Standards for Mathematical Practice: Activity Cards

- Create a classroom environment where students can explore and explain patterns
- Use open-ended questioning that require students to make connections between previously worked problems that appeared difficult or complex
- Purposefully and intentionally help students make connections between different algorithms that incorporate different properties

- Display sense-making behaviors
- Show patience and listen to others
- Analyze the information in the problem
- Use and recall multiple strategies for solving a problem
- Self-evaluate and redirect
- Check their thinking by asking, "Does this make sense?"
- Assess reasonableness of process and answer
- Learning in a classroom environment where "struggle" is expected and okay

CARD #1

CARD #2

- Create and use multiple representations
- Represent contextual situations symbolically
- Interpret problems logically in context
- Make connections including real-life situations
- Visualize the problem
- Put symbolic problems into context
- Estimate for reasonableness

- Provide a "toolbox" at all times with all available tools
- Model the use of appropriate tools (especially the use of technology) and manipulatives for understanding
- Allow time for dialogue around tool selection
- Develop anchor charts when a new tool is used and is used in a different way

CARD #3

- Design and state "shortcuts"
- Generate rules from repeated reasoning or practice
- Evaluate the reasonableness of intermediate steps
- Make generalizations
- Engage in similar activities over several weeks that draw attention to repetition
- Through repeated exposure of a concept, discover rules without being told to memorize

#3 CARD #4

- Communicate (orally and in writing) with previous vocabulary
- Carefully formulate questions and explanations (not retelling the steps)
- Decode and interpret meaning of symbols
- Pay attention to units, labeling of axes, scale, etc.
- Calculate accurately and effectively
- Use mathematical language and terminology correctly and appropriately

CARD #5

CARD #6

- Connect math to real-life situations
- Apply prior knowledge to solve problems
- Choose and apply representations, manipulatives, and other models to solve problems
- Use strategies to make problems simpler
- Seek and understand various modeling techniques

CARD #7

- Model context-to-symbol and symbol-tocontext
- Create problems such as "what word problem will this equation solve?"
- Give real world situations
- Offer authentic performance tasks
- Place less emphasis on the answer
- Think aloud when solving a problem

CARD #9

- Model reasoning skills
- Provide meaningful, real world authentic performance-based tasks
- Make appropriate tools available
- Model various modeling techniques
- Provide real-world problems to be solved daily
- Allow students to go back and forth between different math tools (e.g. function tables, graphs, set of ordered pairs) where appropriate

CARD #11

- Model problem solving strategies
- Give explicit and precise instructions
- Use ELA strategies of decoding, comprehending and text-to-self connections for interpretation of symbolic and contextual math problems
- Model consistency when solving and graphing

CARD #8

- Question others
- Use examples and non-examples
- Support beliefs and challenges with mathematical evidence
- Form logical arguments with conjectures and counterexamples
- Listen and respond to others
- Question where data comes from

CARD #10

- Create a safe and collaborate environment
- Model respectful discourse behaviors
- "Find the error" problems
- Promote student to student discourse (do not mediate the discussion)
- Plan effective questions or Socratic formats
- Provide time to look at solutions that are incorrect
- Provide time for discourse and value it

CARD #12

- Provide tasks that allow students to generalize
- Don't teach steps or rules, but allow students to explore and generalize in order to discover and formalize
- Ask deliberate questions that require conceptual understanding and fluency
- Create strategic and purposeful check-in points

CARD #13

- Provide open-ended problems that require students to probe their thinking and understanding of a problem
- Promote and value discourse
- Give students individual think time on all mathematical tasks
- Frame math challenges that are clear and explicit
- Check in periodically to check students' clarity and thought processes

CARD #15

- Choose appropriate tools for a given problem
- Use technology to deepen understanding where necessary and appropriate
- Identify and locate resources outside of the classroom that may assist in understanding
- Be able to defend the choice of tools
- Understand the limitations and effects of tools (or manipulatives)

CARD #14

- Make connections to skills and strategies previously learned to solve new problems and tasks
- Breakdown complex problems into simpler and more manageable chunks
- Use multiple representations for quantities
- Look for, identify, and interpret patterns and structures
- View complicated quantities as a single object and as a composition of objects

CARD #16