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# Montana Content Standards for Mathematics– Grade 7

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## Standards for Mathematical Practice: Grade 7 Explanations and Examples

<b>Standards</b>	<b>Explanations and Examples</b>
<i>Students are expected to:</i>	The Standards for Mathematical Practice describe ways in which students ought to engage with the subject matter as they grow in mathematical maturity and expertise.
<b>7.MP.1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.</b>	In grade 7, students solve problems involving ratios and rates and discuss how they solved them. Students solve real world problems through the application of algebraic and geometric concepts. Students seek the meaning of a problem and look for efficient ways to represent and solve it. They may check their thinking by asking themselves, “What is the most efficient way to solve the problem?”, “Does this make sense?”, and “Can I solve the problem in a different way?”.
<b>7.MP.2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.</b>	In grade 7, students represent a wide variety of real world contexts through the use of real numbers and variables in mathematical expressions, equations, and inequalities. Students contextualize to understand the meaning of the number or variable as related to the problem and decontextualize to manipulate symbolic representations by applying properties of operations.
<b>7.MP.3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.</b>	In grade 7, students construct arguments using verbal or written explanations accompanied by expressions, equations, inequalities, models, and graphs, tables, and other data displays (i.e. box plots, dot plots, histograms, etc.). They further refine their mathematical communication skills through mathematical discussions in which they critically evaluate their own thinking and the thinking of other students. They pose questions like “How did you get that?”, “Why is that true?” “Does that always work?”. They explain their thinking to others and respond to others’ thinking.
<b>7.MP.4. Model with mathematics.</b>	In grade 7, students model problem situations symbolically, graphically, tabularly, and contextually. Students form expressions, equations, or inequalities from real world contexts and connect symbolic and graphical representations. Students explore covariance and represent two quantities simultaneously. They use measures of center and variability and data displays (i.e. box plots and histograms) to draw inferences, make comparisons and formulate predictions. Students use experiments or simulations to generate data sets and create probability models. Students need many opportunities to connect and explain the connections between the different representations. They should be able to use all of these representations as appropriate to a problem context.
<b>7.MP.5. Use appropriate tools strategically.</b>	Students consider available tools (including estimation and technology) when solving a mathematical problem and decide when certain tools might be helpful. For instance, students in grade 7 may decide to represent similar data sets using dot plots with the same scale to visually compare the center and variability of the data. Students might use physical objects or applets to generate probability data and use graphing calculators or spreadsheets to manage and represent data in different forms.
<b>7.MP.6. Attend to precision.</b>	In grade 7, students continue to refine their mathematical communication skills by using clear and precise language in their discussions with others and in their own reasoning. Students define variables, specify units of measure, and label axes accurately. Students use appropriate terminology when referring to rates, ratios, probability models, geometric figures, data displays, and components of expressions, equations or inequalities.

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<b>7.MP.7. Look for and make use of structure.</b>	Students routinely seek patterns or structures to model and solve problems. For instance, students recognize patterns that exist in ratio tables making connections between the constant of proportionality in a table with the slope of a graph. Students apply properties to generate equivalent expressions (i.e. $6 + 2x = 2(3 + x)$ by distributive property) and solve equations (i.e. $2c + 3 = 15$ , $2c = 12$ by subtraction property of equality; $c=6$ by division property of equality). Students compose and decompose two- and three-dimensional figures to solve real world problems involving scale drawings, surface area, and volume. Students examine tree diagrams or systematic lists to determine the sample space for compound events and verify that they have listed all possibilities.
<b>7.MP.8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.</b>	In grade 7, students use repeated reasoning to understand algorithms and make generalizations about patterns. During multiple opportunities to solve and model problems, they may notice that $a/b \div c/d = ad/bc$ and construct other examples and models that confirm their generalization. They extend their thinking to include complex fractions and rational numbers. Students formally begin to make connections between covariance, rates, and representations showing the relationships between quantities. They create, explain, evaluate, and modify probability models to describe simple and compound events.

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## Seventh Grade Overview

Domains	Ratios & Proportional Relationships	The Number System	Expressions and Equations	Geometry	Statistics and Probability
Clusters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze proportional relationships and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply and extend previous understandings of operations with fractions to add, subtract, multiply and divide rational numbers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use properties of operations to generate equivalent expressions</li> <li>Solve real-life and mathematical problems using numerical and algebraic expressions and equations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draw, construct and describe geometrical figures and describe the relationships between them</li> <li>Solve real-life and mathematical problems involving angle measure, area, surface and volume</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use random sampling to draw inferences about a population</li> <li>Draw informal comparative inferences about two populations</li> <li>Investigate chance processes and develop, use and evaluate probability models</li> </ul>
Mathematical Practices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.</li> <li>2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.</li> <li>4. Model with mathematics.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Use appropriate tools strategically.</li> <li>6. Attend to precision.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Look for and make use of structure.</li> <li>8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.</li> </ol>	

In Grade 7, instructional time should focus on four critical areas:

### 1. *Developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships*

- Students extend their understanding of ratios and develop understanding of proportionality to solve single- and multi-step problems. Students use their understanding of ratios and proportionality to solve a wide variety of percent problems, including those involving discounts, interest, taxes, tips, and percent increase or decrease. Students solve problems about scale drawings by relating corresponding lengths between the objects or by using the fact that relationships of lengths within an object are preserved in similar objects. Students graph proportional relationships and understand the unit rate informally as a measure of the steepness of the related line, called the slope. They distinguish proportional relationships from other relationships.

### 2. *Developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations*

- Students develop a unified understanding of number, recognizing fractions, decimals (that have a finite or a repeating decimal representation), and percents as different representations of rational numbers. Students extend addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to all rational numbers, maintaining the properties of operations and the relationships between addition and subtraction, and multiplication and division. By applying these properties, and by viewing negative numbers in terms of everyday contexts (e.g., amounts owed or temperatures below zero), students explain and interpret the rules for adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing with negative numbers. They use the arithmetic of rational numbers as they formulate expressions and equations in one variable and use these equations to solve problems.

### 3. *Solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions, and working with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume*

- Students continue their work with area from Grade 6, solving problems involving the area and circumference of a circle and surface area of three-dimensional objects. In preparation for work on congruence and similarity in Grade 8 they reason about relationships among two-dimensional figures using scale drawings and informal geometric constructions, and they gain familiarity with the relationships

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between angles formed by intersecting lines. Students work with three-dimensional figures, relating them to two-dimensional figures by examining cross-sections. They solve real-world and mathematical problems involving area, surface area, and volume of two- and three-dimensional objects composed of triangles, quadrilaterals, polygons, cubes and right prisms.

#### **4. *Drawing inferences about populations based on samples***

- Students build on their previous work with single data distributions to compare two data distributions and address questions about differences between populations. They begin informal work with random sampling to generate data sets and learn about the importance of representative samples for drawing inferences.

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## GRADE 7 STANDARDS

### Ratios and Proportional Relationship (RP)

*Analyze proportional relationships and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems.*

- Compute unit rates associated with ratios of fractions, including ratios of lengths, areas and other quantities measured in like or different units. For example, if a person walks  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile in each  $\frac{1}{4}$  hour, compute the unit rate as the complex fraction  $\frac{1}{2} / \frac{1}{4}$  miles per hour, equivalently 2 miles per hour. (7.RP.1)
- Recognize and represent proportional relationships between quantities, including those represented in Montana American Indian cultural contexts.
  - Decide whether two quantities are in a proportional relationship, e.g., by testing for equivalent ratios in a table or graphing on a coordinate plane and observing whether the graph is a straight line through the origin.
  - Identify the constant of proportionality (unit rate) in tables, graphs, equations, diagrams, and verbal descriptions of proportional relationships.
  - Represent proportional relationships by equations. For example, if total cost  $t$  is proportional to the number  $n$  of items purchased at a constant price  $p$ , the relationship between the total cost and the number of items can be expressed as  $t = pn$ . As a contemporary American Indian example, analyze cost of beading materials; cost of cooking ingredients for family gatherings, community celebrations, etc.
  - Explain what a point  $(x, y)$  on the graph of a proportional relationship means in terms of the situation, with special attention to the points  $(0, 0)$  and  $(1, r)$  where  $r$  is the unit rate. (7.RP.2)
- Use proportional relationships to solve multi-step ratio and percent problems within cultural contexts, including those of Montana American Indians (e.g., percent of increase and decrease of tribal land). Examples: simple interest, tax, markups and markdowns, gratuities and commissions, fees, percent increase and decrease, percent error. (7.RP.3)

### The Number System (NS)

*Apply and extend previous understandings of operations with fractions to add, subtract, multiply and divide rational numbers.*

- Apply and extend previous understandings of addition and subtraction to add and subtract rational numbers; represent addition and subtraction on a horizontal or vertical number line diagram.
  - Describe situations in which opposite quantities combine to make 0. For example, a hydrogen atom has 0 charge because its two constituents are oppositely charged.
  - Understand  $p + q$  as the number located a distance  $|q|$  from  $p$ , in the positive or negative direction depending on whether  $q$  is positive or negative. Show that a number and its opposite have a sum of 0 (are additive inverses). Interpret sums of rational numbers by describing real-world contexts.
  - Understand subtraction of rational numbers as adding the additive inverse,  $p - q = p + (-q)$ . Show that the distance between two rational numbers on the number line is the absolute value of their difference, and apply this principle in real-world contexts.
  - Apply properties of operations as strategies to add and subtract rational numbers. (7.NS.1)
- Apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division and of fractions to multiply and divide rational numbers.

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- Understand that multiplication is extended from fractions to rational numbers by requiring that operations continue to satisfy the properties of operations, particularly the distributive property, leading to products such as  $(-1)(-1) = 1$  and the rules for multiplying signed numbers. Interpret products of rational numbers by describing real-world contexts.
- Understand that integers can be divided, provided that the divisor is not zero, and every quotient of integers (with non-zero divisor) is a rational number. If  $p$  and  $q$  are integers, then  $-(p/q) = (-p)/q = p/(-q)$ . Interpret quotients of rational numbers by describing real-world contexts.
- Apply properties of operations as strategies to multiply and divide rational numbers.
- Convert a rational number to a decimal using long division; know that the decimal form of a rational number terminates in 0s or eventually repeats. (7.NS.2)
- Solve real-world and mathematical problems from a variety of cultural contexts, including those of Montana American Indians, involving the four operations with rational numbers. [Computations with rational numbers extend the rules for manipulating fractions to complex fractions] (7.NS.3)

## Expressions and Equations (EE)

*Use properties of operations to generate equivalent expressions.*

- apply properties of operations as strategies to add, subtract, factor, and expand linear expressions with rational coefficients (7.EE.1)
- understand that rewriting an expression in different forms in a problem context can shed light on the problem and how the quantities in it are related. For example,  $a + 0.05a = 1.05a$  means that "increase by 5%" is the same as "multiply by 1.05." (7.EE.2)

*Solve real-life and mathematical problems using numerical and algebraic expressions and equations.*

- Solve multi-step real-life and mathematical problems posed with positive and negative rational numbers in any form (whole numbers, fractions, and decimals), using tools strategically. Apply properties of operations to calculate with numbers in any form; convert between forms as appropriate; and assess the reasonableness of answers using mental computation and estimation strategies. Examples: If a woman making \$25 an hour gets a 10% raise, she will make an additional  $1/10$  of her salary an hour, or \$2.50, for a new salary of \$27.50. If you want to place a towel bar  $9\frac{3}{4}$  inches long in the center of a door that is  $27\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide, you will need to place the bar about 9 inches from each edge; this estimate can be used as a check on the exact computation. (7.EE.3)
- Use variables to represent quantities in a real-world or mathematical problems, including those represented in Montana American Indian cultural contexts, and construct simple equations and inequalities to solve problems by reasoning about the quantities.
  - Solve word problems leading to equations of the form  $px + q = r$  and  $p(x + q) = r$ , where  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  are specific rational numbers. Solve equations of these forms fluently. Compare an algebraic solution to an arithmetic solution, identifying the sequence of the operations used in each approach. For example, the perimeter of a rectangle is 54 cm. Its length is 6 cm. What is its width?
  - Solve word problems leading to inequalities of the form  $px + q > r$  or  $px + q < r$ , where  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  are specific rational numbers. Graph the solution set of the inequality and interpret it in the context of the problem. For example, as a salesperson, you are paid \$50 per week plus \$3 per sale. This week you want your pay to be at least \$100. Write an inequality for the number of sales you need to make, and describe the solutions.(7.EE.4)



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## Geometry (G)

*Draw, construct, and describe geometrical figures and describe the relationships between them.*

- Solve problems involving scale drawings of geometric figures, including computing actual lengths and areas from a scale drawing and reproducing a scale drawing at a different scale. (7.G.1)
- Draw (freehand, with ruler and protractor, and with technology) geometric shapes with given conditions. Focus on constructing triangles from three measures of angles or sides, noticing when the conditions determine a unique triangle, more than one triangle, or no triangle. (7.G.2)
- Describe the two-dimensional figures that result from slicing three-dimensional figures, as in plane sections of right rectangular prisms and right rectangular pyramids. (7.G.3)

*Solve real-life and mathematical problems involving angle measure, area, surface area, and volume.*

- Know the formulas for the area and circumference of a circle and use them to solve problems from a variety of cultural contexts, including those of Montana American Indians; give an informal derivation of the relationship between the circumference and area of a circle. (7.G.4)
- Use facts about supplementary, complementary, vertical, and adjacent angles in a multi-step problem to write and solve simple equations for an unknown angle in a figure. (7.G.5)
- Solve real-world and mathematical problems from a variety of cultural contexts, including those of Montana American Indians, involving area, volume, and surface area of two- and three-dimensional objects composed of triangles, quadrilaterals, polygons, cubes, and right prisms. (7.G.6)

## Statistics and Probability (SP)

*Use random sampling to draw inferences about a population.*

- Understand that statistics can be used to gain information about a population by examining a sample of the population; generalizations about a population from a sample are valid only if the sample is representative of that population. Understand that random sampling tends to produce representative samples and support valid inferences. (7.SP.1)
- Use data, including Montana American Indian demographics data, from a random sample to draw inferences about a population with an unknown characteristic of interest. Generate multiple samples (or simulated samples) of the same size to gauge the variation in estimates or predictions. Examples: Estimate the mean word length in a book by randomly sampling words from the book. Predict the winner of a school election based on randomly sampled survey data. Predict how many text messages your classmates receive in a day. Gauge how far off the estimate or prediction might be. (7.SP.2)

*Draw informal comparative inferences about two populations.*

- Informally assess the degree of visual overlap of two numerical data distributions with similar variabilities, measuring the difference between the centers by expressing it as a multiple of a measure of variability. For example, the mean height of players on the basketball team is 10 cm greater than the mean height of players on the soccer team, about twice the variability (mean absolute deviation) on either team; on a dot plot, the separation between the two distributions of heights is noticeable. (7.SP.3)

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- Use measures of center and measures of variability for numerical data from random samples to draw informal comparative inferences about two populations. For example, decide whether the words in a chapter of a seventh-grade science book are generally longer than the words in a chapter of a fourth-grade science book. (7.SP.4)

*Investigate chance processes and develop, use, and evaluate probability models.*

- Understand that the probability of a chance event is a number between 0 and 1 that expresses the likelihood of the event occurring. Larger numbers indicate greater likelihood. A probability near 0 indicates an unlikely event, a probability around  $\frac{1}{2}$  indicates an event that is neither unlikely nor likely, and a probability near 1 indicates a likely event. (7.SP.5)
- Approximate the probability of a chance event by collecting data on the chance process that produces it and observing its long-run relative frequency, and predict the approximate relative frequency given the probability. Examples: when rolling a number cube 600 times, predict that a 3 or 6 would be rolled roughly 200 times, but probably not exactly 200 times. When playing Montana American Indian hand/stick games, you can predict the approximate number of accurate guesses. (7.SP.6)
- Develop a probability model and use it to find probabilities of events. Compare probabilities from a model to observed frequencies; if the agreement is not good, explain possible sources of the discrepancy.
  - Develop a uniform probability model by assigning equal probability to all outcomes, and use the model to determine probabilities of events. For example, if a student is selected at random from a class, find the probability that Jane will be selected and the probability that a girl will be selected.
  - Develop a probability model (which may not be uniform) by observing frequencies in data generated from a chance process. For example, find the approximate probability that a spinning penny will land heads up or that a tossed paper cup will land open-end down. Do the outcomes for the spinning penny appear to be equally likely based on the observed frequencies? (7.SP.7)
- Find probabilities of compound events using organized lists, tables, tree diagrams, and simulation.
  - Understand that, just as with simple events, the probability of a compound event is the fraction of outcomes in the sample space for which the compound event occurs.
  - Represent sample spaces for compound events using methods such as organized lists, tables and tree diagrams. For an event described in everyday language (e.g., "rolling double sixes"), identify the outcomes in the sample space which compose the event.
  - Design and use a simulation to generate frequencies for compound events. For example, use random digits as a simulation tool to approximate the answer to the question: If 40% of donors have type A blood, what is the probability that it will take at least 4 donors to find one with type A blood? (7.SP.8)