

# Standards to Students: K-12 Mathematics Standards

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# Desired Outcomes

**Discuss** the Mathematics standards **review** process, data, and timeline

**Share** the Mathematics standards **revision** process and timeline

**Present major changes** of the draft 1 K-12 Mathematics standards

**Highlight** upcoming resources for draft 1

**Share** installation and implementation timelines



# ACHIEVING EDUCATIONAL **EXCELLENCE**



**Prepare Each Student  
for Their Next Phase  
in Life**

Focus Area 2 | Elevate Teaching and Learning

## **ACTION 3**

Design a **Pre-K–12 Teaching and Learning Framework** with PSUs to set **shared expectations** for **standards-aligned instruction**, integrated supports and **access to high-quality learning** for **all students**.

**“Clear, coherent standards are the foundation of a unified Teaching and Learning Framework, ensuring every student experiences high-quality learning.”**

# Standards

Mathematics in  
North Carolina



# Students

Transforming Expectations  
into Experiences

Mathematical  
Reasoning



High  
Expectations  
For All



Alignment to  
Workforce



Applied Learning  
and Problem Solving

Meaningful Math  
Experiences



Data  
Literacy

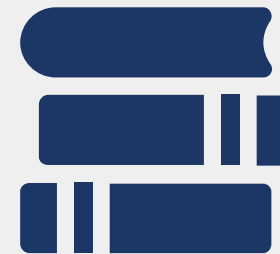


# Standards

K-12

Mathematics

Standard Course  
of Study



# Curriculum

Texts

Lessons

Activities & Tasks

Classroom Assessments

# Internal Procedures Manual

## North Carolina Standard Course of Study Internal Procedures Manual

For the Review, Revision, Installation, and  
Implementation of the NCSCOS

# Review Phase Timeline



**January - October  
2024**

Standards Research  
& Legislation Review

Surveys Released

Focus Groups &  
Interviews  
Completed

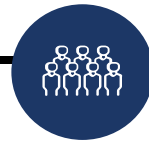


**November 2024 -  
December 2025**

Surveys Closed

Analysis of all  
stakeholder feedback  
completed

DRC applications open  
and members selected



**January - February 2025**

DRC Selected & Work  
Began



**February - March 2025**

DRC review of  
research and  
stakeholder feedback  
completed

# Data Review Committee

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- 24 members
- Members from all 8 SBE regions
- Classroom teachers, instructional coaches, school/district administrators, IHE faculty
- Grade span teams

## ● Release application

Establish criteria for knowledge of K-12 math standards, vertical alignment and previous use of data

## ● Blind Selection

Applications reviewed by K-12 Math Consultants and internal agency members

## ● Final Selection

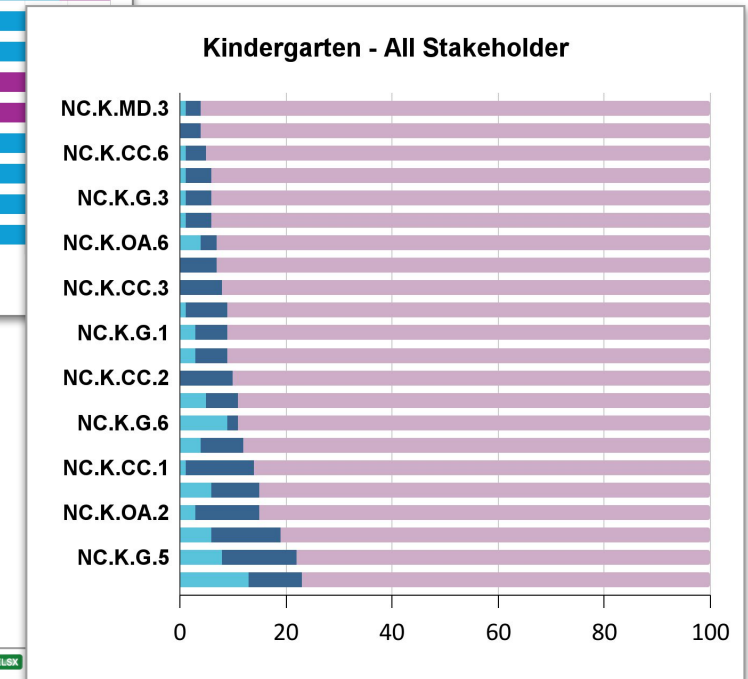
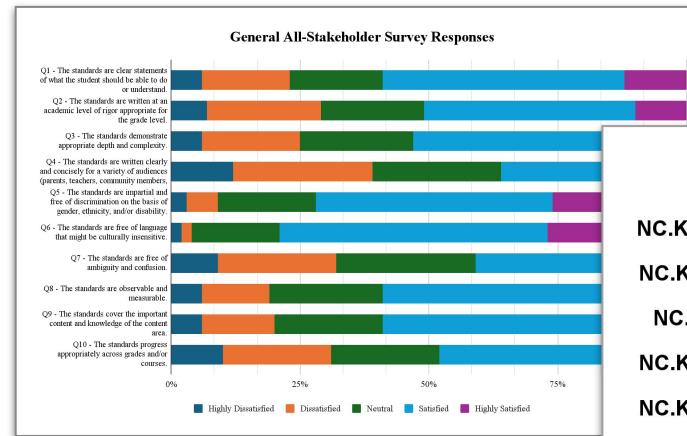
Contact supervisors; select final members

## ● Confirm DRC

Accepted DRC notified

# Data Review Committee

Analyze Data & Research  
 Complete Spreadsheet  
 Complete Data Report



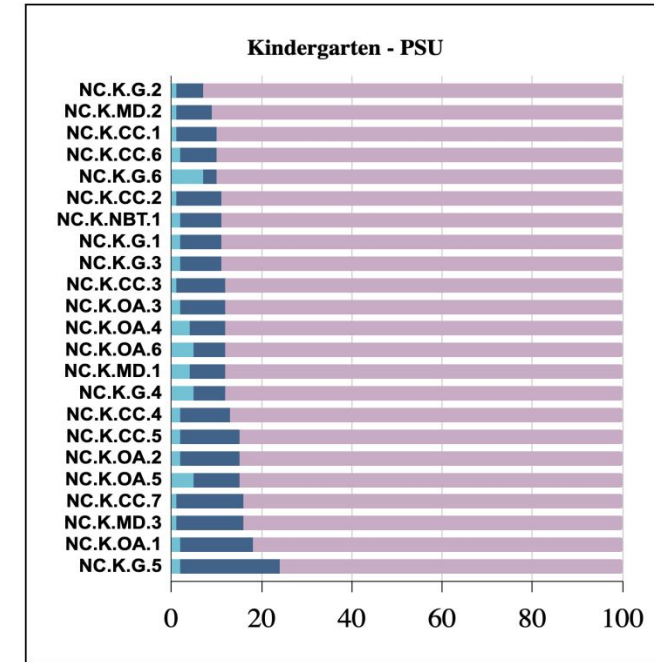
Copy of DRC Math Initial Standards Worksheet and Recommendations

Domain	Standard/Objective	Recommendation	Related Data Sources/Supporting Research
and Cardinality	NC.K.CC.1 Know number names and recognize patterns in the counting sequence by: -Counting to 100 by ones -Counting to 100 by tens	Keep as is	Utah: same standard Florida: same standard (also includes K.CC.2) Virginia: includes same ideas in standards, includes additional skills we have in later standards. Minnesota: same standard with a focus on counting by 10s. Majority of stakeholders in PSU and AS data (75% or above) do not have specific comments for revision/omission
	NC.K.CC.2 Count forward beginning from a given number within the known sequence, instead of having to begin at 1.	Needs minor revisions	-Counting backward is an expected trajectory level prior to being able to identify one more and one less within a count sequence. Clements & Sarama counting progression.
	NC.K.CC.3 Write numbers from 0 to 20. Represent a number of objects with a written numeral 0-20, with 0 representing a count of no objects.	Keep as is	Majority of stakeholders in PSU and AS data (75% or above) do not have specific comments for revision/omission; recommended to keep as is)
	NC.K.CC.4 Understand the relationship between numbers and quantities. -When counting objects, say the number names in the standard order, pairing each object with one and only one number name and each number name with one and only one object (one-to-one correspondence). -Recognize that the last number named tells the number of objects counted regardless of their arrangement (cardinality). -State the number of objects in a group, of up to 5 objects, without counting the	Keep as is	Majority of stakeholders in PSU and AS data (75% or above) do not have specific comments for revision/omission; recommended to keep as is)

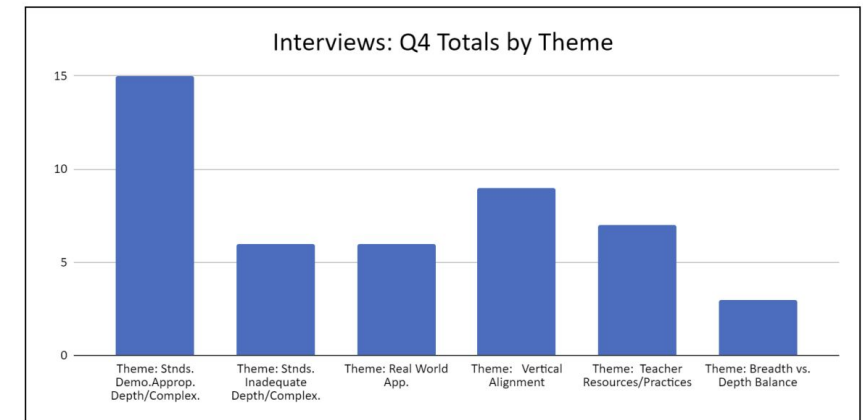
# Current Standards Data

79% of LEAs Responded

~5,700 All-Stakeholder Responses



Q4: Do the standards demonstrate appropriate depth and complexity?



# Data Review Committee Key Findings

**410 out of 474** standards had a 75% or higher **approval** rate on the All-Stakeholder survey

**395 out of 474** standards had a 75% or higher **approval** rate on the PSU survey

Standards are viewed to have gaps in **vertical alignment** with some concepts needing greater/lesser weight

Standards are often not clear or **easy to understand**

Breadth of what **all** students are required to learn is too broad

Need to emphasize **foundational math skills** and **career relevance**

# Data Review Committee Recommendations

Implement high school **math pathways** to connect student postsecondary aspirations to their math courses

**Narrow the scope of standards** to distinguish essential knowledge all graduates need from additional concepts connected to postsecondary interest

Maintain **4 credit requirement** with NC Math 1 and NC Math 2

Increase the role of **statistics and data science**

Adopt **AP Precalculus framework** to replace current NC Precalculus standards and significantly **revise NC Math 3 and NC Math 4**

Ensure parity between **procedural fluency, conceptual understanding and application** across all grades and courses

# Revision Phase Timeline (tentative)



**April - June 2025**

Open Standards  
Writing Team  
(SWT)  
Application

SWT Selection



**Aug - Nov. 2025**

Draft 1 Complete  
**Draft 1 Released  
for Feedback**



**Dec. 2025 - Feb. 2026**

DRC analysis of  
Draft 1 feedback



**Feb. - March 2026**

SWT review DRC  
analysis and  
complete Draft 2

Release Draft 2  
for feedback

# Standards Writing Team

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- 48 members
- Members from all 8 SBE regions
- Classroom teachers, instructional coaches, Community College and UNC-System educators
- Grade span teams

## ● Release application

Establish criteria for knowledge of K-12 math standards, vertical alignment, and math rigor.

## ● Blind Selection

425 fully completed applications reviewed by K-12 Math Consultants and internal agency members

## ● Writing

Began work at the end of July with 3-day in-person convening. Meeting virtually in the evenings and on weekends.

Focus on addressing DRC recommendations and stakeholder feedback.

# Major Changes

Draft 1

# Major Changes | Consistent Format

Operations and Algebraic Thinking	
<b>Represent and solve problems involving multiplication and division.</b>	
NC.3.OA.1	For products of whole numbers with two factors up to and including 10: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interpret the factors as representing the number of equal groups and the number of objects in each group.</li> <li>Illustrate and explain strategies including arrays, repeated addition, decomposing a factor, and applying the commutative and associative properties.</li> </ul>
NC.3.OA.2	For whole-number quotients of whole numbers with a one-digit divisor and a one-digit quotient: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interpret the divisor and quotient in a division equation as representing the number of equal groups and the number of objects in each group.</li> <li>Illustrate and explain strategies including arrays, repeated addition or subtraction, and decomposing a factor.</li> </ul>
NC.3.OA.3	Represent, interpret, and solve one-step problems involving multiplication and division. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solve multiplication word problems with factors up to and including 10. Represent the problem using arrays, pictures, and/or equations with a symbol for the unknown number to represent the problem.</li> <li>Solve division word problems with a divisor and quotient up to and including 10. Represent the problem using arrays, pictures, repeated subtraction and/or equations with a symbol for the unknown number to represent the problem.</li> </ul>
<b>Understand properties of multiplication and the relationship between multiplication and division.</b>	
NC.3.OA.6	Solve an unknown-factor problem, by using division strategies and/or changing it to a multiplication problem.
<b>Multiply and divide within 100.</b>	
NC.3.OA.7	Demonstrate fluency with multiplication and division with factors, quotients and divisors up to and including 10.

**Current**

3rd Grade	
Standards and Objectives	
<b>Algebraic and Numerical Reasoning</b>	
<b>Standard 1</b>	<b>Develop an understanding of multiplication with whole numbers.</b>
Objective 1	Interpret factors as representing the number of equal groups and the number of objects in each group for products of whole numbers with two factors up to and including 10.
Objective 2	Model strategies including repeated addition, skip-counting, decomposing a factor, and commutative property with representations for products of whole numbers with two factors up to and including 10.
Objective 3	Interpret patterns of multiplication using visual tools.
Objective 4	Represent to solve one-step contextual problems involving multiplication with factors up to and including 10.
Objective 5	Connect multiplication contextual situations with equations using a symbol for the unknown number.
Objective 6	Find the product of a one-digit whole number by a multiple of 10 in the range 10–90 by using representations, based on place value and the properties of operations.
<b>Standard 2</b>	<b>Develop an understanding of division with whole numbers.</b>
Objective 1	Interpret the divisor and quotient in a division equation as representing the number of equal groups and the number of objects in each group for whole-number quotients of whole numbers with a one-digit divisor and a one-digit quotient.

**Draft 1**

# Major Changes | Domains

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Counting and Cardinality										
Number and Operations in Base Ten					Ratio and Proportional Relationships			Number & Quantity		
	Number and Operations: Fractions			The Number System						
Operations and Algebraic Thinking					Expressions and Equations			Algebra		
								Functions		
Geometry										
Measurement and Data					Statistics and Probability					

**Current**

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Algebraic & Numerical Reasoning					Ratio & Proportional Reasoning		Algebraic, Numerical, & Functional Reasoning			
Spatial, Geometric, & Measurement Reasoning										
Reasoning with Data					Statistical & Data Science Reasoning					

**Draft 1**

# Major Changes | Pre-calculus

Functions	
<b>PC.F.1 Understand key features of sine, cosine, tangent, cotangent, secant and cosecant functions.</b>	
PC.F.1.1	Interpret algebraic and graphical representations to determine key features of transformed sine and cosine functions. <i>Key features include: amplitude, domain, midline, phase shift, frequency, period, intervals where the function is increasing, decreasing, positive or negative, relative maximums and minimums.</i>
PC.F.1.2	Interpret algebraic and graphical representations to determine key features of tangent, cotangent, secant, and cosecant. <i>Key features include: domain, frequency, period, intervals where the function is increasing, decreasing, positive or negative, relative maximums and minimums, and asymptotes.</i>
PC.F.1.3	Integrate information to build trigonometric functions with specified amplitude, frequency, period, phase shift, or midline with or without context.
PC.F.1.4	Implement graphical and algebraic methods to solve trigonometric equations and inequalities in context with support from technology.
<b>PC.F.2 Apply properties of a unit circle with center (0,0) to determine the values of sine, cosine, tangent, cotangent, secant, and cosecant.</b>	
PC.F.2.1	Use a unit circle to find values of sine, cosine, and tangent for angles in terms of reference angles.
PC.F.2.2	Explain the relationship between the symmetry of a unit circle and the periodicity of trigonometric functions.
<b>PC.F.3 Apply properties of trigonometry to solve problems involving all types of triangles.</b>	
PC.F.3.1	Implement a strategy to solve equations using inverse trigonometric functions.
PC.F.3.2	Implement the Law of Sines and the Law of Cosines to solve problems.
PC.F.3.3	Implement the Pythagorean identity to find $\sin(\theta)$ , $\cos(\theta)$ , or $\tan(\theta)$ given $\sin(\theta)$ , $\cos(\theta)$ , or $\tan(\theta)$ and the quadrant of the angle.
<b>PC.F.4 Understand the relationship of algebraic and graphical representations of exponential, logarithmic, rational, power functions, and conic sections to their key features.</b>	
PC.F.4.1	Interpret algebraic and graphical representations to determine key features of exponential functions. <i>Key features include: domain, range, intercepts, intervals where the function is increasing, decreasing, positive or negative, concavity, end behavior, limits, and asymptotes.</i>

Current - NC framework

Topic	Instructional Periods	Suggested Skill Focus
<b>2.1 Change in Arithmetic and Geometric Sequences</b>	2	<p><b>1.B</b> Express functions, equations, or expressions in analytically equivalent forms that are useful in a given mathematical or applied context.</p> <p><b>2.A</b> Describe the characteristics of a function with varying levels of precision, depending on the function representation and available mathematical tools.</p>
<b>2.2 Change in Linear and Exponential Functions</b>	2	<p><b>1.C</b> Construct new functions, using transformations, compositions, inverses, or regressions, that may be useful in modeling contexts, criteria, or data, with and without technology.</p> <p><b>2.B</b> Apply numerical results in a given mathematical or applied context.</p>
<b>2.3 Exponential Functions</b>	1–2	<p><b>2.A</b> Describe the characteristics of a function with varying levels of precision, depending on the function representation and available mathematical tools.</p>
<b>2.4 Exponential Function Manipulation</b>	2	<p><b>1.B</b> Express functions, equations, or expressions in analytically equivalent forms that are useful in a given mathematical or applied context.</p> <p><b>2.A</b> Describe the characteristics of a function with varying levels of precision, depending on the function representation and available mathematical tools.</p>
<b>2.5 Exponential Function Context and Data Modeling</b>	2–3	<p><b>1.C</b> Construct new functions, using transformations, compositions, inverses, or regressions, that may be useful in modeling contexts, criteria, or data, with and without technology.</p> <p><b>2.B</b> Apply numerical results in a given mathematical or applied context.</p>
<b>2.6 Competing Function Model Validation</b>	2–3	<p><b>2.B</b> Identify information from graphical, numerical, analytical, and verbal representations to answer a question or construct a model, with and without technology.</p> <p><b>2.C</b> Support conclusions or choices with a logical rationale or appropriate data.</p>
<b>2.7 Composition of Functions</b>	2–3	<p><b>1.C</b> Construct new functions, using transformations, compositions, inverses, or regressions, that may be useful in modeling contexts, criteria, or data, with and without technology.</p> <p><b>2.B</b> Construct equivalent graphical, numerical, analytical, and verbal representations of functions that are useful in a given mathematical or applied context, with and without technology.</p>
<b>2.8 Inverse Functions</b>	2–3	<p><b>1.A</b> Solve equations and inequalities represented analytically, with and without technology.</p> <p><b>2.B</b> Construct equivalent graphical, numerical, analytical, and verbal representations of functions that are useful in a given mathematical or applied context, with and without technology.</p>

Draft 1 - AP framework

# Major Changes | Clarity & Ease of Use

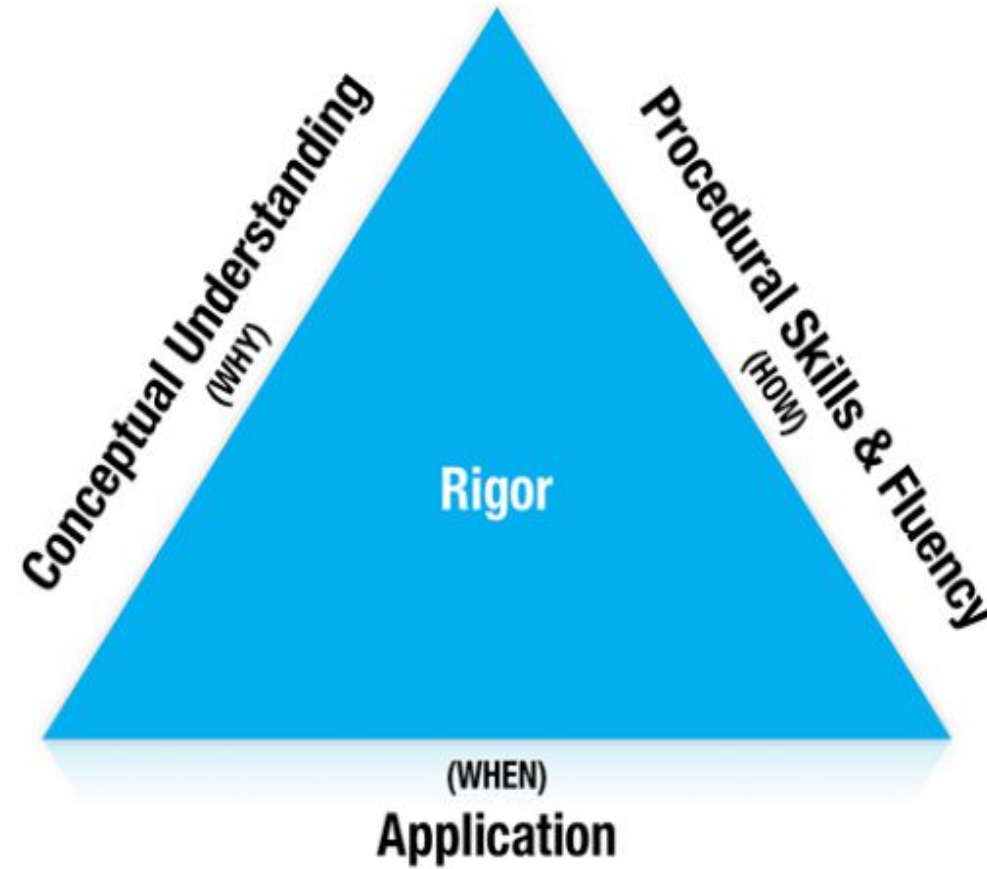
8th Grade	
Domain: Algebraic, Numerical, & Functional Reasoning	
<b>Standard 1</b>	<b>Apply properties of operations to solve real-world and mathematical problems using equations and inequalities in one variable.</b>
Objective 1	Construct linear equations with the same variable on both sides of the equation to represent quantities and relationships from a given context.
Objective 2	Make use of structure and properties of equality to solve linear equations with the same variable on both sides of the equation.
Objective 3	Justify whether one-variable equations have one solution, infinitely many solutions, or no solutions in a real-world context.
Objective 4	Construct linear inequalities with the same variable on both sides of the inequality to represent quantities and relationships from given context.
Objective 5	Make use of structure and properties of equality to solve linear inequalities with the same variable on both sides of the inequality.
<b>Standard 2</b>	<b>Investigate functions to describe and represent relationships between quantities.</b>
Objective 1	Recognize a function from a graph, a table, or a set of ordered pairs.
Objective 2	Represent statements describing contextual situations using function notation.
Objective 3	Make use of structure to determine where a function is increasing or decreasing; linear or non-linear.
Objective 4	Represent the qualitative features of a real-world function on a coordinate plane.

## Revised Bloom's Taxonomy for All Grades/Courses

# Major Changes | Vertical Alignment

K	1	2	3
<b>Identify and describe shapes.</b>	<b>Describe and create shapes based on their defining attributes.</b>	<b>Reason with 2-D and 3-D shapes and their attributes.</b>	<b>Reason with quadrilaterals and their attributes.</b>
Name triangles, squares, rectangles, hexagons, circles, cubes, cones, cylinders, and spheres regardless of their orientations or overall size.	Distinguish between defining and non-defining attributes of shapes.	Compare the defining attributes of triangles, quadrilaterals, pentagons, hexagons, octagons and circles using the number of sides, vertices and angles.	Construct points, lines, line segments, and perpendicular and parallel lines.
Identify triangles, squares, rectangles, hexagons, circles, cubes, cones, cylinders, and spheres as two-dimensional or three-dimensional.	Describe the defining attributes of triangles, squares, rectangles, hexagons, and circles including the number of sides, vertices and angles.	Describe the defining attributes of cubes, rectangular prisms, pyramids, spheres, cones, and cylinders using the number of faces, edges and vertices.	Construct examples and non-examples of types of quadrilaterals including rhombuses, rectangles, squares, parallelograms, and trapezoids.
Compare two-dimensional shapes, in different sizes and orientations, using informal language to describe their similarities, differences, attributes and other properties.	Describe the defining attributes of cubes, cones, cylinders, and rectangular prisms, including the number of faces, edges, and vertices.	Compare attributes of similar 2D and 3D shapes.	Name types of quadrilaterals including rhombuses, rectangles, squares, parallelograms, and trapezoids.
<b>Create shapes based on their defining attributes.</b>	Draw triangles, rectangles, squares, hexagons, and circles.		Identify points, lines, line segments, and perpendicular and parallel lines within two-dimensional figures and contextualized situations.
Draw triangles, rectangles, squares, and circles.	Build triangles, rectangles, squares, hexagons, circles, cubes, cones, cylinders, and rectangular prisms.		
Build triangles, rectangles, squares, circles, cubes, cones, spheres, and cylinders.	Compose 2D figures by combining two or more simple shapes (triangles, squares, rectangles, and/or hexagons).		
Compose larger plane figures by combining two or more simple plane figures (triangles, rectangles and/or squares).			

# Recommendation | Emphasizing Parity



# Math Standards: More Than Just Content

## NC K-12 Standards for Mathematical Practice

	Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.		Use appropriate tools strategically.
	Reason abstractly and quantitatively.		Attend to precision.
	Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.		Look for and make use of structure.
	Model with mathematics.		Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

# Resources with Draft 1 Release

- FAQ
- Progression chart
- AP Precalculus Framework
- Pathways chart



## K-12 Math Standards Draft 1 Proposal - Frequently Asked Questions

### 1) **When would the standards and new courses start?**

The current timeline is for draft standards to be approved by the State Board of Education in the summer of 2026. The 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years would be used to transition from the current standards and courses. New standards and courses would begin with the 2028-2029 school year.

### 2) **What happens during the Two-Year Installation phase?**

During the first year of the installation phase, NCDPI staff will work with stakeholders to develop supporting documents, provide professional development on the proposed standards and courses, begin revisions to state assessments, and provide guidance on purchasing high-quality instructional materials.

# Installation Phase

26-27 & 27-28 school years (tentative)

- **Communication**

- PSU leadership
- Educators
- Parents
- Other Stakeholders

- **Professional Learning**

- Regional PD
- Virtual
- TBD

- **Support Documents**

- Unpacking
- Glossary
- Crosswalk
- Parent Guides
- TBD

- **Data Collection**

- Needs assessment
- Quality Assurance Roundtable

# Implementation Phase

## 28-29 school year (tentative)

- **Communication**

- PSU leadership
- Educators
- Parents
- Other Stakeholders

- **Professional Learning**

- Regional PD
- Virtual
- TBD

- **Support Documents**

- Based on data from the field

- **Data Collection**

- Needs assessment
- Quality Assurance Roundtable

**State assessments aligned to the new standards**

# Questions?