Prep for PreCalculus

This course covers the topics outlined below. You can customize the scope and sequence of this course to meet your curricular needs.

Curriculum (246 topics + 58 additional topics)

• Real Numbers (30 topics)
  ◈ Fractions (5 topics)
    ◈ Simplifying a fraction
    ◈ Using a common denominator to order fractions
    ◈ Addition or subtraction of fractions with different denominators
    ◈ Fraction multiplication
    ◈ Fraction division
  ◈ Percents and Proportions (8 topics)
    ◈ Converting between percentages and decimals
    ◈ Applying the percent equation
    ◈ Finding the sale price without a calculator given the original price and percent discount
    ◈ Finding the original price given the sale price and percent discount
    ◈ Finding simple interest without a calculator
    ◈ Solving a proportion of the form \( \frac{x}{a} = \frac{b}{c} \)
    ◈ Word problem on proportions: Problem type 1
    ◈ Word problem on proportions: Problem type 2
  ◈ Signed Numbers (15 topics)
    ◈ Integer addition: Problem type 2
    ◈ Integer subtraction: Problem type 3
    ◈ Signed fraction addition or subtraction: Basic
    ◈ Signed fraction addition or subtraction: Advanced
    ◈ Signed decimal addition and subtraction with 3 numbers
    ◈ Integer multiplication and division
    ◈ Signed fraction multiplication: Basic
    ◈ Signed fraction multiplication: Advanced
    ◈ Exponents and integers: Problem type 1
    ◈ Exponents and signed fractions
    ◈ Order of operations with integers and exponents
    ◈ Evaluating a linear expression: Integer multiplication with addition or subtraction
    ◈ Evaluating a quadratic expression: Integers
    ◈ Absolute value of a number
    ◈ Operations with absolute value: Problem type 2
  ◈ Properties of Real Numbers (2 topics)
    ◈ Identifying numbers as integers or non–integers
    ◈ Identifying numbers as rational or irrational
• Equations and Inequalities (32 topics)
  ◈ Linear Equations (20 topics)
    ◈ Additive property of equality with integers
    ◈ Multiplicative property of equality with signed fractions
    ◈ Solving a two–step equation with integers
- Solving a two-step equation with signed fractions
- Solving a linear equation with several occurrences of the variable: Variables on the same side and distribution
- Solving a linear equation with several occurrences of the variable: Variables on both sides and fractional coefficients
- Solving a linear equation with several occurrences of the variable: Variables on both sides and distribution
- Solving a linear equation with several occurrences of the variable: Variables on both sides and two distributions
- Solving a linear equation with several occurrences of the variable: Fractional forms with binomial numerators
- Solving equations with zero, one, or infinitely many solutions
- Algebraic symbol manipulation: Problem type 1
- Algebraic symbol manipulation: Problem type 2
- Writing a one-step expression for a real-world situation
- Translating a phrase into a two-step expression
- Translating a sentence into a one-step equation
- Solving a word problem with two unknowns using a linear equation
- Solving a decimal word problem using a linear equation of the form $Ax + B = C$
- Solving a value mixture problem using a linear equation
- Solving a percent mixture problem using a linear equation
- Solving a distance, rate, time problem using a linear equation

- Linear Inequalities (9 topics)
  - Graphing a linear inequality on the number line
  - Graphing a compound inequality on the number line
  - Solving a linear inequality: Problem type 1
  - Solving a linear inequality: Problem type 2
  - Solving a linear inequality: Problem type 3
  - Solving a linear inequality: Problem type 4
  - Solving a compound linear inequality: Graph solution, basic
  - Solving a compound linear inequality: Interval notation
  - Solving a decimal word problem using a two-step linear inequality

- Absolute Value Equations and Inequalities (3 topics)
  - Solving an absolute value equation of the form $a|x| = b$ or $|x| + a = b$
  - Solving an absolute value equation of the form $|ax + b| = c$
  - Solving an absolute value inequality: Basic

- Exponents and Polynomials (44 topics)
  - Properties of Exponents (13 topics)
    - Evaluating an expression with a negative exponent: Positive fraction base
    - Evaluating an expression with a negative exponent: Negative integer base
    - Rewriting an algebraic expression without a negative exponent
    - Introduction to the product rule of exponents
    - Product rule with positive exponents: Multivariate
    - Product rule with negative exponents
    - Quotient of expressions involving exponents
    - Quotient rule with negative exponents: Problem type 1
    - Introduction to the power rules of exponents
    - Power rules with positive exponents
    - Power of a power rule with negative exponents
    - Power rules with negative exponents
    - Power and product rules with positive exponents

- Scientific Notation (2 topics)
  - Scientific notation with positive exponent
Scientific notation with negative exponent

Polynomial Expressions (9 topics)
- Degree and leading coefficient of a univariate polynomial
- Combining like terms: Advanced
- Simplifying a sum or difference of two univariate polynomials
- Multiplying a univariate polynomial by a monomial with a positive coefficient
- Multiplying a multivariate polynomial by a monomial
- Multiplying binomials with leading coefficients of 1
- Multiplying conjugate binomials: Univariate
- Squaring a binomial: Univariate
- Multiplication involving binomials and trinomials in two variables

Factoring (9 topics)
- Introduction to the GCF of two monomials
- Greatest common factor of two multivariate monomials
- Factoring out a monomial from a polynomial: Univariate
- Factoring out a monomial from a polynomial: Multivariate
- Factoring a quadratic with leading coefficient 1
- Factoring a quadratic with leading coefficient greater than 1
- Factoring a product of a quadratic trinomial and a monomial
- Factoring a difference of squares
- Factoring a polynomial by grouping: Problem type 1

Quadratic Equations (11 topics)
- Solving an equation written in factored form
- Finding the roots of a quadratic equation with leading coefficient 1
- Finding the roots of a quadratic equation with leading coefficient greater than 1
- Solving a quadratic equation needing simplification
- Solving a quadratic equation using the square root property: Exact answers, basic
- Completing the square
- Applying the quadratic formula: Exact answers
- Discriminant of a quadratic equation
- Solving a word problem using a quadratic equation with rational roots
- Solving a word problem using a quadratic equation with irrational roots
- Solving a quadratic inequality written in factored form

Lines and Systems (33 topics)
- Ordered Pairs (3 topics)
  - Plotting a point in the coordinate plane
  - Finding a solution to a linear equation in two variables
  - Determining whether given points lie on one, both, or neither of 2 lines given equations

Graphing Lines (5 topics)
- Graphing a line given its x− and y−intercepts
- Graphing a line given its equation in slope−intercept form
- Graphing a line given its equation in standard form
- Graphing a line through a given point with a given slope
- Graphing a vertical or horizontal line

Equations of Lines (13 topics)
- Finding the y−intercept of a line given its equation
- Finding x− and y−intercepts of a line given the equation: Advanced
- Finding slope given the graph of a line on a grid
- Finding slope given two points on the line
- Finding the slope of a line given its equation
- Writing an equation of a line given the y−intercept and another point
- Writing the equation of a line given the slope and a point on the line
- Writing the equation of the line through two given points
Finding slopes of lines parallel and perpendicular to a line given in the form \( Ax + By = C \)

Writing equations of lines parallel and perpendicular to a given line through a point

Writing an equation and drawing its graph to model a real-world situation: Advanced

Application problem with a linear function: Finding a coordinate given the slope and a point

Application problem with a linear function: Finding a coordinate given two points

Graphing Linear Inequalities (3 topics)

- Graphing a linear inequality in the plane: Standard form
- Graphing a linear inequality in the plane: Vertical or horizontal line
- Graphing a linear inequality in the plane: Slope–intercept form

Systems of Linear Equations (9 topics)

- Graphically solving a system of linear equations
- Solving a system of linear equations using substitution
- Solving a system of linear equations using elimination with multiplication and addition
- Solving a word problem involving a sum and another basic relationship using a system of linear equations
- Solving a value mixture problem using a system of linear equations
- Solving a distance, rate, time problem using a system of linear equations
- Solving a percent mixture problem using a system of linear equations
- Interpreting the graphs of two functions
- Graphing a system of two linear inequalities: Basic

Functions and Graphs (29 topics)

Sets, Relations, and Functions (9 topics)

- Union and intersection of finite sets
- Set builder and interval notation
- Identifying functions from relations
- Vertical line test
- Evaluating functions: Linear and quadratic or cubic
- Evaluating functions: Absolute value, rational, radical
- Evaluating a piecewise–defined function
- Variable expressions as inputs of functions: Problem type 1
- Domain and range from ordered pairs

Graphs and Transformations (16 topics)

- Finding intercepts of a nonlinear function given its graph
- Finding local maxima and minima of a function given the graph
- Finding zeros of a polynomial function written in factored form
- Domain and range from the graph of a continuous function
- Writing an equation for a function after a vertical translation
- Writing an equation for a function after a vertical and horizontal translation
- Translating the graph of a function: One step
- Translating the graph of a function: Two steps
- Transforming the graph of a function by reflecting over an axis
- Transforming the graph of a function by shrinking or stretching
- Finding the x–intercept(s) and the vertex of a parabola
- Graphing a parabola of the form \( y = ax^2 \)
- Graphing a parabola of the form \( y = (x−h)^2 + k \)
- Graphing a parabola of the form \( y = ax^2 + bx + c \): Integer coefficients
- Graphing a cubic function of the form \( y = ax^3 \)
- Graphing an absolute value equation in the plane: Advanced

Combining Functions; Composite Functions; Inverse Functions (4 topics)

- Sum, difference, and product of two functions
- Quotient of two functions: Basic
- Composition of two functions: Basic
- Inverse functions: Linear, discrete
• Rational Expressions (27 topics)
  ◦ Rational Expressions (19 topics)
    ◦ Domain of a rational function: Excluded values
    ◦ Simplifying a ratio of polynomials: Problem type 1
    ◦ Simplifying a ratio of polynomials: Problem type 2
    ◦ Simplifying a ratio of multivariate polynomials
    ◦ Multiplying rational expressions involving multivariate monomials
    ◦ Multiplying rational expressions involving quadratics with leading coefficients of 1
    ◦ Dividing rational expressions involving multivariate monomials
    ◦ Introduction to the LCM of two monomials
    ◦ Adding rational expressions with common denominators and binomial numerators
    ◦ Adding rational expressions with different denominators: ax, bx
    ◦ Adding rational expressions with different denominators: x+a, x+b
    ◦ Complex fraction without variables: Problem type 1
    ◦ Complex fraction without variables: Problem type 2
    ◦ Complex fraction involving multivariate monomials
    ◦ Complex fraction: GCF and quadratic factoring
    ◦ Complex fraction made of sums involving rational expressions
    ◦ Dividing a polynomial by a monomial: Univariate
    ◦ Polynomial long division: Problem type 1
    ◦ Polynomial long division: Problem type 2
  ◦ Rational Equations (6 topics)
    ◦ Solving a rational equation that simplifies to linear: Denominator x
    ◦ Solving a rational equation that simplifies to linear: Denominator x+a
    ◦ Solving a rational equation that simplifies to linear: Unlike binomial denominators
    ◦ Solving a rational equation that simplifies to linear: Denominators a, x, or ax
    ◦ Solving a rational equation that simplifies to quadratic: Binomial denominators, constant numerators
    ◦ Solving a rational equation that simplifies to quadratic: Binomial denominators and numerators
  ◦ Variation (2 topics)
    ◦ Word problem on direct variation
    ◦ Word problem on inverse variation

• Radical Expressions (26 topics)
  ◦ Radical Functions (2 topics)
    ◦ Domain of a square root function: Advanced
    ◦ Graphing a square root function
  ◦ Radical Expressions (16 topics)
    ◦ Square root of a rational perfect square
    ◦ Cube root of an integer
    ◦ Simplifying the square root of a whole number less than 100
    ◦ Square root of a perfect square monomial
    ◦ Simplifying a radical expression with an even exponent
    ◦ Simplifying a radical expression with two variables
    ◦ Simplifying a higher root of a whole number
    ◦ Simplifying a higher radical expression: Multivariate
    ◦ Square root addition or subtraction
    ◦ Simplifying a sum or difference of radical expressions: Multivariate
    ◦ Square root multiplication: Advanced
    ◦ Simplifying a product of radical expressions: Multivariate
    ◦ Simplifying a product involving square roots using the distributive property: Advanced
    ◦ Special products of radical expressions: Conjugates and squaring
    ◦ Rationalizing the denominator of a radical expression
    ◦ Rationalizing the denominator of a radical expression using conjugates
  ◦ Rational Exponents (5 topics)
Converting between radical form and exponent form
◊ Rational exponents: Non–unit fraction exponent with a whole number base
◊ Rational exponents: Negative exponents and fractional bases
◊ Rational exponents: Products and quotients with negative exponents
◊ Rational exponents: Powers of powers with negative exponents

♦ Radical Equations (3 topics)
◊ Solving a radical equation that simplifies to a linear equation: One radical, basic
◊ Solving a radical equation that simplifies to a linear equation: Two radicals
◊ Solving a radical equation that simplifies to a quadratic equation: One radical

• Geometry (25 topics)

♦ Perimeter, Area, and Volume (17 topics)
◊ Perimeter of a square or a rectangle
◊ Area of a square or a rectangle
◊ Area of a piecewise rectangular figure
◊ Finding a side length given the perimeter and side lengths with variables
◊ Finding the side length of a rectangle given its perimeter or area
◊ Finding the perimeter or area of a rectangle given one of these values
◊ Area of a parallelogram
◊ Area of a triangle
◊ Circumference and area of a circle
◊ Perimeter involving rectangles and circles
◊ Area involving inscribed figures
◊ Volume of a rectangular prism
◊ Volume of a cylinder
◊ Surface area of a cube or a rectangular prism
◊ Surface area of a cylinder: Exact answers in terms of pi
◊ Similar polygons
◊ Indirect measurement

♦ Angles (3 topics)
◊ Solving equations involving vertical angles
◊ Finding an angle measure of a triangle given two angles
◊ Finding an angle measure for a triangle with an extended side

♦ Coordinate Geometry (5 topics)
◊ Pythagorean Theorem
◊ Distance between two points in the plane: Exact answers
◊ Graphing a circle given its equation in standard form
◊ Graphing a circle given its equation in general form
◊ Writing an equation of a circle given its center and a point on the circle

• Other Topics Available(*) (58 additional topics)

♦ Real Numbers (6 topics)
◊ Fractional part of a circle
◊ Finding the percentage increase or decrease: Advanced
◊ Word problem on unit rates associated with ratios of whole numbers: Decimal answers
◊ Exponents and integers: Problem type 2
◊ Properties of addition
◊ Properties of real numbers

♦ Equations and Inequalities (6 topics)
◊ Solving an equation to find the value of an expression
◊ Solving a decimal word problem using a linear equation with the variable on both sides
◊ Solving a fraction word problem using a linear equation with the variable on both sides
◊ Solving a word problem with three unknowns using a linear equation
Writing a multi-step inequality for a real-world situation
Solving a decimal word problem using a linear inequality with the variable on both sides

Exponents and Polynomials (13 topics)
- Evaluating expressions with exponents of zero
- Ordering numbers with positive exponents
- Ordering numbers with negative exponents
- Power, product, and quotient rules with negative exponents
- Multiplying and dividing numbers written in scientific notation
- Degree of a multivariate polynomial
- Simplifying a sum or difference of three univariate polynomials
- Factoring with repeated use of the difference of squares formula
- Factoring a sum or difference of two cubes
- Solving an equation that can be written in quadratic form: Problem type 1
- Solving a quadratic equation using the square root property: Exact answers, advanced
- Solving a quadratic equation by completing the square: Exact answers
- Solving a quadratic inequality

Lines and Systems (5 topics)
- Writing the equations of vertical and horizontal lines through a given point
- Solving a 3x3 system of linear equations: Problem type 1
- Solving a 2x2 system of linear equations that is inconsistent or consistent dependent
- Solving a tax rate or interest rate problem using a system of linear equations
- Solving a word problem using a 3x3 system of linear equations: Problem type 1

Functions and Graphs (6 topics)
- Set builder notation
- Finding inputs and outputs of a function from its graph
- Finding where a function is increasing, decreasing, or constant given the graph: Interval notation
- Classifying the graph of a function
- Horizontal line test
- Determining whether two functions are inverses of each other

Rational Expressions (6 topics)
- Ordering fractions with variables
- Dividing rational expressions involving quadratics with leading coefficients of 1
- Least common multiple of two monomials
- Adding rational expressions with multivariate monomial denominators: Advanced
- Writing an equation that models variation
- Word problem on combined variation

Radical Expressions (8 topics)
- Rationalizing a denominator: Quotient involving higher radicals and monomials
- Using $i$ to rewrite square roots of negative numbers
- Simplifying a product and quotient involving square roots of negative numbers
- Adding or subtracting complex numbers
- Multiplying complex numbers
- Dividing complex numbers
- Simplifying a power of $i$
- Solving a quadratic equation with complex roots

Geometry (8 topics)
- Areas of rectangles with the same perimeter
- Finding the radius or the diameter of a circle given its circumference
- Circumference ratios
- Area involving rectangles and circles
- Word problem involving the area between two concentric circles
- Word problem involving the rate of filling or emptying a cylinder
- Midpoint of a line segment in the plane
◊ Writing an equation of a circle given the endpoints of a diameter

Other Topics Available  By default, these topics are NOT included in the course, but can be added using the content editor in the Teacher Module.