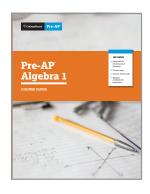


## **Pre-AP Algebra 1 and New Jersey Student Learning Standards** for Mathematics: Alignment Summary

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 1 Course Framework and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Mathematics 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 1.



# Alignment at a Glance: Very Strong

#### New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Mathematics:



- Unit 1: Modeling with Linear Equations and Inequalities
- Unit 2: Linear and Exponential Modeling: Functions and Bivariate Statistics
- Unit 3: Quadratic
  Modeling

#### **Discipline Highlights**

- Overall, the alignment between the Pre-AP Algebra 1 Course Framework and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Mathematics is very strong.
- Across all four units of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Mathematics, the majority of the standards are addressed in full or in part by the Pre-AP Algebra 1 Course Framework.
- The New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Mathematics and the Pre-AP course framework share the strongest alignment in Unit 1: Modeling with Linear Equations and Inequalities.

= Very strong alignment

= Partial alignment

Alignment between the Pre-AP Algebra 1 Course Framework and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Mathematics 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

New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Mathematics:



• Unit 4: Other Nonlinear Graphs and One Variable Statistics

### **Discipline Highlights**

While the overall alignment between the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Mathematics and the Pre-AP Algebra 1 framework is very strong, there are a few areas of partial alignment due to the more granular nature of some of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Mathematics.

The Pre-AP course framework has a more intentionally narrow focus on a prioritized set of concepts, so certain topics are considered outside of the scope of the Pre-AP course. For example, standard A.APR.B.3 involves the zeros of polynomial functions and Pre-AP Algebra 1 focuses on working with zeros of quadratic functions.

Though not a focus in Pre-AP Algebra 1, the portion of Unit 4 dealing with one variable statistics is 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 1 and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Mathematics. 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 New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Mathematics with confidence throughout this course.** 



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