

Kentucky Alternate Assessment



Kentucky Academic Standards Alternate Assessment Targets

Grade 7 Mathematics

Kentucky Academic Standards Purpose: [KY Standards.Org](https://www.kystandards.org)

The *Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS)* Grades Primary-12 help ensure that all students across the commonwealth are focusing on a common set of standards and have opportunities to learn at a high level. This site provides administrators, teachers, parents, and other stakeholders in local districts with a basis for establishing and/or revising their curricula (for additional guidance, see [Kentucky Model Curriculum Framework](#)).

The instructional program should emphasize the development of students' abilities to acquire and apply the standards and assure appropriate accommodations are made for the diverse populations of students found within Kentucky schools. The resources found in this site specifies only the content for the required credits for high school graduation (program completion) and primary, intermediate, and middle-level programs leading up to these requirements. Schools and school districts are charged with identifying the content for elective courses and designing instructional programs for all areas.

The purpose of the Kentucky Academic Standards is to outline the minimum content knowledge required for all students before graduating or exiting Kentucky public high schools. Kentucky schools and districts are responsible for coordinating curricula across grade levels and among schools within districts. A coordinated curricular approach ensures that all students have opportunities to achieve Kentucky's Learning Goals and Academic Expectations.

Alternate Assessment Targets: (not a standard)

An Alternate Assessment Target represents limits to a selected Kentucky Academic Standard. An Alternate Assessment Target may reduce parts of the standard with specific guidance to what an assessment item could represent. Not all Kentucky Academic Standards selected for assessments will have an Alternate Assessment Target and may display the language: *“No limitations. All parts of the Kentucky Academic Standard are eligible to be included as an assessment item.”* This would mean that the entire standard in its original form is reduced in depth and breadth and is eligible in its entirety to be used in the development of assessment items.

Standards for Mathematical Practice: (MP.1-MP.8)

The Standards for Mathematical Practice describe varieties of expertise that mathematics educators at all levels should seek to develop in their students. These practices rest on important “processes and proficiencies” with longstanding importance in mathematics education. The first of these are the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) process standards of problem solving, reasoning and proof, communication, representation and connections. The second are the strands of mathematical proficiency specified in the National Research Council’s 2001 report *Adding It Up*: adaptive reasoning, strategic competence, conceptual understanding (comprehension of mathematical concepts, operations and relations), procedural fluency (skill in carrying out procedures flexibly, accurately, efficiently and appropriately) and productive disposition (habitual inclination to see mathematics as sensible, useful and worthwhile, coupled with a belief in diligence and one’s own efficacy).

MP.1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

Mathematically proficient students start by explaining the meaning of a problem and looking for entry points to its solution. They analyze givens, constraints, relationships and goals. They make conjectures about the form and meaning of the solution and plan a solution pathway, rather than simply jumping into a solution attempt. They consider analogous problems and try special cases and simpler forms of the original problem in order to gain insight into its solution. They monitor and evaluate their progress and change course, if necessary. Older students might, depending on the context of the problem, transform algebraic expressions or change the viewing window on their graphing calculator to get the information they need. Mathematically proficient students can explain correspondences between equations, verbal descriptions, tables and graphs, or draw diagrams of important features and relationships, graph data and search for regularity or trends. Younger students might rely on using concrete objects or pictures to help conceptualize and solve a problem. Mathematically proficient students check their answers to problems using a different method and they continually ask themselves, “Does this make sense?” They can understand other approaches to solving complex problems and identify correspondences between different approaches.

MP.2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.

Mathematically proficient students make sense of quantities and their relationships in problem situations. They bring two complementary abilities to bear on problems involving quantitative relationships: the ability to decontextualize—to abstract a given

situation and represent it symbolically and manipulate the representing symbols as if they have a life of their own, without necessarily attending to their referents—and the ability to contextualize, to pause as needed during the manipulation process in order to probe into the referents for the symbols involved. Quantitative reasoning entails habits of creating a coherent representation of the problem at hand; considering the units involved; attending to the meaning of quantities, not just how to compute them; and knowing and flexibly using different properties of operations and objects.

MP.3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.

Mathematically proficient students understand and use stated assumptions, definitions and previously established results in constructing arguments. They make conjectures and build a logical progression of statements to explore the truth of their conjectures. They are able to analyze situations by breaking them into cases, and can recognize and use counterexamples. They justify their conclusions, communicate them to others and respond to the arguments of others. They reason inductively about data, making plausible arguments that take into account the context from which the data arose. Mathematically proficient students also are able to compare the effectiveness of two plausible arguments, distinguish correct logic or reasoning from that which is flawed and—if there is a flaw in an argument—explain what it is. Elementary students can construct arguments using concrete referents such as objects, drawings, diagrams and actions. Such arguments can make sense and be correct, even though they are not generalized or made formal until later grades. Later, students learn to determine domains to which an argument applies. Students at all grades can listen or read the arguments of others, decide whether they make sense and ask useful questions to clarify or improve the arguments.

MP.4. Model with mathematics.

Mathematically proficient students can apply the mathematics they know to solve problems that arise in everyday life. In early grades, this might be as simple as writing an addition equation to describe a situation. In middle grades, a student might apply proportional reasoning to plan a school event or analyze a problem in the community. By high school, a student might use geometry to solve a design problem or use a function to describe how one quantity of interest depends on another. Mathematically proficient students who can apply what they know are comfortable making assumptions and approximations to simplify a complicated situation, realizing that these may need revision later. They are able to identify important quantities in a practical situation and map their relationships using such tools as diagrams, two-way tables, graphs, flowcharts and formulas. They can analyze those relationships mathematically to draw conclusions. They routinely interpret their mathematical results in the context of the situation and reflect on whether the results make sense, possibly improving the model if it has not served its purpose.

MP.5. Use appropriate tools strategically.

Mathematically proficient students consider the available tools when solving a mathematical problem. These tools might include pencil and paper, concrete models, a ruler, a protractor, a calculator, a spreadsheet, a computer algebra system, a statistical package or dynamic geometry software. Proficient students are sufficiently familiar with appropriate tools to make sound decisions about when each of these tools might be helpful, recognizing both the potential for insight and limitations. For example, mathematically proficient high school students analyze graphs of functions and solutions generated using a graphing calculator. They detect possible errors by strategically using estimation and other mathematical knowledge. When making mathematical models, they know technology can enable them to visualize the results of varying assumptions, explore consequences and compare predictions with data. Mathematically proficient students at various grade levels are able to identify relevant external mathematical resources, such as digital content located on a website and use them to pose or solve problems. They are able to use technological tools to explore and deepen their understanding of concepts.

MP.6. Attend to precision.

Mathematically proficient students try to communicate precisely to others. They try to use clear definitions in discussions with others and in their own reasoning. They state the meaning of the symbols they choose, including using the equal sign consistently and appropriately. They are careful about specifying units of measure and labeling axes to clarify the correspondence with quantities in a problem. They calculate accurately and efficiently, and express numerical answers with a degree of precision appropriate for the problem context. In the elementary grades, students provide carefully formulated explanations to each other. By the time they reach high school, they can examine claims and make explicit use of definitions.

MP.7. Look for and make use of structure.

Mathematically proficient students look closely to discern a pattern or structure. Young students, for example, might notice that three and seven more is the same amount as seven and three more, or they may sort a collection of shapes according to how many sides the shapes have. Later, students will see 7×8 equals the well-remembered $7 \times 5 + 7 \times 3$, in preparation for learning about the distributive property. In the expression $x^2 + 9x + 14$, older students can see the 14 as 2×7 and the 9 as $2 + 7$. They recognize the significance of an existing line in a geometric figure and can use the strategy of drawing an auxiliary line for solving problems. They also are able to shift perspectives. They can see complicated things, such as some algebraic expressions, as single objects or as being composed of

several objects. For example, they can see $5 - 3(x - y)^2$ as 5 minus a positive number times a square and use that to realize that its value cannot be more than 5 for any real numbers x and y .

MP.8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

Mathematically proficient students notice if calculations are repeated and look both for general methods and shortcuts. Upper elementary students might notice when dividing 25 by 11 that they are repeating the same calculations and conclude they have a repeating decimal. By paying attention to the calculation of slope as they repeatedly check whether points are on the line through (1, 2) with slope 3, middle school students might abstract the equation $(y - 2)/(x - 1) = 3$. Noticing the regularity in the way terms cancel when expanding $(x - 1)(x + 1)$, $(x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)$ and $(x - 1)(x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)$ might lead to awareness of the general formula for the sum of a geometric series. As they work to solve a problem, mathematically proficient students maintain oversight of the process, while attending to the details. They continually evaluate the reasonableness of their intermediate results.

Clarifications:

The Clarification sections communicate expectations more clearly and concisely to teachers, parents, students and stakeholders through examples and illustrations.

Coherence:

- The Coherence/Vertical Alignment indicates a mathematics connection within and across grade levels.
- Coherence/Vertical Alignment is about math making sense. The standards are sequenced in a way that make mathematical sense and are based on the progressions for how students learn.
- The Coherence/Vertical Alignment component should help guide teachers when determining what standards students might need additional support with if they are struggling to understand certain content.

Grade 7 Mathematics Kentucky Academic Standards Assessed by Window

Window	Standard
1	KY.7.RP.2*
1	KY.7.NS.1
1	KY.7.NS.2*
1	KY.7.EE.1
1	KY.7.EE.3
1	KY.7.G.6

Window	Standard
2	KY.7.RP.2*
2	KY.7.RP.3
2	KY.7.NS.2*
2	KY.7.G.1
2	KY.7.SP.6
2	KY.7.SP.0

* In mathematics, some standards are tested across both testing windows (in both Windows 1 and 2).

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DOMAIN		Standard Clarifications
	Ratios & Proportional Relationships	Clarifications
<p>KY.7.RP.2</p> <p>Test Window 1</p> <p>Test Window 2</p>	<p>Kentucky Academic Standard : Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities</p> <p>a. Decide whether two quantities represent a proportional relationship. 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. 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.</p> <p>MP.1, MP.2, MP.3</p> <p><i>Alternate Assessment Target: Limit full standard to rational numbers from negative 20 to 20.</i></p> <p><i>a. No further limitations</i> <i>b. Limit to identifying the unit rate (constant of proportionality)</i> <i>c. No further limitations</i> <i>d. Limit to explaining the points (x,y)</i></p>	<p>a. Students test for equivalent ratios in a table or graphing on a coordinate plane and observing whether the graph is a straight line through the origin.</p> <p>b. Students understand finding the unit rate in a table or graph is equivalent to the constant of proportionality in an equation or verbal description.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">KY.8.F.2 KY.8.F.4</p> <p><i>Coherence</i> KY.6.RP.3a → KY.7.RP.2b → KY.8.EE.6</p> <p>c. 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 $t = pn$.</p> <p><i>Coherence</i> KY.7.RP.2c → KY.8.EE.5</p> <p>d. Students describe points (x, y) in terms of the labels of the x- and y-axes; students understand in a proportional relationship $(0, 0)$ is a valid point and $(1, r)$ represents the unit rate and the constant of proportionality for the relationship between the quantities.</p> <p><i>Coherence</i> KY.7.RP.2d → KY.8.F.5</p>

<p>KY.7.RP.3</p> <p>Test Window 2</p>	<p>Kentucky Academic Standard : Use percents to solve mathematical and real-world problems. a. Find a percent of a quantity as a rate per 100; solve problems involving finding the whole, a part and a percent, given two of these. b. Use proportional relationships to solve multistep ratio and percent problems. MP.5, MP.6</p> <p><i>Alternate Assessment Target:</i> <i>a. Limit parts and percentages to increments of tenths or quarters (e.g., 10% or 75%)</i> <i>b. Limit to single scenario with separate steps for each item</i></p>	<p>a. For example, 30% of a quantity means 30/100 times the quantity. b. Could include but not limited to simple interest, tax, markups and markdowns, gratuities and commissions, percent increase and decrease, percent error.</p> <p>Coherence KY.6.RP.3c → KY.7.RP.3</p>
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	The Number System	Clarifications
<p>KY.7.NS.1</p> <p>Test Window 1</p>	<p>Kentucky Academic Standard : Apply and extend previous understandings of addition and subtraction to add and subtract rational numbers; represent addition and subtraction on a horizontal or vertical number line diagram.</p> <p>a. Describe situations in which opposite quantities combine to make 0. b. Understand $p + q$ as the number located a distance q from p, in the positive or negative direction depending on whether q is positive or negative. Show that a number and its opposite have a sum of 0 (are additive inverses). Interpret sums of rational numbers by describing real-world contexts. c. Understand subtraction of rational numbers as adding the additive inverse, $p - q = p + (-q)$. Show that the distance between two rational numbers on the number line is the absolute value of their difference and apply this principle in real-world contexts.</p> <p>d. Apply properties of operations as strategies to add and subtract rational numbers.</p> <p>MP.2, MP.4, MP.7</p> <p><i>Alternate Assessment Target: Limit full standard to integers from negative 20 to 20.</i></p> <p><i>Note: Assessment items will focus on demonstrating conceptual understanding rather than use of precise vocabulary (additive inverse).</i></p>	<p>a. For example, a hydrogen atom has 0 charge because its two constituents are oppositely charged.</p> <p>b. The sum of numbers is a directional movement from one number to another for a specified amount of spaces on the number line. The sum of opposites is 0 due to the fact that opposites have equivalent absolute values.</p> <p>c. Subtracting a positive number is the same as adding the positive number's opposite.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KY.6.NS.5 KY.6.NS.6</p> <p>Coherence KY.6.NS.7 → KY.7.NS.1</p>

<p>KY.7.NS.2</p> <p>Test Window 1</p> <p>Test Window 2</p>	<p>Kentucky Academic Standard : Apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division and of fractions to multiply and divide rational numbers.</p> <p>a. Understand that multiplication is extended from fractions to rational numbers by requiring that operations continue to satisfy the properties of operations, particularly the distributive property, leading to products such as $(-1)(-1) = 1$ and the rules for multiplying signed numbers. Interpret products of rational numbers by describing real-world contexts.</p> <p>b. Understand that integers can be divided, provided that the divisor is not zero and every quotient of integers (with non-zero divisor) is a rational number. If p and q are integers, then $-(p/q) = (-p)/q = p/(-q)$. Interpret quotients of rational numbers by describing real-world contexts.</p> <p>c. Apply properties of operations as strategies to multiply and divide rational numbers.</p> <p>MP.2, MP.7, MP.8</p> <p><i>Alternate Assessment Target: Limit to rational numbers, including numerators and denominators of rational numbers, to within negative 12 and 12 for the full standard.</i></p>	<p>a. Emphasis is on exploring and understanding how the rules for multiplying and dividing with negative numbers are connected to properties for the operations, rather than to think of them as arbitrary rules. They explain 4 times (-3) could be four days of golfing 3 under par and therefore, having an overall score of -12. The remaining operations are based on applying properties.</p> <p>b. Emphasis is on the equivalence relationship provided by the movement of one negative sign among the numerator, denominator, or in front of the entire fraction.</p> <p>Coherence KY.6.NS.1 → KY.7.NS.2 → KY.8.NS.1</p>
<p>Expressions and Equations</p>		<p>Clarifications</p>
<p>KY.7.EE.1</p> <p>Test Window 1</p>	<p>Kentucky Academic Standard : Apply properties of operations as strategies to add, subtract, factor and expand linear expressions with rational coefficients.</p> <p>MP.2, MP.3</p> <p><i>Alternate Assessment Target: Limit range of rational numbers from negative 20 to 20.</i></p>	<p>Students demonstrate understanding of applying the order of operations to an expression involving multiple operations, including using the distributive property and variables in the expression. Students apply the properties of commutative, associative and distributive fluently.</p> <p>Coherence KY.6.EE.3 → KY.7.EE.1 → KY.8.EE.7</p>

<p>KY.7.EE.3</p> <p>Test Window 1</p>	<p>Kentucky Academic Standard : Solve real-life and mathematical problems posed with positive and negative rational numbers in any form, using tools strategically. Apply properties of operations to calculate with numbers in any form; convert between forms as appropriate; and assess the reasonableness of answers using mental computation and estimation strategies. MP.1, MP.4, MP.6</p> <p><i>Alternate Assessment Target: Limit range of solutions to within negative 100 and 100. When problems involve fractions, limit denominators to 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12. When problems include mental computation/estimation (rounding), limit rounding to the nearest "tens" for integer values. Limit rounding to the nearest "tenth" for decimals.</i></p>	<p>Students solve multi-step real-world and mathematical problems containing integers, fractions and decimals, using previously acquired skills around converting fractions, decimals and percentages and use properties of operations to find equivalent forms of expressions when needed. Students solidify understanding by checking their solutions for reasonableness using estimation strategies such as rounding, compatible numbers and benchmark numbers.</p> <p>Coherence KY.7.EE.3 →KY.8.EE.4</p>
<p>Geometry</p>		<p>Clarifications</p>
<p>KY.7.G.1</p> <p>Test Window 2</p>	<p>Kentucky Academic Standard : Solve problems involving scale drawings of geometric figures, including computing actual lengths and areas from a scale drawing and reproducing a scale drawing at a different scale. MP.1, MP.2, MP.5</p> <p><i>Alternate Assessment Target: Limit to computing actual lengths and areas from scaled drawings.</i></p>	<p>Emphasis is on being able to convert values from one given measurement to another based on a given scale factor. For example, 1 inch on the scale drawing equals how many feet in real life based on the scale factor given. Students reproduce a given drawing based on a scale factor.</p> <p>Coherence KY.6.G.1→KY.7.G.1→KY.8.EE.6</p>

<p>KY.7.G.6</p> <p>Test Window 1</p>	<p>Kentucky Academic Standard :</p> <p>Solve problems involving area of two-dimensional objects and surface area and volume of three-dimensional objects.</p> <p>a. Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving area of two-dimensional objects composed of triangles, quadrilaterals and other polygons.</p> <p>b. Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving volume and surface area, using nets as needed, of three-dimensional objects including cubes, pyramids and right prisms.</p> <p>MP.3, MP.4, MP.5</p> <p><i>Alternate Assessment Target: No limitations. All parts of the Kentucky Academic Standard are eligible to be included as an assessment item.</i></p>	<p>a. Emphasis is on finding the area of composite figures composed of convex polygons.</p> <p>b. Students understand volume and surface area are two different quantities used to describe the same three-dimensional figure. Building upon their understanding of area, students use nets of three dimensional objects to conceptualize surface area.</p> <p>KY.6.G.1 KY.6.G.2 Coherence KY.6.G.4 → KY.7.G.6 → KY.8.G.6</p>
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	Statistics and Probability	Clarifications
<p>KY.7.SP.0</p> <p>Test Window 2</p>	<p>Kentucky Academic Standard : Create displays, including circle graphs (pie charts), scaled pictographs and bar graphs, to compare and analyze distributions of categorical data from both matching and different-sized samples. MP.2, MP.3, MP.6</p> <p><i>Alternate Assessment Target: Limit to circle graphs and bar graphs.</i></p>	<p>Students have been introduced to pictographs and bar graphs in grades 2 and 3; Circle graphs are new and connect to the grade 7 focus on percents. Also, students’ knowledge of rates mean they can approach scaled pictographs in a more sophisticated manner.</p> <p>An important aspect of doing statistics is <i>selecting</i> an appropriate data display for the question under investigation. Students need to be asked, “Which data display fits this data set and why?” The circle graph focuses more on the relative values of the clustering of data, whereas the bar and pictographs add a dimension of quantity. The choice of which data display (and how categories are set up within each display) will result in different pictures of the shape of data.</p> <p>Finally students are comparing two distributions. When comparing two different distributions, circle graphs lend to comparing different sized samples, because circle graphs are based on percentages.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">KY.7.SP.0 KY.7.SP.2 Coherence KY.6.SP.0→KY.7.SP.4</p>

<p>KY.7.SP.6</p> <p>Test Window 2</p>	<p>Kentucky Academic Standard :</p> <p>Approximate the probability of a chance event by collecting data on the chance process that produces it and observing its long-run relative frequency and predict the approximate relative frequency given the probability.</p> <p>MP.1, MP.2</p> <p><i>Alternate Assessment Target: Limit to 100 items/events or less (e.g. "Rock, paper scissors ([100 trials]).</i></p>	<p>Estimate the likelihood of an event, test the estimate by trial and collect data. Students observe accuracy of the estimate will increase with the frequency of repeated trials.</p> <p>Coherence KY.7.SP.6→ KY.HS.SP.10</p>
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