphs, equations, diagrams, and verbal descriptions of proportional relationships.
c. Represent proportional relationships by equations. For example, if total cost t is proportional to the number n of items purchased at a constant price p, the relationship between the total cost and the number of items can be expressed as t = pn.
d. Explain what a point (x, y) on the graph of a proportional relationship means in terms of the situation, with special attention to the points (0, 0) and (1, r) where r is the unit rate.
3. Use proportional relationships to solve multistep ratio and percent problems. Examples: simple interest, tax, markups and markdowns, gratuities and commissions, fees, percent increase and decrease, percent error. (p.48)

Grade 8

Understand the connections between proportional relationships, lines, and linear equations.

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.

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. (p.54)

Algebra

Create equations that describe numbers or relationships

1. Create equations and inequalities in one variable and use them to solve problems. Include equations arising from linear and quadratic functions, and simple rational and exponential functions.

2. Create equations in two or more variables to represent relationships between quantities; graph equations on coordinate axes with labels and scales. (p.65)

The Impact of the Shifts

As we discuss the impact of the shifts, use the space below to record your own notes.

Notes on the Impact of the Shifts

The Personal Journey of the CCS

Take a moment to think about the questions that you have about implementing the CCS-Math and record those questions in the Questions column below.

As your questions are answered throughout the session, record the answers in the Answers column.

Questions	Answers

You will now watch a video from Phil Daro, one of the major figures involved in writing the Common Core Standards and a professor at Stanford University. He discusses what mathematics instruction should look like in the era of the Common Core and the need for change in mathematics teaching and learning.

(Phil Daro at CMC-North Ignite: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6UQcwzyE1U)