



# **Algebra I Assessment**

## **Eligible Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills**

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## Mathematical Process Standards

**These student expectations will not be listed under a separate reporting category. Instead, they will be incorporated into test questions across reporting categories since the application of mathematical process standards is part of each knowledge statement.**

- (A.1) **Mathematical process standards.** The student uses mathematical processes to acquire and demonstrate mathematical understanding. The student is expected to
- (A) apply mathematics to problems arising in everyday life, society, and the workplace;
  - (B) use a problem-solving model that incorporates analyzing given information, formulating a plan or strategy, determining a solution, justifying the solution, and evaluating the problem-solving process and the reasonableness of the solution;
  - (C) select tools, including real objects, manipulatives, paper and pencil, and technology as appropriate, and techniques, including mental math, estimation, and number sense as appropriate, to solve problems;
  - (D) communicate mathematical ideas, reasoning, and their implications using multiple representations, including symbols, diagrams, graphs, and language as appropriate;
  - (E) create and use representations to organize, record, and communicate mathematical ideas;
  - (F) analyze mathematical relationships to connect and communicate mathematical ideas; and
  - (G) display, explain, and justify mathematical ideas and arguments using precise mathematical language in written or oral communication.

## Reporting Category 1: Number and Algebraic Methods

The student will demonstrate an understanding of how to use algebraic methods to manipulate numbers, expressions, and equations.

- (A.10) **Number and algebraic methods.** The student applies the mathematical process standards and algebraic methods to rewrite in equivalent forms and perform operations on polynomial expressions. The student is expected to
- (A) add and subtract polynomials of degree one and degree two;  
**Supporting Standard**
  - (B) multiply polynomials of degree one and degree two;  
**Supporting Standard**
  - (C) determine the quotient of a polynomial of degree one and polynomial of degree two when divided by a polynomial of degree one and polynomial of degree two when the degree of the divisor does not exceed the degree of the dividend; **Supporting Standard**
  - (D) rewrite polynomial expressions of degree one and degree two in equivalent forms using the distributive property;  
**Supporting Standard**
  - (E) factor, if possible, trinomials with real factors in the form  $ax^2 + bx + c$ , including perfect square trinomials of degree two; and  
**Readiness Standard**
  - (F) decide if a binomial can be written as the difference of two squares and, if possible, use the structure of a difference of two squares to rewrite the binomial. **Supporting Standard**
- (A.11) **Number and algebraic methods.** The student applies the mathematical process standards and algebraic methods to rewrite algebraic expressions into equivalent forms. The student is expected to
- (A) simplify numerical radical expressions involving square roots; and  
**Supporting Standard**
  - (B) simplify numeric and algebraic expressions using the laws of exponents, including integral and rational exponents.  
**Readiness Standard**

- (A.12) **Number and algebraic methods.** The student applies the mathematical process standards and algebraic methods to write, solve, analyze, and evaluate equations, relations, and functions. The student is expected to
- (A) decide whether relations represented verbally, tabularly, graphically, and symbolically define a function; **Supporting Standard**
  - (B) evaluate functions, expressed in function notation, given one or more elements in their domains; **Supporting Standard**
  - (C) identify terms of arithmetic and geometric sequences when the sequences are given in function form using recursive processes; **Supporting Standard**
  - (D) write a formula for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of arithmetic and geometric sequences, given the value of several of their terms; and **Supporting Standard**
  - (E) solve mathematic and scientific formulas, and other literal equations, for a specified variable. **Supporting Standard**

## Reporting Category 2: Describing and Graphing Linear Functions, Equations, and Inequalities

The student will demonstrate an understanding of how to describe and graph linear functions, equations, and inequalities.

- (A.3) **Linear functions, equations, and inequalities.** The student applies the mathematical process standards when using graphs of linear functions, key features, and related transformations to represent in multiple ways and solve, with and without technology, equations, inequalities, and systems of equations. The student is expected to
- (A) determine the slope of a line given a table of values, a graph, two points on the line, and an equation written in various forms, including  $y = mx + b$ ,  $Ax + By = C$ , and  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$ ; **Supporting Standard**
  - (B) calculate the rate of change of a linear function represented tabularly, graphically, or algebraically in context of mathematical and real-world problems; **Readiness Standard**
  - (C) graph linear functions on the coordinate plane and identify key features, including x-intercept, y-intercept, zeros, and slope, in mathematical and real-world problems; **Readiness Standard**
  - (D) graph the solution set of linear inequalities in two variables on the coordinate plane; **Readiness Standard**
  - (E) determine the effects on the graph of the parent function  $f(x) = x$  when  $f(x)$  is replaced by  $af(x)$ ,  $f(x) + d$ ,  $f(x - c)$ ,  $f(bx)$  for specific values of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$ ; **Supporting Standard**
  - (F) graph systems of two linear equations in two variables on the coordinate plane and determine the solutions if they exist; **Supporting Standard**
  - (G) estimate graphically the solutions to systems of two linear equations with two variables in real-world problems; and **Supporting Standard**
  - (H) graph the solution set of systems of two linear inequalities in two variables on the coordinate plane. **Supporting Standard**

- (A.4) **Linear functions, equations, and inequalities.** The student applies the mathematical process standards to formulate statistical relationships and evaluate their reasonableness based on real-world data. The student is expected to
- (A) calculate, using technology, the correlation coefficient between two quantitative variables and interpret this quantity as a measure of the strength of the linear association; **Supporting Standard**
  - (B) compare and contrast association and causation in real-world problems; and **Supporting Standard**
  - (C) write, with and without technology, linear functions that provide a reasonable fit to data to estimate solutions and make predictions for real-world problems. **Supporting Standard**

## Reporting Category 3: Writing and Solving Linear Functions, Equations, and Inequalities

The student will demonstrate an understanding of how to write and solve linear functions, equations, and inequalities.

- (A.2) **Linear functions, equations, and inequalities.** The student applies the mathematical process standards when using properties of linear functions to write and represent in multiple ways, with and without technology, linear equations, inequalities, and systems of equations. The student is expected to
- (A) determine the domain and range of a linear function in mathematical problems; determine reasonable domain and range values for real-world situations, both continuous and discrete; and represent domain and range using inequalities; **Readiness Standard**
  - (B) write linear equations in two variables in various forms, including  $y = mx + b$ ,  $Ax + By = C$ , and  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$ , given one point and the slope and given two points; **Supporting Standard**
  - (C) write linear equations in two variables given a table of values, a graph, and a verbal description; **Readiness Standard**
  - (D) write and solve equations involving direct variation; **Supporting Standard**
  - (E) write the equation of a line that contains a given point and is parallel to a given line; **Supporting Standard**
  - (F) write the equation of a line that contains a given point and is perpendicular to a given line; **Supporting Standard**
  - (G) write an equation of a line that is parallel or perpendicular to the  $x$ - or  $y$ -axis and determine whether the slope of the line is zero or undefined; **Supporting Standard**
  - (H) write linear inequalities in two variables given a table of values, a graph, and a verbal description; and **Supporting Standard**
  - (I) write systems of two linear equations given a table of values, a graph, and a verbal description. **Readiness Standard**

- (A.5) **Linear functions, equations, and inequalities.** The student applies the mathematical process standards to solve, with and without technology, linear equations and evaluate the reasonableness of their solutions. The student is expected to
- (A) solve linear equations in one variable, including those for which the application of the distributive property is necessary and for which variables are included on both sides; **Readiness Standard**
  - (B) solve linear inequalities in one variable, including those for which the application of the distributive property is necessary and for which variables are included on both sides; and **Supporting Standard**
  - (C) solve systems of two linear equations with two variables for mathematical and real-world problems. **Readiness Standard**



## Reporting Category 4: Quadratic Functions and Equations

The student will demonstrate an understanding of how to describe, write, and solve quadratic functions and equations.

- (A.6) **Quadratic functions and equations.** The student applies the mathematical process standards when using properties of quadratic functions to write and represent in multiple ways, with and without technology, quadratic equations. The student is expected to
- (A) determine the domain and range of quadratic functions and represent the domain and range using inequalities;  
**Readiness Standard**
  - (B) write equations of quadratic functions given the vertex and another point on the graph, write the equation in vertex form  $(f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k)$ , and rewrite the equation from vertex form to standard form  $(f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c)$ ; and **Supporting Standard**
  - (C) write quadratic functions when given real solutions and graphs of their related equations. **Supporting Standard**
- (A.7) **Quadratic functions and equations.** The student applies the mathematical process standards when using graphs of quadratic functions and their related transformations to represent in multiple ways and determine, with and without technology, the solutions to equations. The student is expected to
- (A) graph quadratic functions on the coordinate plane and use the graph to identify key attributes, if possible, including x-intercept, y-intercept, zeros, maximum value, minimum values, vertex, and the equation of the axis of symmetry; **Readiness Standard**
  - (B) describe the relationship between the linear factors of quadratic expressions and the zeros of their associated quadratic functions; and **Supporting Standard**
  - (C) determine the effects on the graph of the parent function  $f(x) = x^2$  when  $f(x)$  is replaced by  $af(x)$ ,  $f(x) + d$ ,  $f(x - c)$ ,  $f(bx)$  for specific values of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$ . **Readiness Standard**

- (A.8) **Quadratic functions and equations.** The student applies the mathematical process standards to solve, with and without technology, quadratic equations and evaluate the reasonableness of their solutions. The student formulates statistical relationships and evaluates their reasonableness based on real-world data. The student is expected to
- (A) solve quadratic equations having real solutions by factoring, taking square roots, completing the square, and applying the quadratic formula; and **Readiness Standard**
  - (B) write, using technology, quadratic functions that provide a reasonable fit to data to estimate solutions and make predictions for real-world problems. **Supporting Standard**

## Reporting Category 5: Exponential Functions and Equations

**The student will demonstrate an understanding of how to describe and write exponential functions and equations.**

- (A.9) **Exponential functions and equations.** The student applies the mathematical process standards when using properties of exponential functions and their related transformations to write, graph, and represent in multiple ways exponential equations and evaluate, with and without technology, the reasonableness of their solutions. The student formulates statistical relationships and evaluates their reasonableness based on real-world data. The student is expected to
- (A) determine the domain and range of exponential functions of the form  $f(x) = ab^x$  and represent the domain and range using inequalities;  
**Supporting Standard**
  - (B) interpret the meaning of the values of  $a$  and  $b$  in exponential functions of the form  $f(x) = ab^x$  in real-world problems;  
**Supporting Standard**
  - (C) write exponential functions in the form  $f(x) = ab^x$  (where  $b$  is a rational number) to describe problems arising from mathematical and real-world situations, including growth and decay;  
**Readiness Standard**
  - (D) graph exponential functions that model growth and decay and identify key features, including  $y$ -intercept and asymptote, in mathematical and real-world problems; and **Readiness Standard**
  - (E) write, using technology, exponential functions that provide a reasonable fit to data and make predictions for real-world problems.  
**Supporting Standard**