

Priority Instructional Content

Produced by Student Achievement Partners, 2020–2021 Priority Instructional Content in ELA/Literacy and Mathematics names the priorities in mathematics that should be the focus of instruction for educators in the coming academic year. Instructional considerations include priorities in each grade, opportunities for combining lessons, eliminating lessons, etc., and recommendations for integrating previous-grade content within relevant grade-level work.

This school year presents a unique set of opportunities and challenges due to the disruption to instruction in spring 2020, but it is critical that all students--including those with specialized learning needs--pursue grade-level academic content when they return to school. While many students will have incomplete prior-grade learning, extensive assessment and remediation at the expense of time spent on grade-level instruction will further jeopardize students' academic growth. [achievethecore.org]



Priority Instructional Content and Investigations 3 Grade 1

The chart below shows which Grade 1 investigations correlate to the priorities for each cluster/standard. The chart indicates which investigations or part of investigations should be emphasized, eliminated, reduced, combined, integrated, and incorporated. How these priorities are enacted will depend on many factors including class organization, time available and mode of instruction (i.e. in-person or remote).

The following bullets are examples of how to implement the recommendations in the chart.

- Emphasize content by extending the amount of time spent on introductory activities and discussions, repeating games and Classroom Routines, as well as utilizing relevant Math Words and Ideas resources.
- Eliminate sessions to help with available time by either eliminating a whole session or parts of it. This may include eliminating a Daily Practice activity (which could be assigned as homework), certain activities, or some parts of Math Workshop. As all sessions develop concepts carefully, consider eliminating whole sessions only if needed.
- Reduce time spent on content by limiting the amount of time spent on introductory activities, examples, variations of Classroom Routines, or discussions. Different discussions can also be combined. If Classroom Routines are reduced, focus particularly on the different strategies that students employ to complete them.
- Combine sessions by including together discussions or activities on similar concepts from an investigation. Consider combining introductory activities, Classroom Routines, and also combining Math Workshop options from multiple sessions.
- Some work is called to be *integrated* as detailed in the chart. *Investigations 3* already includes careful integration of this content and so no special considerations are necessary.
- Incorporate foundational work by incorporating games and Math Words and Ideas resources from the previous grade. Consider the following resources to support understanding of place value (1.NBT.B):

Games (Grade K Unit 8)

Build It: Teen Numbers; Race to the Top: Ten Frames; Build It, Then Race to the Top; Race to the Top: Teen Numbers 2

Math Words and Ideas (Grade K)

Teen Numbers



Clusters/ Standards	Student Achievement Partners Instructional Considerations	Investigations 3 Grade 1 Content
1.OA.A.1	Emphasize problems that involve sums less than or	Unit 1 Investigations 2, 3
	equal to 10 and/or the related differences to keep	Unit 3 Investigations 2, 3
	the focus on making sense of different problem	Unit 4 Investigations 1, 2
	types; do not limit the range of addition and	Unit 5 Investigations 1, 2, 3
	subtraction situations, but assign fewer problems	Unit 6 Investigations 1, 2
	with sums greater than 10 or related differences.	
1.OA.A.2	Reduce the amount of time spent on lessons and	Unit 2 Investigation 1
	problems that call for addition of three whole	Unit 3 Investigation 3
	numbers.	Unit 6 Investigation 2
	Limit the amount of required student practice.	Unit 7 Investigation 1
1.OA.B	No special considerations for curricula well aligned to	Unit 1 Investigations 2, 3
1	understanding and applying properties of operations	Unit 2 Investigation 1
	to addition and subtraction, as detailed in this	Unit 3 Investigations 1, 2, 3, 4
	cluster. Time spent on instruction and practice	Unit 4 Investigations 1, 2
	should NOT be reduced.	Unit 5 Investigations 1, 2, 3
1.OA.C.5	Integrate counting into the work of the domain	Investigations 3 includes careful integration of this work, so no special
	(OA), instead of separate lessons, in order to reduce	considerations are necessary.
	the amount of time spent on this standard.	
1.OA.C.6	No special considerations for curricula well aligned to	Unit 1 Investigations 2, 3
	adding and subtracting within 20, as detailed in this	Unit 2 Investigation 1
	standard. Time spent on instruction and practice	Unit 3 Investigations 1, 2, 3, 4
	should NOT be reduced.	Unit 4 Investigations 1, 2
		Unit 5 Investigations 1, 2, 3
		Unit 6 Investigations 1, 2
		Unit 7 Investigations 1, 2
1.OA.D	No special considerations for curricula well aligned to	Unit 1 Investigations 2, 3
	work with addition and subtraction equations, as	Unit 3 Investigations 1, 2, 3, 4
	detailed in this cluster. Time spent on instruction	Unit 4 Investigation 1
	and practice should NOT be reduced.	Unit 5 Investigations 1, 2, 3
		Unit 7 Investigation 1
1.NBT.A	Eliminate lessons that are solely about extending the	Investigations 3 includes careful integration of this work, so no special
	count sequence in order to reduce the amount of	considerations are necessary.
	time spent on this cluster.	
	Incorporate extending the count sequence into other	
	lessons in the grade.	
1.NBT.B	Incorporate foundational work on understanding	Unit 1 Investigations 1, 2, 3
	that numbers 11-19 are built from ten ones and	Unit 3 Investigations 1, 2, 3, 4
		Unit 5 Investigation 2



	some further ones (K.NBT.A) to support grade 1	Unit 6 Investigation 1
	understanding of place value.	Unit 7 Investigations 1, 2, 3
1.NBT.C	Emphasize the understanding that in adding two	Unit 7 Investigation 1, 2, 3
	two-digit numbers, one adds tens and tens, ones	
	and ones, and sometimes it is necessary to compose	
	a ten, in order to strengthen the progression toward	
	fluency with multi-digit addition and subtraction.	
1.MD.A	No special considerations for curricula well aligned to	Unit 4 Investigation 1
	measuring lengths indirectly by iterating length	
	units, as detailed in this cluster. Time spent on	
	instruction and practice should NOT be reduced.	
1.MD.B	Eliminate lessons devoted to telling and writing time	Unit 4 Investigations 1, 2
	to the hour and half-hour (1.MD.B.3).	Unit 8 Investigation 1
		The Classroom Routine <i>Time</i> in Units 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 .
1.MD.C	Eliminate lessons devoted to representing and	Investigations 3 includes integration of data contexts for solving problems, so
	interpreting data. (Do not eliminate problems about	no special considerations are necessary.
	using addition and subtraction to solve problems	
	about the data.)	
1.G.A	Combine lessons to address key concepts of defining	Unit 1 Investigation 1
	attributes of shapes and composing shapes in order	Unit 2 Investigation 1, 2
	to reduce the amount of time spent on this cluster.	Unit 4 Investigation 2
	·	Unit 8 Investigation 1

