



Greenwich Public Schools Curriculum Overview

Calculus

Personalized learning is achieved through standards-based, rigorous and relevant curriculum that is aligned to digital tools and resources.

Note: Teachers retain professional discretion in how the learning is presented based on the needs and interests of their students.

Course Description

Calculus - Full Year

024200

6 Blocks

Credit

Prerequisite: Honors Precalculus; or Precalculus 1 & 2 with a C or better.

This course is an introduction to the fundamentals of differential and integral calculus and their applications. Topics include: functions, limits, continuity, differentiation, integration and applications of these topics.

Unit Guide

Chapter 3: The Derivative

Chapter 4: Calculating the Derivative

Chapter 5: Graphs and Derivatives

Chapter 2: Rates of change of Exponential, Logarithmic and Trigonometric functions

Midterm Review & Midterm Exam*

Chapter 6: Applications of the Derivative

Chapter 7: Integration

Chapter 8: Further Techniques and Applications of Integration

Final Review & Final Exam*

***Note:** Semester exam review packets, answer keys and formula sheets can be found by joining our [Schology Math Department Review Course](#).

Common Core Mathematical Practices

- Make 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.

[AP CALCULUS Mathematical Practices \(page 14 of hyperlinked document\):](#)

- *Implementing Mathematical Processes:* Determine expressions and values using mathematical procedures and rules

- *Connecting Representations*: Translate mathematical information from a single representation or across multiple representations.
- *Justification*: Justify reasoning and solutions.
- *Communication and Notation*: Use correct notation, language, and mathematical conventions to communicate results or solutions.

Enduring Understandings

- **Chapter 3:**
 - Calculus allows us to generalize knowledge about motion to diverse problems involving change.
 - Reasoning with definitions, theorems, and properties can be used to justify claims about limits.
 - Derivatives allow us to determine rates of change at an instant by applying limits to knowledge about rates of change over intervals.
- **Chapter 4:**
 - Recognizing that a function's derivative may also be a function allows us to develop knowledge about the related behaviors of both.
 - Recognizing opportunities to apply derivative rules can simplify differentiation.
- **Chapter 5:**
 - Derivatives allow us to determine rates of change at an instant by applying limits to knowledge about rates of change over intervals.
 - Recognizing opportunities to apply derivative rules can simplify differentiation.
 - A function's derivative can be used to understand some behaviors of the function.
- **Chapter 2:**
 - Exponential functions are used to model common growth and decay
 - Rates of change of exponential functions are also exponential
 - Logarithmic scales are used to measure things such as strength of an earthquake and pH
 - Rates of change of logarithmic functions are rational
 - Trigonometric functions are used to model periodic behavior
 - Rates of change of trig functions are also periodic
- **Chapter 6:**
 - Derivatives allow us to solve real-world problems involving rates of change.
- **Chapter 7:**
 - Definite integrals allow us to solve problems involving the accumulation of change over an interval.
 - The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus connects differentiation and integration.
 - Recognizing opportunities to apply knowledge of geometry and mathematical rules can simplify integration.
- **Chapter 8:**
 - Recognizing opportunities to apply knowledge of geometry and mathematical rules can simplify integration.
 - Definite integrals allow us to solve problems involving the accumulation of change over an interval.

Essential Questions

- **Chapter 3:**
 - Can change occur at an instant?
 - How does knowing the value of a limit, or that a limit does not exist, help you to make sense of interesting features of functions and their graphs?
 - How do we close loopholes so that a conclusion about a function is always true?
 - How can a state determine the rate of change in high school graduates at a particular level of public investment in education (in graduates per dollar) based on a model for the number of graduates as a function of the state's education budget?
 - If you knew that the rate of change in high school graduates at a particular level of public investment in education (in graduates per dollar) was a positive number, what might that tell you about the number of graduates at that level of investment?

- **Chapter 4:**
 - How does knowing the value of a limit, or that a limit does not exist, help you to make sense of interesting features of functions and their graphs?
 - Why do mathematical properties and rules for simplifying and evaluating limits apply to differentiation?
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- **Chapter 5:**
 - If pressure experienced by a diver is a function of depth and depth is a function of time, how might we find the rate of change in pressure with respect to time?

- **Chapter 2:**
 - How are exponential functions and logarithmic functions related?
 - How do you use the properties of logarithms to rewrite expressions?
 - How do you solve exponential and logarithmic equations?
 - What real-world phenomena are modeled by exponential or logarithmic functions?
 - How is continuously compounded interest different from compound interest?
 - What can we model with trigonometric functions?
 - How can we express the rates of change of trig functions?

- **Chapter 6:**
 - How are problems about position, velocity, and acceleration of a particle in motion over time structurally similar to problems about the volume of a rising balloon over an interval of heights, the population of London over the 14th century, or the metabolism of a dose of medicine over time?
 - Since certain indeterminate forms seem to actually approach a limit, how can we determine that limit, provided it exists?
- **Chapter 7:**
 - If compounding more often increases the amount in an account with a given rate of return and term, why doesn't compounding continuously result in an infinite account balance, all other things being equal?
 - How is integrating to find areas related to differentiating to find slopes?
- **Chapter 8:**
 - How is finding the number of visitors to a museum over an interval of time based on information about the rate of entry similar to finding the area of a region between a curve and the x-axis?
 - If compounding more often increases the amount in an account with a given rate of return and term, why doesn't compounding continuously result in an infinite account balance, all other things being equal?

- Given information about a rate of population growth over time, how can we determine how much the population changed over a given interval of time?

Resources and Assured Experiences

Textbook Information:

Calculus with Applications
Pearson (2016~11th edition)
ISBN 978-0-321-979421

GHS Capstone Task:

[Vision of the Graduate](#) #3 - Explore, define, and solve complex problems

- The Physics of Flight - to complete after Chapter 6: Applications of the Derivative

Quarterly Grading - Quarter Grades will be determined using the following components:

- Participation (includes Classwork) = 10%
- Preparation (includes Homework) = 10%
- Assessments (both Summative & Formative) = 80%

Connecticut Common Core State Standards

- *Chapter R/1:* CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.HSA.APR.A.1, D.7; HSF.LE.B.5; 8.F.A.3.
- *Chapter 2:* CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.HSF.IF.C.7, C.7a, C.7c; HSF.BF.B.3; .HSA.REI.B.4, B.4a.
- *Chapter 4:* CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.HSF.IF.A.2
- *Chapter 5:* CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.HSF.IF.B.4; HSA.REI.B.3.

AP CALCULUS Mathematical Practices (page 14 of hyperlinked document)

- *Chapter 3:* 1.E, 2.B, 2.D, 3.B, 3C, 3.D, 3.E.
- *Chapter 4:* 1.C, 1.D, 1.E, 2.C, 3.C, 4.C.
- *Chapter 5:* 1.C, 1.E, 2.D, 2.E, 3.D, 3.E, 3.G.
- *Chapter 6:* 1.D, 1.E, 2.A, 3.D, 3.F.
- *Chapter 7:* 1.D, 1.E, 1.F, 2.C, 2.D, 3.D, 4.B, 4.C.
- *Chapter 8:* 1.D, 1.E, 2.B, 2.D, 3.D, 4.C.