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**Mathematics Framework**  
**Chapter 13: Instructional Materials to Support**  
**Equitable and Engaging Learning of the California**  
**Common Core State Standards for Mathematics**

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## 31 **Intent and Purpose**

32 *Mathematics Framework* Chapter 13: Instructional Materials to Support Equitable and  
33 Engaging Learning of the California Common Core State Standards for Mathematics  
34 (CA CCSSM) is intended to support publishers and developers of instructional materials  
35 to serve California's diverse student population. Those publishers and developers may  
36 choose to participate in the California State Board of Education Instructional Materials  
37 Adoption process, and this chapter includes the criteria that will be used for that  
38 adoption review and evaluation. In addition, this chapter provides guidance for local  
39 districts on the adoption of instructional materials for students in grades nine through  
40 twelve, the social content review process, supplemental instructional materials, and  
41 accessible instructional materials.

42 Instructional resources have multiplied over the years, adding collaborative apps,  
43 interactive whiteboards, and adaptive digital materials to materials previously available.  
44 But one thing remains constant: high-quality instructional resources help educators  
45 teach and students learn. This chapter on instructional materials differs from other  
46 chapters of the framework in audience and purpose. The primary audience of this  
47 chapter are the publishers of materials to support mathematics instruction, who will find  
48 information they need to participate in the State Board of Education adoption process. A  
49 key difference between that guidance and the guidance for teachers and administrators  
50 throughout the other chapters of the framework is in addressing content and context.  
51 The publishers of instructional materials provide the content to address standards, but  
52 they should remain aware of the context of the mathematics instruction that will occur  
53 using these materials as resources for teachers and students. Bridging the  
54 understanding between content and context, and developing instructional resources that  
55 provide guidance to teachers while allowing the flexibility necessary for supporting all  
56 students, will be critical in the implementation of the *2022 Mathematics Framework*. For  
57 this reason, there is a Publisher Guide to the Mathematics Framework section at the  
58 end of this chapter.

## 59 **Instructional Resources and Focus, Coherence, and Rigor in** 60 **the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics**

61 Instructional materials for mathematics in California should place a strong emphasis on  
62 students' engagement in mathematics in the ways described in the CA CCSSM (or the  
63 Standards). Built upon underlying and updated principles of focus, coherence, and rigor,  
64 The Standards hold the promise of enabling all California students to become powerful  
65 users of mathematics in order to better understand and positively impact the world—in  
66 their careers, in college, and in civic life. This promise is best realized when students  
67 are actively engaged in questioning, struggling, problem solving, reasoning,  
68 communicating, and explaining.

69 Publishers of instructional resources should focus on the mathematical practices and  
70 provide guidance to teachers on impactful classroom instruction using the three  
71 principles of focus, coherence, and rigor, as embedded in the *Mathematics Framework*.

72 The principle of focus is closely tied to the goal of depth of understanding. The principle  
73 derives from a need to confront the mile-wide but inch-deep mathematics curriculum  
74 experienced by many. This framework's answer to the coverage-versus-depth challenge  
75 posed by the principle of focus is to lay out principles for instructional design that make  
76 the Standards achievable, including: (a) focus on big ideas; (b) use tasks worthy of  
77 student engagement; and (c) embed exercises in a larger context of investigation.  
78 The challenge posed to curriculum designers by the principle of coherence is to avoid  
79 losing the forest for the trees. That is, discrete content standard mastery does not  
80 necessarily assemble in students' minds into a coherent big-picture view of  
81 mathematics. In other words, students do not arrive at conceptual understanding of  
82 mathematical ideas simply by performing procedural tasks. This framework's answers to  
83 the challenge posed by the principle of coherence are to focus on: (a) big ideas; (b)  
84 progressions of learning across grades; (c) relevance to students' lives; and (d) high-  
85 quality first instruction.

86 Rigor refers to an integrated way in which conceptual understanding, strategies for  
87 problem-solving and computation, and applications are learned, so that each supports  
88 the other. The challenge posed by the principle of rigor is to provide all students with  
89 experiences that interweave concepts, problem-solving (including appropriate  
90 computation), and application, such that each supports the other. It is important the  
91 publishers fully understand the instructional shifts and how their choices of instructional  
92 strategies in the materials impacts teachers' and students' ability to access those shifts.

93 Instructional resources for mathematics include a variety of instructional materials—  
94 tools such as rods, cubes, tiles and building materials, rulers, protractors, graph paper,  
95 calculators, computers and technology such as online interactive content, interactive  
96 whiteboards and student-response devices. The term “instructional materials” is broadly

97 defined to include textbooks, technology-based materials, other educational tools, and  
98 assessment instruments.

## 99 **State Adoption of Instructional Materials**

100 The California State Board of Education (SBE) adopts instructional materials for use by  
101 students in kindergarten through grade eight. Under current state law, local education  
102 agencies (LEAs)—school districts, charter schools, and county offices of education—  
103 are not required to purchase state-adopted instructional materials. The state-level  
104 adoption process determines whether a publisher’s program has fully addressed each  
105 grade-level content standard, as well as the other evaluation criteria, and is not an  
106 endorsement of a particular program. LEAs have the authority and the responsibility to  
107 conduct their own evaluation of instructional materials and to adopt the materials that  
108 best meet the needs of their students. Additionally, there is no state-level adoption of  
109 instructional materials for use by students in grades nine through twelve; LEAs have the  
110 sole responsibility and authority to adopt instructional materials for those students.

111 The primary source of guidance for the selection of instructional materials is the  
112 following section *Criteria for Evaluating Mathematics Instructional Materials for*  
113 *Kindergarten Through Grade Eight* (Criteria). The Criteria section provides a  
114 comprehensive description of effective instructional programs that are aligned with the  
115 CA CCSSM and are consistent with the guidance in this framework. The Criteria will be  
116 the basis for the 2024 Adoption of Mathematics Instructional Materials and is a useful  
117 tool for LEAs that conduct their own evaluations of instructional materials.

## 118 **Criteria for Evaluating Mathematics Instructional Materials** 119 **for Kindergarten Through Grade Eight**

120 Instructional materials that are adopted by the state help teachers to present and  
121 students to learn the content set forth in the CA CCSSM this refers to the content  
122 standards and the Standards for Mathematical Practice (SMPs), as revised pursuant to  
123 California *Education Code (EC)* Section 60605.11. To accomplish this purpose, this  
124 document establishes criteria for evaluating mathematics instructional materials for the

125 eight-year adoption cycle that includes the mathematics adoption in 2024. These criteria  
126 serve as evaluation guidelines for the statewide adoption of mathematics instructional  
127 materials for kindergarten through grade eight.

128 The Standards require focus, coherence, and rigor as defined above and discussed in  
129 more detail in Chapter 1 of the *Mathematics Framework*, with content standards and  
130 SMPs practice development intertwined throughout. The Standards are organized by  
131 grade level in kindergarten through grade eight and by conceptual categories for higher  
132 mathematics. For this adoption, the standards for higher mathematics are organized  
133 into model courses and are assigned to a first course in a traditional or an integrated  
134 sequence of courses. In addition to this framework, there are a number of supportive  
135 and advisory documents that are available for publishers and producers of instructional  
136 materials that define the depth of instruction necessary to support the focus, coherence,  
137 and rigor of the standards. These documents include the *Progressions Documents for*  
138 *Common Core Math Standards* [Note: link to the Progressions documents currently is:  
139 <http://ime.math.arizona.edu/progressions/>; a new link will be provided on the CDE's  
140 website in future drafts]; Smarter Balanced Test Specifications (available at  
141 <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>). Overall, the Standards do not dictate a singular  
142 approach to instructional resources—to the contrary, they provide opportunities to raise  
143 student achievement through innovations.

144 It is the intent of the SBE that these criteria be seen as neutral on the format of  
145 instructional materials in terms of digital, interactive online, and other types of  
146 curriculum materials.

## 147 **Three Types of Programs**

148 Three types of programs will be considered for adoption: basic grade-level for  
149 kindergarten through grade eight, Algebra I, and Integrated Mathematics I (hereafter  
150 referred to as Mathematics I). All three types of programs must stand alone and will  
151 be reviewed separately. Publishers may submit programs for one grade or any  
152 combination of grades. In addition, publishers may include intervention and  
153 acceleration components to support students.

154 **Basic Grade-Level Program**

155 The basic grade-level program is the comprehensive curriculum in mathematics for  
156 students in kindergarten through grade eight, or a subset of those grades. Such  
157 programs provide the foundation for instruction and are intended to ensure that all  
158 students master the CA CCSSM. Publishers may submit programs for one grade or  
159 any combination of grades.

160 **Common Core Algebra I and Common Core Mathematics I**

161 When students have mastered the content described in the CA CCSSM for kindergarten  
162 through grade eight, they will be ready to complete Common Core Algebra I or Common  
163 Core Mathematics I. The course content will be consistent with its high school  
164 counterpart and will articulate with the subsequent courses in the sequence.

165 **Criteria for Materials and Tools Aligned with the Standards**

166 The criteria for the evaluation of mathematics instructional resources for kindergarten  
167 through grade eight are organized into five categories:

- 168 1. **Mathematics Content/Alignment with the Standards.** Content as specified  
169 in the CA CCSSM, including the SMPs, and sequence and organization of the  
170 mathematics program that provide structure for what students should learn at  
171 each grade level.
- 172 2. **Program Organization.** Instructional materials support instruction and  
173 learning of the standards and include such features as lists of the standards,  
174 chapter overviews, and glossaries.
- 175 3. **Assessment.** A variety of assessment strategies as defined in Chapter 12  
176 presented in the instructional materials for measuring what students know  
177 and are able to do.
- 178 4. **Access and Equity.** Access to the standards-based curriculum for all  
179 students.
- 180 5. **Instructional Planning and Support.** Coherent guidelines for teachers to  
181 follow when planning to provide effective standards-based instruction and

182 guidance to help teachers provide instruction that ensures opportunities for all  
183 students.

184 Materials that fail to meet all of the criteria in category 1 (Mathematics  
185 Content/Alignment with the Standards) will not be considered suitable for adoption. The  
186 criteria for category 1 must be met in the core materials or via the primary means of  
187 instruction, rather than in ancillary components. In addition, programs must have  
188 strengths in each of categories 2 through 5 to be suitable for adoption.

### 189 **Category 1: Mathematics Content/Alignment with the Standards**

190 Mathematics materials should support teaching to the CA CCSSM. To be eligible for  
191 adoption, programs must include a well-defined sequence of instructional opportunities  
192 that provides a path for all students to become proficient in all grade-level or grade-span  
193 standards.

194 All programs must include the following features:

- 195 1. Instructional materials, as defined in *EC* Section 60010(h), must be aligned to the  
196 CA CCSSM, including the SMPs, adopted by the SBE in August 2010 and modified  
197 in January 2013.
- 198 2. Instructional materials must be consistent with the content of the 2022  
199 *Mathematics Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through*  
200 *Grade Twelve (CA Mathematics Framework)*, and the depth of understanding of  
201 mathematics and mathematics instruction as described in the Publishers Guide  
202 to the Mathematics Framework section in this chapter.
- 203 3. Instructional materials shall be accurate and use proper grammar and spelling  
204 (*EC* Section 60045).
- 205 4. Instructional materials include instructional content based on the California  
206 Environmental Principles and Concepts developed by the California  
207 Environmental Protection Agency and adopted by the SBE (*Public Resources*  
208 *Code* Section 71301) where practicable and aligned to the guidance in the  
209 *Mathematics Framework*.



210 **Category 2: Program Organization**

211 The organization and features of the instructional materials support instruction and  
212 learning of mathematics. Teacher and student materials include such features as lists of  
213 the standards, chapter overviews, and glossaries. Instructional materials must have  
214 strengths in these areas to be considered suitable for adoption.

- 215 1. The instructional materials are consistent with the progressions in the Standards  
216 and guidance in this curriculum framework for relating content to the concepts of  
217 the big ideas in previous and future grades, and fully integrate content into  
218 strategically designed opportunities for students to use the mathematical  
219 practices. Further information regarding the big ideas of mathematics may be  
220 found in the Publishers Guidance Section in this chapter.
- 221 2. In each grade in the kindergarten through grade eight sequence, the instructional  
222 materials are designed for students and teachers to spend the large majority of  
223 their time on mathematical investigations that address the big ideas of that grade,  
224 as described above, and in the grade band chapters of the *Mathematics*  
225 *Framework*.
- 226 3. Materials drawn from other subject-matter areas are consistent with the currently  
227 adopted California standards at the appropriate grade level, including the  
228 *California Career Technical Education Model Curriculum Standards* where  
229 applicable.
- 230 4. Intervention components, if included, are designed to help teachers respond to  
231 students' progress in mathematics, to give growth mindset messages and  
232 communicate that all students can be successful and to give students access to  
233 rich, connected ideas, helping them to develop number flexibility as defined in the  
234 *Mathematics Framework*. The materials should allow teachers to embed the  
235 intervention into the instruction for all students.
- 236 5. Instructional materials include supporting activities that provide students  
237 opportunities to access grade-level mathematics in age-appropriate contexts.  
238 These support materials do not delay the grade-level content, and invite students  
239 to reason mathematically and communicate their thinking at the same level of  
240 rigor as the appropriate grade-level course.

- 241 6. The *Mathematics Framework* recommends that all students take grade-level  
242 content and that students who are advanced have opportunities to extend ideas  
243 and work in more depth. Acceleration materials should provide instruction  
244 targeted toward understanding, and not just coverage, helping prepare students  
245 for higher mathematics.
- 246 7. Teacher and student materials contain an overview of the chapters, and big  
247 ideas, clearly identify the target mathematical concepts and practices, and  
248 include tables of contents, indexes, and glossaries that contain important  
249 mathematical terms.
- 250 8. Instructional materials include resources for specific student populations that  
251 would benefit from supports such as, but not limited to, culturally responsive  
252 materials for English learner and other linguistically and culturally diverse  
253 students; and scaffolds for students who need support in bridging learning two or  
254 more grade levels below, as well as for advanced students who are performing  
255 above grade.
- 256 9. The grade-level standards, big ideas, and the SMPs shall be explicitly stated in  
257 the student editions demonstrating alignment with student lessons.
- 258 10. The instructional materials shall include content, including assessments and all  
259 instruction-related activities, for the equivalent of instruction to address a full  
260 school year in each grade.
- 261 11. A list of the CA CCSSM is included in the teacher’s guide together with page-  
262 number citations or other references that demonstrate alignment with the content  
263 standards and SMPs. All standards must be listed in their entirety with their  
264 cluster heading included.

### 265 **Category 3: Assessment**

- 266 Instructional materials should contain strategies and tools for continually assessing  
267 student understanding and opportunities for new learning. Instructional materials in  
268 mathematics must have strengths in these areas to be considered suitable for adoption:
- 269 1. Student and teacher materials include formative assessments to provide multiple  
270 methods to assess student understanding to inform instruction, such as graphic

- 271 organizers, student observation, student interviews, journals and learning logs,  
272 mathematics portfolios, self- and peer evaluations, tests and quizzes, self-  
273 reflection, and performance tasks.
- 274 2. Student and teacher materials include summative assessments to provide  
275 multiple methods of assessing what students have learned and are able to do,  
276 such as selected response, constructed response, real-world problems,  
277 performance tasks, rubrics, and open-ended questions.
- 278 3. Assessments integrate mathematics content and the language needed to  
279 participate in the Standards for Mathematical Practice.
- 280 4. Teacher materials include suggestions on the use of assessment data to guide  
281 decisions about instructional practices, and on ways to modify instruction so that  
282 all students are consistently progressing toward meeting or exceeding the  
283 standards.
- 284 5. Assessment tools for grades six through eight help to determine student  
285 readiness for Common Core Algebra I and Common Core Mathematics I.
- 286 6. Middle school acceleration aspects of mathematics programs include an initial  
287 assessment to identify areas of strengths and areas of growth, formative  
288 assessments to demonstrate student progress toward exceeding grade-level  
289 standards, and a summative assessment to determine student preparedness for  
290 above-grade-level work.
- 291 7. Teacher and student materials include standard based rubrics with performance  
292 metrics outlined. Teacher materials should also provide guidance for diagnostic  
293 feedback.
- 294 8. Teacher and student materials include curriculum-embedded assessments that  
295 permit teachers to scaffold student learning.

#### 296 **Category 4: Access and Equity**

297 Resources should incorporate recognized principles, concepts, and research-based  
298 strategies to meet the needs of all students and provide equal access to learning  
299 through lessons that are relevant to the students. Instructional resources should include  
300 suggestions for teachers on how to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all

301 students. In particular, instructional resources should provide guidance to support  
302 students who are English learners, at-risk, advanced learners, and students with  
303 learning disabilities. Instructional resources must have strengths in these areas to be  
304 considered for adoption:

- 305 1. Student materials are appropriate for use with all students.
- 306 2. Teacher materials include comprehensive teacher guidance and differentiation  
307 strategies that are tied to the *Mathematics Framework*, based on current and  
308 confirmed research, to adapt the curriculum to meet students' identified special  
309 needs and to provide effective, efficient instruction for all students.
- 310 3. Teacher materials include strategies for students who are English learners that  
311 are consistent with the *California English Language Development Standards:  
312 Kindergarten Through Grade 12* adopted under EC Section 60811. In addition,  
313 the resource *Improving Education for Multilingual and English Learner Students:  
314 Research to Practice* contains a wealth of guidance, resources, and tools for  
315 helping schools better meet the needs of multilingual and English learner  
316 students (California, 2020).
- 317 4. Teacher materials include strategies to help students who have not yet achieved  
318 grade level proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening in academic  
319 English to understand the mathematics content and practices that are tied to the  
320 *Mathematics Framework*.
- 321 5. Suggestions for advanced learners that are tied to the *Mathematics Framework*  
322 and that allow students to study grade-level content in greater depth.
- 323 6. The visual design of the materials does not distract from the mathematics, but  
324 instead serves to support students in engaging thoughtfully with the subject.

## 325 **Category 5: Instructional Planning and Support**

326 Instructional materials must contain a clear road map to assist teachers when planning  
327 instruction for the specific needs and context of their students. The instructional  
328 resources should support Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and culturally and  
329 linguistically responsive instruction to improve and optimize teaching and make learning  
330 more equitable for all people based on scientific insights into how humans learn.

331 Instructional materials in mathematics must have strengths in these areas to be  
332 considered suitable for adoption:

- 333 1. A list of program lessons in the teacher’s edition, cross-referencing the content  
334 and practice standards covered that are introduced or reviewed, and provide an  
335 estimated instructional time for each lesson, chapter, and unit. These estimates  
336 should be flexible to adapt to the speed of learning/learning needs of students.
- 337 2. Unit and lesson plans, including suggestions for organizing resources in the  
338 classroom and ideas for pacing lessons.
- 339 3. A curriculum guide for the academic instructional year.
- 340 4. Answer keys for all workbooks and other related student activities, where  
341 appropriate.
- 342 5. Teacher resources include guidance on and references to the “big ideas” of  
343 mathematics, consistent with the *2022 Mathematics Framework*.
- 344 6. Materials make use of concrete representations, including manipulatives, that  
345 support instruction of the CA CCSSM, and include clear instructions in their use  
346 for teachers and students.
- 347 7. A teacher’s edition that explains the role of the specific grade-level mathematics  
348 in the context of the overall mathematics curriculum for kindergarten through  
349 grade twelve.
- 350 8. Technical support and suggestions for appropriate use of audiovisual,  
351 multimedia, and information technology resources.
- 352 9. Homework activities, if included, that extend and reinforce classroom instruction  
353 and provide additional practice of mathematical content, practices, and  
354 applications that have been taught.
- 355 10. Strategies for informing parents or guardians about the mathematics program  
356 and suggestions for how they can help support student progress and  
357 achievement.
- 358 11. Materials provide examples of student work and representation of possible  
359 student strategies to orient teachers to student thinking and help teachers elicit,  
360 make sense of, and respond to student thinking.

- 361 12. Specific strategies to support students in developing the language skills needed  
362 to meet the mathematical learning and language objectives that are explicitly and  
363 clearly associated with instruction and assessment.
- 364 13. A teacher’s edition that contains full, adult-level explanations and examples of  
365 the more advanced mathematics concepts in the lessons so that teachers can  
366 improve their own knowledge of the subject to understand the flexibility within  
367 arriving at mathematical solutions, as necessary.
- 368 14. Teacher resources should provide guidance on the instructional shifts presented  
369 in the *2022 Mathematics Framework*, including
- 370 ○ identifying areas where data science is woven into content and activities,  
371 consistent with Chapter 5 of the *2022 Mathematics Framework*;
  - 372 ○ providing references to the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) for  
373 instructional planning as described in the *2022 Mathematics Framework*;  
374 and
  - 375 ○ providing guidance on eliciting student experiences and backgrounds to  
376 connect mathematics to students’ local contexts.

377 **Guidance for Instructional Materials for Grades Nine through**  
378 **Twelve**

379 The *Criteria* document (above) is intended to guide publishers in the development of  
380 instructional materials for students in kindergarten through grade eight. It also provides  
381 guidance for selection of instructional materials for students in grades nine through  
382 twelve. The five categories in the *Criteria* document are an appropriate lens through  
383 which to view any instructional materials a district or school is considering purchasing.  
384 Additional guidance for evaluating instructional materials for grades nine through twelve  
385 is provided in the *High School Publishers’ Criteria for the Common Core State*  
386 *Standards for Mathematics* (NGA/CCSSO, 2013).

387 The process of selecting instructional materials at the district or school level usually  
388 begins with the appointment of a committee of educators, including teachers and  
389 curriculum specialists, and possibly students, who determine what instructional  
390 materials are needed, develop evaluation criteria and rubrics for reviewing materials,

391 and establish a review process that involves teachers and content-area experts on  
392 review committees. After the review committee develops a list of instructional materials  
393 that are being considered for adoption, the next step is to pilot the instructional  
394 materials. An effective piloting process helps determine if the materials provide teachers  
395 with the resources necessary to implement an instructional program based on the CA  
396 CCSSM. One resource on piloting is the SBE policy document “Guidelines for Piloting  
397 Textbooks and Instructional Materials,” which is available through the California  
398 Department of Education (CDE) (CDE, 2015).

399 Selection of instructional materials at the local level is a time-consuming but very  
400 important process. Poor instructional materials that are not fully aligned with the  
401 principles of focus, coherence, and rigor as defined in the *2022 Mathematics*  
402 *Framework* and the CA CCSSM waste precious instructional time. High-quality  
403 instructional materials support effective instruction and student learning of concepts,  
404 mathematical practices, and language needed to express them.

## 405 **Social Content Review**

406 To ensure that instructional materials reflect California’s diverse society, avoid  
407 stereotyping, and contribute to a positive learning environment, instructional materials  
408 used in California public schools must comply with the state laws and regulations that  
409 involve social content. Instructional materials must conform to *Education Code* sections  
410 60040–60045, as well as the SBE’s *Standards for Evaluating Instructional Materials for*  
411 *Social Content* (CDE, 2013). Instructional materials that are adopted by the SBE meet  
412 the social content requirements. The CDE conducts social content reviews of a range of  
413 instructional materials and maintains a searchable database of the materials that meet  
414 these social content requirements (CDE, n.d.a).

415 If an LEA intends to purchase instructional materials that have not been adopted by the  
416 state or are not included on the list of instructional materials that meet the social content  
417 requirements maintained by the CDE, then the LEA must complete its own social  
418 content review. Information about the review process is posted on the CDE’s Social  
419 Content Review web page (CDE, 2013).

## 420 **Accessible Instructional Materials**

421 The CDE’s Clearinghouse for Specialized Media and Technology (CSMT) provides  
422 instructional resources in accessible and meaningful formats to students with learning  
423 differences and identified disabilities, including students who have hearing or vision  
424 impairments, severe orthopedic impairments, or other print disabilities. The CSMT  
425 produces accessible versions of textbooks, workbooks, literature books, and  
426 assessment books. Specialized instructional materials include braille, large print, audio  
427 recordings, digital talking books, electronic files, and American Sign Language video  
428 books. Local assistance funds finance the conversion and production of these  
429 specialized materials. The distribution of various specialized media to public schools  
430 provides general education curricula to students with disabilities. Information about  
431 accessible instructional materials and other resources, including what is available and  
432 how to order, is posted on the CSMT’s Media Ordering Guide page (CDE, n.d.b).

## 433 **Publishers’ Guide to the Mathematics Framework**

434 To address the needs of California educators in 2022, the *Mathematics Framework*  
435 includes several new emphases and types of chapters. Instead of two separate  
436 chapters, one on instruction and one on access, a single chapter, Chapter Two:  
437 Teaching for Equity and Engagement, promotes instruction that fosters equitable  
438 learning experiences for all children, and challenges the deeply-entrenched policies and  
439 practices that lead to inequitable outcomes. Good teaching leads to equitable and  
440 higher outcomes. Instruction and equity come together to create instructional designs  
441 that bring about equitable outcomes. The commitment to equity extends throughout the  
442 framework and every chapter considers the ways in which equity may be brought about.  
443 Publishers should consider the lens of equity as discussed in the *Mathematics*  
444 *Framework* when developing lessons and units for instructional materials.

445 Students at all levels learn best when they are actively engaged in questioning,  
446 struggling, problem solving, reasoning, communicating, and explaining. The research is  
447 overwhelmingly clear that powerful mathematics classrooms require students to have a  
448 sense of agency (a willingness to engage in the discipline, based in a belief in progress  
449 through engagement) and an understanding that the intellectual authority in



450 mathematics rests in mathematical reasoning itself (in other words, that mathematics  
451 makes sense) (Boaler, 2019 a, b; Boaler, Cordero, and Dieckmann, 2019; Anderson,  
452 Boaler, and Dieckmann, 2018; Schoenfeld, 2014). These factors support students’  
453 development of their own identities as powerful math learners and users. Further,  
454 active-learning experiences enable students to engage in a full range of mathematical  
455 activity—exploring, noticing, questioning, solving, justifying, explaining—making clear  
456 that mathematics is far more than calculating. In addition, homework activities can also  
457 be reflective questions based on the concepts learned that day (Boaler, 2015).  
458 Publishers should consider this research when developing activities for lessons and  
459 units.

460 Three concepts of instructional resources that will be critical for publishers as they  
461 develop materials are content coverage, content depth, and content delivery. Content  
462 coverage is the full alignment to the mathematics standards, including the SMPs.  
463 Content depth is the ability of the materials to be used by teachers to provide instruction  
464 for a deep understanding of the mathematical practices and application of mathematics.  
465 Content delivery is the guidance to teachers on how to provide high-quality mathematics  
466 instruction within the specific instructional pedagogy, scope and sequence of the  
467 materials.

468 The *Mathematics Framework* addresses the challenge posed by the principle of  
469 coherence through the shifts of big ideas, progressions of learning across grades (thus,  
470 grade-band chapters rather than individual grade chapters), and relevance to students’  
471 lives. A big idea is characterized by including connected mathematical content and a  
472 driver for investigation—*it is the combination of content and investigation that makes*  
473 *content meaningful and important.*

474 The four content connections described in the framework organize content and provide  
475 mathematical coherence through the grades:

- 476 • CC1 Communicating Stories with Data
- 477 • CC2 Exploring Changing Quantities
- 478 • CC3 Taking Wholes Apart, Putting Parts Together

479 • CC4 Discovering Shape and Space

480 These content connections should be developed through investigation of questions in  
481 authentic contexts; these investigations will naturally fall into one or more of these

482 Drivers of Investigation:

483 • DI1: Making Sense of the World (Understand and Explain)

484 • DI2: Predicting What Could Happen (Predict)

485 • DI3: Impacting the Future (Affect)

486 Big ideas that drive design of instructional activities will link one or more content  
487 connections with a driver of investigation, such as Communicating Stories with Data to  
488 Predict What Could Happen, or Exploring Changing Quantities to Impact the Future.

489 Instructional materials should primarily involve tasks that invite students to make sense  
490 of these big ideas, elicit wondering in authentic contexts, and necessitate mathematics.

491 Big ideas in math are central to the learning of mathematics, link numerous  
492 mathematical understandings into a coherent whole, and provide focal points for  
493 students' investigations. An authentic activity or problem is one in which students  
494 investigate or struggle with situations or questions about which they actually wonder.

495 Lesson design should be built to elicit that wondering. An activity or task necessitates a  
496 mathematical idea or strategy if the attempt to understand the situation or task creates  
497 for students a need to learn or use the mathematical idea or strategy.

498 Publishers should consider UDL when developing lessons and activities in their  
499 materials. It is critical for publishers to understand that UDL is a framework for  
500 instructional planning for all students and not an intervention strategy to be employed  
501 for special populations.

502 Any intervention strategies included in the instructional program should be aligned to  
503 the CA CCSSM.

504 Publishers should consider the following terms and their application to mathematics  
505 when developing instructional materials:

506 **Big Idea:** Big ideas in math are central to the learning of mathematics, link numerous  
507 math understandings into a coherent whole, and provide focal points for students’  
508 investigations. So a focused set of big ideas, indicated as Big Ideas, was created as  
509 part of the California Digital Learning Integration and Standards Guidance initiative  
510 (CDE, 2021). These grade level Big Ideas, organized by Content Connections, and  
511 inclusive of multiple CA CCSSM content standards, are presented in the grade-banded  
512 chapters, Chapters 6, 7, and 8.

513 **Authentic:** An authentic context, activity, or problem is one in which students  
514 investigate or struggle with situations or questions about which they actually wonder.  
515 Lesson design should be built to elicit that wondering. In contrast, an activity is  
516 inauthentic if students recognize it as a straightforward practice of recently-learned  
517 techniques or procedures, including the repackaging of standard exercises in forced  
518 “real-world” contexts. Mathematical patterns and puzzles can be more authentic than  
519 such “real-world” settings.

520 **Necessitate:** An activity or task necessitates a mathematical idea or strategy if the  
521 attempt to understand the situation or task creates for students a need to understand or  
522 use the mathematical idea or strategy.

523 **Instructional Practice:** The shifts in the *Mathematics Framework*, and subsequent  
524 professional learning opportunities for implementation, will focus on the instructional  
525 practices of teachers. Many teachers have experienced mathematics as a set of  
526 procedures to be memorized, so it is critical that they receive opportunities to  
527 experience mathematics differently themselves. When teachers work on rich  
528 mathematics tasks, through which they can ask their own questions, reason and  
529 communicate with others, develop curiosity and wonder, they start to see mathematical  
530 connections that they may never have seen before. This often prompts teachers to  
531 change their relationship with mathematics, which is an important precursor to changing  
532 their teaching.

533 **Integrated:** The type of integration outlined here (implementing the content standards  
534 laid out in the CA CCSSM) emphasizes both aspects of integration described in Chapter

535 2: opportunities for forming connections between mathematics and students'  
536 experiences, and opportunities to connect different mathematical ideas. In keeping with  
537 the thrust of this framework, curriculum and instruction should take both of these into  
538 account. As further motivation for integration, NCTM has called for classroom instruction  
539 to rely upon reasoning and sense making in an integral way, every day (NCTM, 2009).  
540 In order for students to engage in reasoning and sense-making about mathematics,  
541 explicit attention to the language needed to do so must be built into the teacher and  
542 student materials (see Moschkovich, 2012). Since mathematical competence has been  
543 shown to be dependent upon reasoning and sense-making (Kilpatrick, Swafford, and  
544 Findell, 2001), curriculum is needed that provides rich opportunities for students to  
545 practice reasoning and sense-making in authentic situations.

546 The *Mathematics Framework*, Chapter 4, focuses on key ideas that bring the SMPs to  
547 life. The focus is on three interrelated practices: constructing viable arguments and  
548 critiquing the reasoning of others; looking for and making use of structure; and looking  
549 for and expressing regularity in repeated reasoning. By considering these practices  
550 together when developing resources, instructional materials can offer the foundations of  
551 classroom experiences that center exploring, discovering, and reasoning with and about  
552 mathematics. This vision for teaching and learning mathematics comes out of a several  
553 decades-long national push in mathematics education to pay more attention to  
554 supporting kindergarten through grade twelve students in becoming powerful users of  
555 mathematics to help make sense of their world. Throughout the chapter, the framework  
556 explores the practices across the elementary, middle, and high school grade bands.  
557 The framework emphasizes students' progression in socializing into the mathematical  
558 practices, including some ways in which contexts for learning and doing mathematics  
559 and the practices themselves might evolve over the grades.

560 Across the grades, students use everyday contexts and examples in order to explore,  
561 discover, and reason with and about mathematics. At the early grades, everyday  
562 contexts might come from familiar activities that children engage in at home, at school  
563 and within their community. These contexts might include imagined play or familiar  
564 celebrations with friends, siblings, or cousins; and familiar places such as a park,

565 playground, zoo, or school itself. As teachers get to know their students and their  
566 students' communities, the contexts that matter to young children come to the fore.

567 In the middle grades, the contexts that are relevant to students continue to include, but  
568 increasingly go beyond, local everyday activities and interactions. Middle-school  
569 students might begin to explore publicly available datasets on current events of interest,  
570 use familiar digital tools to explore the mathematics around them, and explore  
571 mathematical topics within everyday contexts like purchasing snacks with friends,  
572 playing or watching sports, or saving money. By high school, students have available a  
573 wide array of contexts to explore, increasingly understanding society and the world  
574 around them through explorations in data, number, and space.

575 As noted in the CA CCSSM, the SMPs remain the same across the entirety of  
576 kindergarten through grade twelve. They develop in relation to progressions in  
577 mathematics content. At the elementary level, students work with numbers with which  
578 they are currently familiar, and begin to explore the structure of place value, patterns in  
579 our base-ten number system (such as even and odd numbers), and mathematical  
580 relationships (such as different ways to decompose numbers or relationships between  
581 addition and multiplication). Through these explorations, young students conjecture,  
582 explain, express agreement and disagreement, and come to make sense of data,  
583 number, and shapes.

584 Students in middle school build on these early experiences to deepen their interactions  
585 with mathematics and with others as they do mathematics together. During the  
586 elementary grades, students typically draw on contexts and on concrete manipulatives  
587 and representations in order to engage in mathematical reasoning and argumentation.  
588 At the middle school level, students continue to reason with such concrete referents,  
589 and also begin to draw on symbolic representations (such as expressions and  
590 equations), graphs, and other representations which have become familiar enough that  
591 students experience them as concrete. Middle-school students deepen their  
592 opportunities for sense-making as they move into ratios and proportional relationships,  
593 expressions and equations, geometric reasoning, and data.

594 By high school, students continue to build on earlier experiences as they make sense of  
595 functions and ways of representing functions, relationships between geometric objects  
596 and their parts, and data arising in contexts of interest. As students build on years of  
597 making sense of and communicating about mathematics with one another and the  
598 teacher, the same practices that cut across transitional kindergarten through grade  
599 twelve emerge at developmentally and mathematically appropriate levels.

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