



Pre-AP Algebra 2 and North Carolina Standard Course of Study: North Carolina Math 3: Alignment Summary

Pre-AP courses focus deeply on a limited number of concepts and skills with the broadest relevance for high school coursework and college and career success. The course framework serves as the foundation of the course and defines these prioritized concepts and skills.

When teaching a Pre-AP course, teachers have purposeful time and space to bring their own voice and lessons into each unit to best meet the needs of their students and address the full range of state standards. This alignment summary demonstrates the deep connections between the Pre-AP Algebra 2 Course Framework and the North Carolina Standard Course of Study: North Carolina Math 3 to support teachers and schools in their planning. Along with the corresponding standards crosswalk, teachers and schools can use this alignment summary when planning and preparing to implement Pre-AP Algebra 2.



Alignment at a Glance: Very Strong

North Carolina Math 3:



- The Complex Number System
- Seeing Structure in Expressions
- Creating Equations
- Interpreting Functions

- Building Functions
- Linear, Quadratic, and Exponential Models
- Trigonometric Functions

Discipline Highlights



Overall, the alignment between the Pre-AP Algebra 2 Course Framework and the North Carolina Standard Course of Study: North Carolina Math 3 is very strong.



In twelve of the fifteen strands, the majority of the North Carolina Standard Course of Study: North Carolina Math 3 is addressed in full or in part by the Pre-AP Algebra 2 Course Framework with the remaining concept areas covered in depth in Pre-AP Geometry with Statistics.



The deepest alignments to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study: North Carolina Math 3 are in the strands of Seeing Structure in Expressions, Interpreting Functions, Building Functions, Linear, Quadratic, and Exponential Models, and Trigonometric Functions.



= Very strong alignment



= Partial alignment

Alignment between the Pre-AP Algebra 2 Course Framework and the North Carolina Standard Course of Study: North Carolina Math 3 is described as *very strong* or *partial*. A *very strong* alignment is one in which the majority of standards are fully addressed by the mapped Pre-AP Learning Objectives (LOs). A *partial* alignment is one in which the standards are partially addressed by the corresponding Pre-AP Learning Objectives. Partial alignment can occur when one framework includes greater specificity or extends beyond the scope of the other framework. Given the focused nature of the Pre-AP course framework, some partial alignments are to be expected.

Alignment at a Glance: Partial

North Carolina Math 3:



- Arithmetic with Polynomial Expressions
- Reasoning with Equations and Inequalities
- Circles

- Expressing Geometric Properties with Equations
- Geometric Measurement & Dimension

Discipline Highlights



While the overall alignment between the North Carolina Standard Course of Study: North Carolina Math 3 and the Pre-AP Algebra 2 Course Framework is very strong, there are a few areas of partial alignment due to differences in the level of specificity in certain areas.



The Pre-AP Algebra 2 Course Framework is intentionally focused on functions as a prioritized set of concepts. Therefore, certain topics fall outside the scope of the Pre-AP Algebra 2 Course Framework, such as standards from the Reasoning with Equations and Inequalities strand that require students to justify and explain equation solving steps. With the focus on function behavior and analysis, algebraic reasoning is not explicitly stated as a learning objective in the Pre-AP Algebra 2 Course Framework. However, it is a mathematical practice woven throughout Pre-AP Algebra 2.



Though not addressed in Pre-AP Algebra 2, all competencies in the strands of Congruence, Modeling with Geometry, and Making Inference and Justifying Conclusions are covered in depth in Pre-AP Geometry with Statistics.

Summary

Beyond alignments to the course framework, it is also important for educators to turn to the Pre-AP Shared Principles and Pre-AP Mathematics Areas of Focus to understand the full picture of alignment between Pre-AP Algebra 2 and the North Carolina Standard Course of Study: North Carolina Math 3. The shared principles and areas of focus represent the Pre-AP approach to teaching and learning, and these principles deeply address skill development and disciplinary practices that cannot be easily captured within a standards crosswalk. In summary, there are ample opportunities for teachers to address the North Carolina Standard Course of Study: North Carolina Math 3 with confidence throughout this course.



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