## Pre-Calculus: Polynomial \& Rational Functions

## ESTABLISHED GOALS:

## Competencies:

- Students will demonstrate the ability to simplify algebraic expressions by applying the properties of operations and arithmetic of complex numbers.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to solve equations, inequalities and systems by analyzing structure and applying the properties of equality, inequality, and rational expressions.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to apply functions to solve problems by interpreting and analyzing multiple representations of functions.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to graph equations, functions, and figures by using tables and analyzing equations.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to model real world problems by building and analyzing the appropriate expression, equation, or function.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to analyze and summarize text and integrate knowledge to make meaning of disciplinespecific materials.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to produce coherent and supported writing in order to communicate effectively for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to speak purposefully and effectively by strategically making decisions about content, language use, and discourse style.


## Content Standards:

- HSN.CN.A. 1 Know there is a complex number $i$ such that $i^{2}=-1$, and every complex number has the form $a+b i$ with $a$ and $b$ real.
- HSN.CN.A. 2 Use the relation $i^{2}=-1$ and the commutative, associative, and distributive properties to add, subtract, and multiply complex numbers.
- HSN.CN.A. 3 (+) Find the conjugate of a complex number; use conjugates to find moduli and quotients of complex numbers.
- HSN.CN.B. 4 (+) Represent complex numbers on the complex plane in rectangular and polar form (including real and imaginary numbers), and explain why the rectangular and polar forms of a given complex number represent the same number.
- HSN.CN.B. 5 (+) Represent addition, subtraction, multiplication, and conjugation of complex numbers geometrically on the complex plane; use properties of this representation for computation.
- HSN.CN.B. 6 (+) Calculate the distance between numbers in the complex plane as the modulus of the difference, and the midpoint of a segment as the average of the numbers at its endpoints.


## Stage 1 Desired Results

Transfer

Students will be able to independently use their learning to represent relationships between quantities, manipulate and analyze the representation, and interpret its meaning.

| Meaning |  |
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| ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS | ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS |
| Students will understand that... |  |
| - equivalent expressions can be created by using |  |
| multiple strategies and the guiding rules of <br> mathematics. | How can the multiple representations of a <br> function be used to best analyze the <br> relationships between the two quantities it <br> the graph and equation of a function communicate <br> information that can be used to answer questions <br> about real world problems. |
| it is possible to get closer and closer to something <br> but to never be able to touch it. |  |

## Acquisition

## Students will know..

- the average rate of change of a function $f$ on the interval $[a, b]$ is the slope of the line joining two points ( $a, f(a))$ and ( $b, f(b)$ ).
- that a graph of a function can be sketched by identifying the parent function and then analyzing and interpreting the changes made to $f(x)$, for example $-f(x)$ or $f(x+c)$.
- that given $f(x)=x^{n}$, when $n$ is even, the graph of the function is symmetric with respect to the $y$ axis, and when $n$ is odd, it is symmetric with respect to the origin.
- that, if the multiplicity of a polynomial's zero is odd, the graph crosses the x-axis at that value. If it is even, then it touches, but does not cross, the x-axis at that value.
- that the graph of a polynomial function of degree 2 or greater is a continuous smooth

Students will be skilled at...

- calculating the instantaneous rate of change using the average rate of change.
- computing, interpreting, and comparing average rate of change for a function.
- simplifying difference quotients of the form $f(x)-f(a) \div x-a$.
- determining the domain and range of a function from both an equation and from a graph.
- graphing the parent function and transformations for linear, quadratic, square root, and absolute value functions.
- graphing transformations by viewing them as changes made to the parent function.
- setting up equations that define functions for problem-solving, including maximum and minimum value problems.
- HSN.CN.C. 8 (+) Extend polynomial identities to the complex numbers. For example, rewrite $x 2+4$ as $(x+2 i)(x-2 i)$.
- HSN.CN.C. 9 (+) Know the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra; show that it is true for quadratic polynomials.
- HSA.APR.A. 1 Understand that polynomials form a system analogous to the integers, namely, they are closed under the operations of addition, subtraction, and multiplication; add, subtract, and multiply polynomials.
- HSA.APR.B. 2 Know and apply the Remainder Theorem: For a polynomial $p(x)$ and a number $a$, the remainder on division by $\mathrm{x}-\mathrm{a}$ is $p(a)$, so $p(a)=0$ if and only if $(x-a)$ is a factor of $p(x)$.
- HSA.APR.B. 3 Identify zeros of polynomials when suitable factorizations are available, and use the zeros to construct a rough graph of the function defined by the polynomial.
- HSA.APR.C. 4 Prove polynomial identities and use them to describe numerical relationships. For example, the polynomial identity (x2 + $y 2)^{2}=(x 2-y 2)^{2}+(2 x y)^{2}$ can be used to generate Pythagorean triples.
- HSA.APR.C. 5 (+) Know and apply the Binomial Theorem for the expansion of $(x+y)^{n}$ in powers of $x$ and $y$ for a positive integer $n$, where $x$ and $y$ are any numbers, with coefficients determined for example by Pascal's Triangle. 1
- HSA.APR.D. 6 Rewrite simple rational expressions in different forms; write $a(x) / b(x)$ in the form $q(x)+r(x) / b(x)$, where $a(x), b(x), q(x)$, and $r(x)$ are polynomials with the degree of $r(x)$ less than the degree of $b(x)$, using inspection, long division, or, for the more complicated examples, a computer algebra system
- HSA.APR.D. 7 (+) Understand that rational expressions form a system analogous to the rational numbers, closed under addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division by a nonzero rational expression; add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational expressions.
- HSA.REI.D. 11 Explain why the $x$-coordinates of the points where the graphs of the equations $y=f(x)$ and $y=g(x)$ intersect are the solutions of the equation $f(x)=g(x)$; find the solutions approximately, e.g., using technology to graph the functions, make tables of values, or find successive approximations. Include cases where $f(x)$ and/or $g(x)$ are linear, polynomial, rational, absolute value, exponential, and logarithmic functions.
- HSF.IF.B. 4 For a function that models a relationship between two quantities, interpret key features of graphs and tables in terms of the quantities, and sketch graphs showing key features given a verbal description of the relationship. Key features include: intercepts; intervals where the function is increasing, decreasing, positive, or negative; relative maximums and minimums; symmetries; end behavior; and periodicity.
- HSF.IF.B. 6 Calculate and interpret the average rate of change of a function (presented symbolically or as a table) over a specified interval. Estimate the rate of change from a graph.*
- HSF.IF.C. 7 Graph functions expressed symbolically and show key features of the graph, by hand in simple cases and using technology for more complicated cases.
- HSF.IF.C.7.C Graph polynomial functions, identifying zeros when suitable factorizations are available, and showing end behavior.
- HSF.IF.C.7.D (+) Graph rational functions, identifying zeros and asymptotes when suitable factorizations are available, and showing
curve.
- leading Coefficient Test for polynomial functions.
- that, for a polynomial function of degree, $n$ has at most, $n$ real zeros.
- that the graph of a polynomial function of degree $n$ has at most $n-1$ turning points.
- the relationships between roots and coefficients for polynomials equations of any degree.
- that complex zeros occur in conjugate pairs.
- Descartes's Rule of Sign.
- that, if the degree of the numerator is exactly one more than the degree of the denominator, then the graph of the function has a slant asymptote.
- that, within an interval of the number line created by the x-intercepts, the sign of the value of the function stays the same.
- the following algorithms and theorems:
o Division Algorithm
o Remainder Theorem
o Intermediate Value Theorem
o Factor Theorem
o Fundamental Theorem of Algebra
o Linear Factorization Theorem
o Rational Roots Theorem
o Upper and Lower Bound Theorem for
o Upper and Lower Bound Theorem for Real Roots.
vocabulary: rational function, key numbers, vertical/horizontal/slant asymptote, complex conjugate, double root, extraneous roots, persistence of sign, , synthetic division, even and odd functions
- sketching polynomial functions, using the leading coefficient test, the real zeros, and test intervals.
- using the Intermediate Value Theorem to approximate a real zero.
- sketching rational functions.
- using long and synthetic division to find quotients and remainders and to show that a value of $x$ is a solution to the equation.
- factoring polynomials.
- finding solutions to polynomial equations using the Factor Theorem.
- simplifying rational expressions by factoring and by using long/synthetic division.
- adding, subtracting, and multiplying complex numbers.
- determining the quotient of complex numbers in standard form.
- writing complex numbers in standard form
- expressing polynomial equations in the form $a_{n}\left(x-r_{1}\right)\left(x-r_{2}\right) \ldots\left(x-r_{n}\right)$
- determining a polynomial equation with prescribed roots and their multiplicities.
- finding the rational roots of a polynomial equation.
- solving an equation using the rational roots theorem and the upper and lower bound theorem.
- solving an equation using the conjugate roots theorem.
- determining remaining roots when provided one root.
- using Descartes's Rule to verify the number of positive/negative roots.
- determining the vertical and horizontal asymptotes of a rational function.
- sketching the graph of rational functions.
- finding the equation of a slant asymptote.
- solving polynomial inequalities using factoring, key numbers, and the persistence of sign.


## end behavior.

- MP1 Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- MP2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
- MP4 Model with mathematics.
- MP5 Use appropriate tools strategically.
- MP7 Look for and make use of structure.
- MP8 Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.


## Content Area Literacy Standards

- RST.11-12.3 Follow precisely a complex multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks; analyze the specific results based on explanations in the text.
- RST.11-12.4 Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11-12 texts and topics.
- RST.11-12.5 Analyze how the text structures information or ideas into categories or hierarchies, demonstrating understanding of the information or ideas.
- RST.11-12.8 Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.

| Stage 2 - Evidence |  |
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| Evaluative Criteria | Assessment Evidence |
|  | PERFORMANCE TASK(S): |
|  | OTHER EVIDENCE: |

## Stage 3 - Learning Plan

## Summary of Key Learning Events and Instruction

## Language Arts Integration

- 1.OA. 1 Use


## Mathematics Integration

- 1.0A. 1 Use

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| Technology Integration | District Materials |
| •1.0A.1 Use |  |
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