5-8

PROBLEM SOLVING STRATEGIES

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Draw a picture or a graph	Use a Systematic (Organized) List
Guess and Test	Do a Simpler Problem
	14.37 - = 12.4
	14 - = 12
Work Backwards	Write an Equation Use a Formula
	Eliminate Possibilities
Find A Pattern	
2,4,6,8	
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Fourth Grade Math Problem Solving Rubric Expert

- Correct solution that includes accurate math model and correct math equation with appropriate labels
- Chooses and uses an efficient and correct strategy
- Clearly explains all steps of the process using correct math language
- Answer and/or solution moves beyond the problem

Practitioner

- Mostly correct solution that includes a math model and correct math equation with appropriate labels
- Uses a strategy that leads to a solution of the problem
- Clearly explains most steps using correct math language

Apprentice

- Solution is incorrect or not complete, or solution has inaccurate or missing math model or number equation
- Attempted a strategy
- ♦ Incomplete explanation using some math language

Novice

- No solution, math model, or number equation or math model and number equation do not match the problem
- ♦ No strategy
- No explanation

** A Math Model is a visual representation of the problem. Students should consider a sketch, table, chart, number line, diagram, organized list, matrix, or graph all examples of Math Models.

Grades 5-8 Math Problem Solving Rubric

Expert

- Correct solution that includes accurate math model and correct math equation
- Chooses and uses an efficient and correct strategy
- Clearly explains all steps of the process using correct math language
- Correct and complete labels throughout the problem

Practitioner

- Mostly correct solution that includes a math model and correct math equation
- Uses a strategy that leads to a solution of the problem
- Clearly explains most steps using correct math language
- Correct and complete labels throughout the problem

Apprentice

- Solution is incorrect or not complete, or solution has inaccurate or missing math model or number equation
- Attempted a strategy
- Incomplete explanation using some math language
- Inconsistent or incorrect labels

Novice

- No solution, math model, or number equation or math model and number equation do not match the problem
- ♦ No strategy
- No labels
- No explanation

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