Mathematics 8
Course Overview and Syllabus

Course Number: MA3108  Grade Level: 8
Prerequisite Courses: Math 7  Credits: 1.0

Course Description
The course begins with a unit on input-output relationships that builds a foundation for learning about functions. Students make connections between verbal, numeric, algebraic, and graphical representations of relations, and apply this knowledge to create linear functions that can be used to model and solve mathematical and real-world problems. Technology is used to build deeper connections among representations. Students focus on formulating expressions and equations, including modeling an association in bivariate data with a linear equation, and writing and solving linear equations and systems of linear equations. Students develop a deeper understanding of how translations, rotations, reflections, and dilations of distances and angles affect congruency and similarity. Students develop rules of exponents and use them to simplify exponential expressions. Students extend rules of exponents as they perform operations with numbers in scientific notation. Estimating and comparing square roots of non-perfect squares to perfect squares exposes students to irrational numbers and lays the foundation for applications such as the Pythagorean Theorem, distance, and volume.

Course Objectives
Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Effectively translate between graphic, numeric, symbolic, and verbal representations.
- Learn to select and use appropriate mathematical knowledge when investigating problems.
- Demonstrate an understanding of functions and use functions to represent quantitative relationships.
- Use linear equations and systems of linear equations to represent, analyze, and solve a variety of problems.
- Analyze two- and three-dimensional figures using distance, angle, similarity, and congruence.
- Develop and apply foundational mathematical skills such as the application of rational and irrational numbers.

Student Expectations
This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course.
would. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on the following activities:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of instructional videos and tasks
- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson
- Assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

**Communication**

You are encouraged to communicate regularly with the school support staff through discussions, e-mail and online chat. We will regularly post system announcements. Instructors and academic success coaches are available during normal school hours to provide on-demand support.

**Grading Policy**

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

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**Scope and Sequence**

When you log into course management system, you can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics you will study. The units of study are summarized below:

**Unit 1:** Input-Output Relationships  
**Unit 2:** Linear Functions  
**Unit 3:** Patterns in Bivariate Data  
**Unit 4:** Linear Equations  
**Unit 5:** Linear Systems of Equations  

**Unit 6:** Transformations  
**Unit 7:** Congruence and Similarity  
**Unit 8:** Working with Exponents  
**Unit 9:** Pythagorean Theorem and Irrational Numbers  
**Unit 10:** Volume