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# Standards for Mathematical Practice



## 1 Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

- Multiple representations are presented to help students move from concrete to representative and into abstract thinking.
- In *Modeling Real Life* examples and exercises, students **MAKE SENSE OF PROBLEMS** using problem-solving strategies, such as drawing a picture, circling knowns, and underlining unknowns. They also use a formal problem-solving plan: understand the problem, make a plan, and solve and check.

## 2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively.

- Visual problem-solving models help students create a coherent representation of the problem.
- *Explore and Grows* allow students to investigate concepts to understand the **REASONING** behind the rules.
- Exercises encourage students to apply **NUMBER SENSE** and explain and justify their **REASONING**.

## 3 Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.

- *Explore and Grows* help students make conjectures, use **LOGIC**, and **CONSTRUCT ARGUMENTS** to support their conjectures.
- Exercises, such as *You Be The Teacher* and *Which One Doesn't Belong?*, provide students the opportunity to **CRITIQUE REASONING**.

## 4 Model with mathematics.

- Real-life situations are translated into pictures, diagrams, tables, equations, and graphs to help students analyze relations and to draw conclusions.
- Real-life problems are provided to help students apply the mathematics they are learning to everyday life.
- **MODELING REAL LIFE** examples and exercises help students see that math is used across content areas, other disciplines, and in their own experiences.

## 5 Use appropriate tools strategically.

- Students can use a variety of hands-on manipulatives to solve problems throughout the program.
- A variety of tools, such as number lines and graph paper, manipulatives, and digital tools, are available as students **CHOOSE TOOLS** and consider how to approach a problem.

## 6 Attend to precision.

- **PRECISION** exercises encourage students to formulate consistent and appropriate reasoning.
- Cooperative learning opportunities support precise communication.

## 7 Look for and make use of structure.

- *Learning Targets* and *Success Criteria* at the start of each chapter and lesson help students understand what they are going to learn.
- *Explore and Grows* provide students the opportunity to see **PATTERNS** and **STRUCTURE** in mathematics.
- Real-life problems help students use the **STRUCTURE** of mathematics to break down and solve more difficult problems.

## 8 Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

- Opportunities are provided to help students make generalizations through **REPEATED REASONING**.
- Students are continually encouraged to check for reasonableness in their solutions.

# Achieve the Core

## Meeting Proficiency

As standards shift to prepare students for college and careers, the importance of focus, coherence, and rigor continues to grow.

- FOCUS** *Big Ideas Math: Modeling Real Life* emphasizes a narrower and deeper curriculum, ensuring students spend their time on the major topics of each grade.
- COHERENCE** The program was developed around coherent progressions from Kindergarten through eighth grade, guaranteeing students develop and progress their foundational skills through the grades while maintaining a strong focus on the major topics.
- RIGOR** *Big Ideas Math: Modeling Real Life* uses a balance of procedural fluency, conceptual understanding, and real-life applications. Students develop conceptual understanding in every *Explore and Grow*, continue that development through the lesson while gaining procedural fluency during the *Think and Grow*, and then tie it all together with *Think and Grow: Modeling Real Life*. Every set of practice problems reflects this balance, giving students the rigorous practice they need to be college- and career-ready.

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## Major Topics in Grade 3

### Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Represent and solve problems involving multiplication and division.
- Understand properties of multiplication and the relationship between multiplication and division.
- Multiply and divide within 100.
- Solve problems involving the four operations, and identify and explain patterns in arithmetic.

### Number and Operations—Fractions

- Develop understanding of fractions as numbers.

### Measurement and Data

- Solve problems involving measurement and estimation of intervals of time, liquid volumes, and masses of objects.
- Geometric measurement: understand concepts of area and relate area to multiplication.

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- Additional Topic



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Let's learn about division facts and strategies!



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