

Math Highlights

Grade 8 Math

What your Middle School Student will learn . . .

Students will learn through a research-based balanced instructional approach that includes both discovery learning and direct instruction in the following units:

- The Number System
- Expressions and Equations
- Geometry
- Statistics and Probability

Your Middle School Student will continue to develop the Standards for Mathematical Practice . . .

- Makes sense of problems and persevere in solving them
- Reason abstractly and quantitatively
- Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others
- Model with mathematics
- Use appropriate tools strategically
- Attend to precision
- Look for and make use of structure
- Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning

What your Middle School Student will do . . .

- Approximate real numbers
- Perform real number operations
- Use radicals and integer exponents
- Connect proportional relationship and lines
- Solve systems of linear equations
- Define, evaluate, and compare functions
- Model relationships
- Understand congruence and similarity
- Apply the Pythagorean Theorem

What families will see . . .

- Children practicing and reviewing their math skills and concepts
- New math vocabulary
- Emphasis on collaboration and cooperation as a community of learners
- Children using the Big Ideas Math online resource available anywhere, anytime, and on almost any device with an internet connection

How families can help . . .

- Encourage your child to share their math learning and math assignments
- Discuss with your child how successful he/she feels
- Log-in with your child to the Big Ideas Math site at www.bigideas.com for math practice and support
- Keep open communication with your child's teachers