## Grade 8 Mathematics <br> Achievement Level Descriptors

## MAJOR CONTENT

The student solves problems involving the Major Content for the course with connections to the Standards for Mathematical Practice.

| Major Content |  |  |  |  |
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| Content | Level 5: Advanced | Level 4: Mastery | Level 3: Basic | Level 2: Approaching Basic |
| Radicals, <br> Integer <br> Exponents, and Scientific <br> Notation <br> 8 EE.A. 1 <br> 8 EE.A. 2 <br> 8.EE.A. 3 <br> 8.EE.A. 4 | Evaluates and generates equivalent numerical expressions using and applying properties of integer exponents. | Evaluates and generates equivalent numerical expressions using and applying properties of integer exponents. | Evaluates numerical expressions using properties of integer exponents. | Evaluates numerical expressions using properties of integer exponents. |
|  | Solves equations of the form $x^{2}=p$ and $x^{3}=p$, where $p$ is a perfect square or perfect cube, representing solutions using $\sqrt{ }$ or $\sqrt[3]{ }$ symbols. | Solves equations of the form $x^{2}=p$ and $\boldsymbol{x}^{3}=\boldsymbol{p}$, where $p$ is a perfect square or perfect cube. | Partially solves equations of the form $x^{2}=p$, where $p$ is a perfect square less than or equal to $\mathbf{1 0 0}$, by representing only the positive solution of the equation. |  |
|  | Estimates very large and very small quantities using scientific notation and determines how many times as large one number is in relation to another. | Estimates very large and very small quantities using scientific notation. | Estimates very large quantities using scientific notation. | Estimates very large quantities using scientific notation. |
|  | Performs operations with numbers expressed in scientific notation. Interprets scientific notation that has been generated by technology. | Performs operations with numbers expressed in scientific notation. | Performs operations with numbers expressed in scientific notation. |  |
|  | Chooses appropriate units for measuring very large or very small quantities. |  |  |  |

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| Proportional <br> Relationships <br> and Linear <br> Equations <br> 8.EE.B. 5 <br> 8.EE.B. 6 <br> 8.F.A. 3 | Graphs linear equations in the form $y=m x+b$, including proportional relationships. | Graphs linear equations in the form $y=m x+b$, including proportional relationships. | Graphs linear equations in the form $y=m x+b$, including proportional relationships. | Graphs linear equations in the form $y=m x+b$. |
|  | Interprets the unit rate as the slope of the graph of a proportional relationship and applies these concepts to solve real-world problems. | Interprets the unit rate as the slope of the graph of a proportional relationship and applies these concepts to solve real-world problems. | Interprets the unit rate as the slope of the graph of a proportional relationship. |  |
|  | Compares two different proportional relationships represented in different ways. | Compares two different proportional relationships represented in different ways. | Makes some comparisons between two different proportional relationships represented in different ways. |  |
|  | Interprets $y=m x+b$ as defining a linear function. |  |  |  |
|  | Uses similar triangles to show that the slope is the same between any two distinct points on a non-vertical line in the coordinate plane. | Uses similar triangles to show that the slope is the same between any two distinct points on a non-vertical line in the coordinate plane. |  |  |
| Solving Linear Equations 8.EE.C.7b | Fluently solves linear equations in one variable, with rational number coefficients, including those that require use of the distributive property and combining like terms. | Fluently solves linear equations in one variable, with rational number coefficients, including those that require use of the distributive property and combining like terms. | Solves linear equations in one variable, with rational number coefficients, including those that require use of the distributive property or combining like terms. | Solves linear equations in one variable, with rational number coefficients. |

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| Systems <br> Linear <br> Equations <br> 8.EE.C. 8 | Analyzes and solves mathematical and real-world problems leading to pairs of simultaneous linear equations graphically, algebraically, and by inspection. | Analyzes and solves mathematical problems leading to pairs of simultaneous linear equations graphically, algebraically, and by inspection | Solves mathematical problems leading to pairs of simultaneous linear equations graphically and by inspection. | Solves mathematical problems leading to pairs of simultaneous linear equations graphically, where the graph is provided. |
|  | Understands the relationship between the graphic representation and the algebraic solution to the system. | Understands the relationship between the graphic representation and the algebraic solution to the system. |  |  |
| Functions <br> 8.F.A. 1 <br> 8.F.A. 2 <br> 8.F.A. 3 | Understands a function is a rule assigning to each input exactly one output and can be graphed as a set of ordered pairs. | Understands a function is a rule that assigns to each input exactly one output and can be graphed as a set of ordered pairs. | Understands a function is a rule that assigns to each input exactly one output and can be graphed as a set of ordered pairs. | Understands a function is a rule that assigns to each input exactly one output. |
|  | Compares properties of two functions represented in different ways. | Compares some of the properties of two functions represented in different ways. |  |  |
|  | Identifies and proves functions as linear or nonlinear. | Identifies functions as linear or nonlinear. |  |  |

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| Congruence and Similarity 8.G.A. 1 <br> 8.G.A. 2 <br> 8.G.A. 3 <br> 8.G.A. 4 | Describes the effect of dilations, translations, rotations, and reflections on two-dimensional figures with and without coordinates; determines whether two given figures are congruent or similar through one or more transformations; and describes a sequence of transformations to justify congruence or similarity of two figures. | Describes the effect of dilations, translations, rotations, and reflections on two-dimensional figures with coordinates, and determines whether two given figures are congruent or similar through one or more transformations. | Describes the effect of translations, rotations, and reflections on twodimensional figures without coordinates and determines whether two given figures are congruent. | Describes the effect of translations, rotations, or reflections on twodimensional figures without coordinates and determines whether two given figures are congruent. |
| Pythagorean <br> Theorem <br> 8.G.B. 7 <br> 8.G.B. 8 | Applies the Pythagorean Theorem in real-world and mathematical problems in two and three dimensions and to find the distance between two points in a coordinate system. | Applies the Pythagorean Theorem in a simple planar case and to find the distance between two points in a coordinate system. | Applies the Pythagorean Theorem to determine any side of a right triangle in a simple planar case without coordinates. | Applies the Pythagorean Theorem to determine the hypotenuse of a right triangle in a simple planar case without coordinates. |
|  | Recognizes situations to apply the Pythagorean Theorem in multi-step problems. |  |  |  |

## ADDITIONAL \& SUPPORTING CONTENT

The student solves problems involving the Additional \& Supporting Content for the course with connections to the Standards for Mathematical Practice.

| Additional \& Supporting Content |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Content | Level 5: Advanced | Level 4: Mastery | Level 3: Basic | Level 2: Approaching Basic |  |  |  |
| Rational and <br> Irrational <br> Numbers <br> 8.NS.A.1 <br> 8.NS.A.2 | Distinguishes between <br> rational and irrational <br> numbers, understands these <br> numbers have decimal <br> expansions, approximates <br> locations on a number line, and <br> converts between terminating <br> decimals or decimals that <br> repeat eventually and <br> fractional representations of <br> rational numbers. | Distinguishes between <br> rational and irrational <br> numbers, understands these <br> numbers have decimal <br> expansions, approximates <br> locations on a number line, <br> and converts between <br> terminating decimals or <br> simple repeating decimals <br> and fractional <br> representations of rational <br> numbers. | Distinguishes between <br> rational and irrational <br> numbers, understands <br> these numbers have <br> decimal expansions, and <br> approximates locations on <br> a number line. | rational and irrational <br> numbers and approximates <br> locations on a number line. |  |  |  |
| Modeling with <br> Functions <br> 8.F.B.4 <br> 8.F.B.5 | Constructs a function to model <br> a linear relationship between <br> two quantities described with <br> or without a context. | Constructs a function to <br> model a linear relationship <br> between two quantities <br> described with or without a <br> context. | Constructs a function to <br> model a linear <br> relationship between two <br> quantities in a table or <br> graph. | Identifies a function to <br> model a linear relationship <br> between two quantities in <br> a table or graph. |  |  |  |

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|  | Analyzes and describes the functional relationship between two quantities. | Analyzes the graph of a linear function to describe the functional relationship between two quantities. | Analyzes the graph of a linear function to describe the functional relationship between two quantities. |  |
|  | Identifies the graph of a function when given a written description. | Identifies the graph of a function when given a written description. |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Volume } \\ & \text { 8.G.C. } \end{aligned}$ | Uses the formulas for volume of cones, cylinders and spheres to calculate the volume or dimensions of solids in mathematical and real-world problems. | Uses the formulas for volume of cones, cylinders and spheres to calculate the volume of solids in mathematical and real-world problems. | Uses the formulas for volume of cones, cylinders and spheres to calculate the volume of solids in mathematical problems. |  |
|  | Applies volume formulas to composite solids in mathematical problems. |  |  |  |
| Bivariate Data <br> 8.SP.A. 1 <br> 8.SP.A. 2 <br> 8.SP.A. 3 <br> 8.SP.A. 4 | Analyzes and describes the patterns of association in bivariate data by constructing, displaying, and interpreting scatter plots and two-way tables. | Analyzes and describes the patterns of association in bivariate data by constructing, displaying, and interpreting scatter plots and two-way tables. | Describes the patterns of association in bivariate data by interpreting scatter plots and two-way tables. | Identifies the patterns of association in bivariate data by interpreting scatter plots and two-way tables. |
|  | Uses the equation of a linear model to solve problems in context. | Uses the equation of a linear model to solve problems in context. | Uses the equation of a linear model to solve problems in context. |  |
|  | Informally fits a straight line to a scatter plot that suggests a linear association and assesses the model fit. | Informally fits a straight line to a scatter plot that suggests a linear association. | Identifies a line of best fit for a scatter plot that suggests a linear association. |  |


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|  | Compares linear models used <br> to fit the same set of data to <br> determine which has a better <br> fit. |  |  |  |  |  |

EXPRESSING MATHEMATICAL REASONING
In connection with course content, the student expresses course-level appropriate mathematical reasoning by constructing viable arguments, critiquing the reasoning of others and/or attending to precision when making mathematical statements.

| Expressing Mathematical Reasoning |  |  |  |  |
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|  | In connection with the content knowledge and skills described in Major Content, the student clearly constructs and communicates a complete response based on |  | In connection with the content knowledge and skills described in Major Content, the student constructs and communicates a response based on |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { LEAP.II.8.1 } \\ & \text { LEAP.II.8.2 } \end{aligned}$ | the process to determine the set of all solutions to an equation or system of equations in two variables and the principle that a graph of an equation or system of equations in two variables represents the set of all solutions |  |  |  |
| LEAP.II.8.3 | a chain of reasoning to justify or refute algebraic, function, or linear-equation propositions or conjectures |  |  |  |
| LEAP.II.8.4 | application of geometric reasoning in a coordinate setting and/or using coordinates to draw geometric conclusions |  |  |  |
| LEAP.II.8.5 | Responses may include: |  |  |  |
|  | a logical approach based on a conjecture and/or stated assumptions | a logical approach based on a conjecture and/or stated assumptions | a logical approach based on a conjecture and/or stated assumptions | a faulty approach based on a conjecture and/or stated assumptions |
|  | a logical and complete progression of steps | a logical and complete progression of steps | a logical, but incomplete, progression of steps | an incomplete or illogical progression of steps |
|  | precise of calculation | precise calculation | minor calculation errors | major calculation errors |
|  | fluent use of grade-level vocabulary, symbols, and labels | fluent use of grade-level vocabulary, symbols, and labels | limited use of grade-level vocabulary, symbols, and labels | limited use of grade-level vocabulary, symbols, and labels |
|  | complete justification of a conclusion | complete justification of a conclusion | partial justification of a conclusion | partial justification of a conclusion |
|  | generalization of an argument or conclusion |  |  |  |

## Expressing Mathematical Reasoning

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|  | evaluating, interpreting and <br> critiquing the validity and <br> efficiency of responses, <br> reasoning, approaches, and <br> conclusions, using <br> mathematical connections <br> and providing counter- <br> examples where applicable | evaluating, interpreting, and <br> critiquing the validity of <br> responses, reasoning, <br> approaches, and conclusions | evaluating the validity of <br> approaches and conclusions |  |
|  | identifying and describing <br> errors in solutions and <br> presenting correct solutions | identifying and describing <br> errors in solutions and <br> presenting correct solutions | identifying and describing errors <br> in solutions |  |
|  | distinguishing correct <br> reasoning from flawed and <br> correcting flawed reasoning | identifying and describing <br> flaws in reasoning and <br> presenting correct reasoning |  |  |

## MODELING \& APPLICATION

In connection with content, the student solves real-world problems with a degree of difficulty appropriate to the grade/course by applying knowledge and skills articulated in the standards for the current grade/course (or for more complex problems, knowledge and skills articulated in the standards for previous grades/courses), engaging particularly in the Modeling practice, and where helpful making sense of problems and persevering to solve them, reasoning abstractly, and quantitatively, using appropriate tools strategically, looking for the making use of structure and/or looking for and expressing regularity in repeated reasoning.

| Modeling \& Application |  |  |  |  |
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| Content | Level 5: Advanced | Level 4: Mastery | Level 3: Basic | Level 2: Approaching Basic |
|  | In connection with the content knowledge, skills, and abilities described in Major Content, the student devises a plan to apply mathematics in solving problems arising in everyday life, society and the workplace by: |  |  |  |
| LEAP.III.8.1 <br> LEAP.III.8.2 <br> LEAP.III.8.3 <br> LEAP.III.8.4 | using stated assumptions and making assumptions and approximations to simplify a real-world situation | using stated assumptions and making assumptions and approximations to simplify a real-world situation | using stated assumptions and approximations to simplify a real-world situation | using stated assumptions and approximations to simplify a real-world situation |
|  | analyzing and/or creating limitations, relationships, and interpreting goals within a model | creating limitations and goals within a model |  |  |
|  | analyzing, justifying and defending models which lead to a conclusion | using models which lead to a conclusion |  |  |
|  | mapping relationships between quantities by selecting appropriate tools to create models | mapping relationships between quantities by selecting appropriate tools to create models | illustrating relationships between quantities by using provided tools to create models | identifying quantities by using provided tools to create models |
|  | analyzing relationships mathematically between quantities to draw conclusions | analyzing relationships mathematically between quantities to draw conclusions | analyzing relationships mathematically between quantities to draw conclusions | analyzing relationships mathematically to draw conclusions |
|  | applying proportional reasoning | applying proportional reasoning | applying proportional reasoning | applying proportional reasoning |

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## Modeling \& Application

## Level 5: Advanced

Level 4: Mastery
Level 3: Basic
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Content

| $\begin{array}{l}\text { In connection with the content knowledge, skills, and abilities described in Major Content, the student devises a plan to apply } \\ \text { mathematics in solving problems } \\ \hline \begin{array}{l}\text { wrising in everyday life, society and the workplace by: }\end{array} \\ \text { describe how one quantity of } \\ \text { interest depends on another }\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{l}\text { writing/using functions to } \\ \text { describe how one quantity of } \\ \text { interest depends on another }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { writing/using functions to } \\ \text { describe how one quantity } \\ \text { of interest depends on } \\ \text { another }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | \(\left.\begin{array}{l}using functions to describe <br>

how one quantity of interest <br>
depends on another\end{array}\right\}\)

