

Honors Algebra 1 builds a deep understanding of linear, quadratic, and exponential relationships. Students learn through discovery and application, developing the skills they need to break down complex challenges and demonstrate their knowledge in new situations.

Course topics include an introduction to functions and problem solving, measurement; problem solving with basic equations and formulas, linear equations and systems of linear equations, exponents and exponential functions, sequences and functions, descriptive statistics, polynomials and factoring, quadratic equations and functions, and function transformations and inverses.

This course supports students as they develop computational fluency, build conceptual understanding, and apply mathematical practice skills. Students begin each lesson by discovering new concepts through guided instruction, then confirm their understanding in an interactive, feedback-rich environment. Modeling activities equip students with tools for analyzing a variety of real-world scenarios and mathematical ideas. In these activities, additional items require Honors students to extend their understanding by answering "what if" questions, thinking abstractly about the mathematics involved, and analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of the model as a reflection of the real-world situation. Performance tasks prepare students to synthesize their knowledge in novel, real-world scenarios and require that they make sense of multifaceted problems and persevere in solving them. Honors students are required to go deeper into these investigations; for example, they may be asked to change or validate assumptions, add constraints, or extend the project. Journal activities allow students to reason abstractly and quantitatively, construct arguments, critique reasoning, and communicate precisely. Throughout the course, students are evaluated through a diversity of assessments specifically designed to prepare them for the content, form, and depth of high-stakes assessments.

Length: Two Semesters

UNIT 1: FOUNDATIONS OF ALGEBRA

- Lesson 1: Rational and Irrational Numbers
- Lesson 2: Algebraic Properties and Expressions
- Lesson 3: Solving Linear Equations
- Lesson 4: Foundations of Algebra Wrap-Up

UNIT 2: SOLVING EQUATIONS AND INEQUALITIES

- Lesson 1: Solving Multistep Linear Equations
- Lesson 2: Solving Linear Inequalities
- Lesson 3: Literal Equations
- Lesson 4: Measurement and Units
- Lesson 5: Performance Task: Problem Solving with Inequalities
- Lesson 6: Solving Equations and Inequalities Wrap-Up

UNIT 3: FUNCTIONS

- Lesson 1: Domain and Range
- Lesson 2: Identifying Functions
- Lesson 3: Graphs of Functions
- Lesson 4: Adding and Subtracting Functions
- Lesson 5: Functions Wrap-Up

UNIT 4: LINEAR EQUATIONS

- Lesson 1: Slope
- Lesson 2: Slope-Intercept Equation of a Line

- Lesson 3: Point-Slope Equation of a Line
- Lesson 4: Parallel and Perpendicular Lines
- Lesson 5: Linear Inequalities
- Lesson 6: Linear Equations Wrap-Up

UNIT 5: SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS

- Lesson 1: Two-Variable Systems: Graphing
- Lesson 2: Two-Variable Systems: Substitution
- Lesson 3: Two-Variable Systems: Elimination
- Lesson 4: Two-Variable Systems of Inequalities
- Lesson 5: Systems of Linear Equations Wrap-Up

UNIT 6: EXPONENTS AND EXPONENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Lesson 1: Exponents
- Lesson 2: Exponential Functions
- Lesson 3: Graphs of Exponential Functions
- Lesson 4: Exponents and Exponential Functions Wrap-Up

UNIT 7: SEQUENCES AND FUNCTIONS

- Lesson 1: Arithmetic Sequences
- Lesson 2: Geometric Sequences
- Lesson 3: Understanding Number Sequences
- Lesson 4: Exponential and Linear Growth
- Lesson 5: Sequences and Functions Wrap-Up

UNIT 8: SEMESTER 1 EXAM

- Lesson 1: Semester 1 Exam

UNIT 9: POLYNOMIALS

- Lesson 1: What Is a Polynomial?
- Lesson 2: Adding and Subtracting Polynomials
- Lesson 3: Multiplying Binomials
- Lesson 4: Multiplying Polynomials
- Lesson 5: Polynomials Wrap-Up

UNIT 10: FACTORING POLYNOMIALS

- Lesson 1: GCF and Factoring by Grouping
- Lesson 2: Factoring $x^2 + bx + c$
- Lesson 3: Factoring $ax^2 + bx + c$
- Lesson 4: Special Cases
- Lesson 5: Factoring and Graphing
- Lesson 6: Factoring Polynomials Wrap-Up

UNIT 11: QUADRATIC EQUATIONS AND FUNCTIONS

- Lesson 1: Solving Quadratic Equations
- Lesson 2: Completing the Square
- Lesson 3: The Quadratic Formula
- Lesson 4: Graphs of Quadratic Functions
- Lesson 5: Nonlinear Systems of Equations
- Lesson 6: Linear, Quadratic, and Exponential Functions
- Lesson 7: Performance Task: Pricing for Profit
- Lesson 8: Quadratic Equations and Functions Wrap-Up

UNIT 12: UNDOING FUNCTIONS AND MOVING THEM AROUND

- Lesson 1: Inverses
- Lesson 2: Parent Functions
- Lesson 3: Shifting Functions
- Lesson 4: Stretching and Compressing Functions
- Lesson 5: Transformations of Parent Functions
- Lesson 6: Undoing Functions and Moving Them Around Wrap-Up

UNIT 13: DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS

- Lesson 1: Measures of Center and Spread
- Lesson 2: Dot Plots, Box Plots, and Histograms
- Lesson 3: Describing Distributions
- Lesson 4: Two-Way Frequency Tables
- Lesson 5: Descriptive Statistics Wrap-Up

UNIT 14: DATA AND MATHEMATICAL MODELING

- Lesson 1: Two-Variable Data and Scatterplots
- Lesson 2: Fitting Linear Models to Data
- Lesson 3: Nonlinear Models
- Lesson 4: Data and Mathematical Modeling Wrap-Up

UNIT 15: SEMESTER 2 EXAM

- Lesson 1: Semester 2 Exam