Mathematics Standards

OUR GOAL

The goal of Seventh-day Adventist education is about more than quality teachers providing innovative instruction. Adventist education aims to provide student learning infused with Christian faith and an Adventist worldview. To achieve this goal Seventh-day Adventist standards for grades 9-12 subjects have been carefully developed to embody Seventh-day Adventist beliefs and to prepare students for life-long learning, equipping them for earthly service and heavenly citizenship. An education of this kind imparts strong academic knowledge and a clear picture of Christ and His love for mankind.

These standards focus on what students should know, understand and be able to do. They will be a useful tool for teachers in developing lessons and ensure a thorough preparation for college or university when fully implemented across the curriculum.

Seventh-day Adventist Secondary Standards:

1. Provide clear expectations for student learning and accountability.
2. Provide an essential user-friendly tool for developing instruction.
3. Transform textbooks from curriculum guide to a resource for instruction.
4. Provide for a complete and uniform Adventist secondary curriculum.
5. Have been developed exclusively by Seventh-day Adventist educators.
6. Have been aligned with the goals of Journey to Excellence
7. Have been developed using national and state standards, Adventist curriculum guides, and standards compendiums from McREL and Ten Sigma.

RATIONALE

Secondary Mathematics Standards for Seventh-day Adventist Schools seeks to ensure that the beliefs and values of our Adventist Christian faith are integrated into the curriculum. Mathematics instruction from this curriculum should help students learn to see and reflect God’s image while developing proficiency in different aspects of mathematics—understanding, representing, applying and analyzing quantitative relationships. This kind of education imparts more than academic knowledge. It fosters the balanced development of the whole person to prepare them for earthly service and heavenly citizenship.

These carefully developed mathematics standards are a practical tool to assist teachers in focusing their instruction so that students achieve competence and are engaged successfully in exploring, planning, solving, and verifying various mathematical situations. These standards reflect multiple perspectives from diverse spiritual and social communities. They provide meaningful connections within mathematics, and between mathematics and other fields of learning. The intent is to capture the essence of what students should learn and retain.

CREDITS

The following resources were referenced in developing Secondary Mathematics Standards for Seventh-day Adventist Schools: a sampling of state standards, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), NAD Curriculum Guide for Mathematics, McREL Compendium of Standards, Ten Sigma Standards, and Journey to Excellence.
Mathematics Standards—Algebra I

COURSE FOCUS  [Apply the following to each content standard.]

AI.1 Identify the principles of SDA Christian values in correlation with mathematics.
   AI.1.1 Recognize God as Creator and Sustainer of an ordered universe.
   AI.1.2 Value God’s inspired writings and created works as a revelation of His precision, accuracy, and exactness.
   AI.1.3 Develop accountability as expressed in God’s word and laws.
   AI.1.4 Employ Christian principles as a basis for learning and growth.
   AI.1.5 Broaden intellectual abilities through the study of mathematics.
   AI.1.6 Make biblically-based choices when dealing with mathematical data.
   AI.1.7 Apply biblical principles of Christian morality, integrity, and ethical behavior to mathematical processes.

COURSE ABILITIES  [Apply the following to each content standard.]

AI.2 Develop abilities in mathematics.
   AI.2.1 Understand mathematical concepts (number sense, algebraic and geometric thinking, measurement, data analysis, and probability). MP7
   AI.2.2 Utilize the problem-solving process (explore, plan, solve, verify). MP1, MP2
   AI.2.3 Develop higher-order thinking skills (analyze, evaluate, reason, classify, predict, generalize, solve, decide, relate, interpret, simplify, model, synthesize). MP2, MP3, MP4
   AI.2.4 Attend to precision. MP6

AI.3 Be able to apply mathematical knowledge and skills to a variety of purposes.
   AI.3.1 Use a variety of strategies in the problem-solving process (i.e. patterns, tables, diagrams). MP7, MP8
   AI.3.2 Conduct research (locate, observe/gather, analyze, conclude).
   AI.3.3 Perform calculations with and without technology in life situations. MP5
   AI.3.4 Read critically and communicate proficiently with mathematical vocabulary.

COURSE CONTENT  [Understand, represent, apply, analyze.]

AI.4 Be able to understand concepts involving real numbers.
   AI.4.1 Simplify expressions using the order of operations, including properties of exponents, square roots, and absolute value.
   AI.4.2 Identify numbers (i.e. real, rational, irrational).
   AI.4.3 Identify relationships and operations among numbers (i.e. properties, equations, inequalities, ratios, proportions, dimensional analysis, real vs. imaginary). N-RN.3, A-REI.1

AI.5 Be able to represent mathematical situations using algebraic symbols and models.
   AI.5.1 Use and evaluate expressions involving variables. A-SSE.1
   AI.5.2 Write equations, systems of equations, and inequalities from written and oral expression, recognizing equivalent forms. A-SSE.2, A-CED.1,2, F-LE.2,3, G-GPE.5
   AI.5.3 Identify, graph, solve, and interpret linear/quadratic equations/inequalities and the concept of variation. A-SSE.3, A-CED.2, A-REI.10,12, F-IF.8, F-LE.2,3
   AI.5.4 Recognize, evaluate, and interpret functions, including domain and range. F-IF.1,2,4,5,6
   AI.5.5 Apply basic concepts of statistics and probability (i.e. measures of central tendency, plots, combinations, permutations) S-ID.1,2,5, S-CRP.1,9, S-MD.1,2,3,4,5

AI.6 Be able to apply appropriate techniques, tools, and formulas to interpret and solve problems.
   AI.6.1 Calculate measurable attributes of figures (degrees of angles, lengths, perimeter, area, volume). N-Q.1,2,3
   AI.6.2 Demonstrate mathematical proficiency using technology when appropriate.
   AI.6.3 Use and manipulate given formulas to solve a variety of problems (i.e. slope, distance, area, volume, perimeter, midpoint) N-Q.1,2,3, A-CED.4, G-SRT.8
   AI.6.4 Perform operations involving polynomials and rational expressions. A-APR.1,7
   AI.6.5 Solve consumer-related problems (i.e. profit/loss, sales tax, mark-up/discount, interest) N-Q.1,2,3
   AI.6.6 Solve simple equations and inequalities in one variable (linear, quadratic, rational, radical, exponential, absolute value). A-REI.2,3,4, F-IF.8
   AI.6.7 Solve systems of equations and inequalities using graphs and algebraic methods. A-CED.1, A-REI.1,5,6

AI.7 Be able to analyze results and draw appropriate conclusions.
   AI.7.1 Find and interpret information from graphs, charts, and numerical data. S-ID.6,7
   AI.7.2 Predict patterns and generalize trends (i.e. arithmetic/geometric sequences, scatter plots, linear regressions). F-LE.1
   AI.7.3 Judge meaning, utility, and reasonableness of findings in a variety of situations, including those carried out by technology. S-IC.2, S-MD.6,7
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