

Algebra 1 builds students' command 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 problem solving with basic equations and formulas; measurement; an introduction to functions and problem solving; linear equations and systems of linear equations; exponents and exponential functions; sequences, polynomials and factoring; quadratic equations and functions; transformations of functions and bivariate data and regression.

This course supports all students as they develop computational fluency, deepen conceptual understanding, and apply South Carolina College and Career Ready (SCCCR) Mathematical Process Standards. Students begin each lesson by discovering new concepts through guided instruction, and 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. Journaling activities allow students to reason abstractly and quantitatively, construct arguments, critique reasoning, and communicate precisely. 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. Throughout the course, students are evaluated through a diversity of assessments specifically designed to prepare them for the content, form, and depth of the South Carolina End-of-Course Examination Program.

This course is built for the South Carolina College and Career Ready (SCCCR) Algebra I standards.

Length: Two Semesters

Unit 1: Foundations of Algebra

- Rational and Irrational Numbers
- Algebraic Properties and Expressions
- Solving Linear Equations
- Foundations of Algebra Wrap-Up

Unit 2: Solving Equations and Inequalities

- Solving Multistep Linear Equations
- Solving Linear Inequalities
- Literal Equations
- Measurement and Units
- Performance Task: Problem Solving with Inequalities
- Solving Equations and Inequalities Wrap-Up

Unit 3: Functions

- Domain and Range
- Identifying Functions
- Graphs of Functions
- Functions Wrap-Up

Unit 4: Linear Equations

- Slope
- Slope-Intercept Equation of a Line
- Point-Slope Equation of a Line
- Parallel and Perpendicular Lines
- Linear Inequalities
- Linear Equations Wrap-Up

Unit 5: Systems of Linear Equations

- Two-Variable Systems: Graphing
- Two-Variable Systems: Substitution
- Two-Variable Systems: Elimination
- Two-Variable Systems of Inequalities
- Systems of Linear Equations Wrap-Up

Unit 6: Exponents and Exponential Functions

- Exponents
- Exponential Functions
- Graphs of Exponential Functions
- Exponents and Exponential Functions Wrap-Up

Unit 7: Sequences and Functions

- Arithmetic Sequences
- Geometric Sequences
- Understanding Number Sequences
- Exponential and Linear Growth
- Sequences and Functions Wrap-Up

Unit 8: Semester 1 Exam**Unit 9: Polynomials**

- What Is a Polynomial?
- Adding and Subtracting Polynomials
- Multiplying Binomials
- Multiplying Polynomials
- Polynomials Wrap-Up

Unit 10: Factoring Polynomials

- GCF and Factoring by Grouping
- Factoring $x^2 + bx + c$

- Factoring $ax^2 + bx + c$
- Special Cases
- Factoring and Graphing
- Factoring Polynomials Wrap-Up

Unit 11: Quadratic Equations and Functions

- Solving Quadratic Equations
- Completing the Square
- The Quadratic Formula
- Graphs of Quadratic Functions
- Nonlinear Systems of Equations
- Linear, Quadratic, and Exponential Functions
- Performance Task: Pricing for Profit
- Quadratic Equations and Functions Wrap-Up

Unit 12: Transformations and Variation of Functions

- Parent Functions
- Shifting Functions
- Stretching and Compressing Functions
- Transformations of Parent Functions
- Inverse Variation
- Transformations and Variation of Functions Wrap-Up

Unit 13: Data and Mathematical Modeling

- Two-Variable Data and Scatterplots
- Fitting Linear Models to Data
- Nonlinear Models
- Data and Mathematical Modeling Wrap-Up

Unit 14: Semester 2 Exam