

Math Best Practices The following provides a summary of the five critical features of highly effective mathematics lessons you should expect to be part of your child's daily learning experiences in school. In an effective K-12 mathematics program: 1. Students develop conceptual understanding and procedural skills. 2. Students communicate with peers about mathematics. 3. Students develop perseverance and practice mathematics. 4. Students use teacher and peer feedback to learn from mistakes. 5. Students use technology to support learning. If your child experiences these five elements in his or her classroom throughout the year, it is likely that he or she is learning and practicing mathematics at a deep level with understanding, which ultimately leads to successful content mastery and college and career readiness by the time he or she graduates from high school.

To impact student learning what should students/teachers be doing?

Teaching Practices

1. Establish mathematics goals to focus learning

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- 2. Implement tasks that promote reasoning & problem solving
- 3. Use & connect mathematical representations
- 4. Facilitate meaningful mathematics discourse
- 5. Pose purposeful questions
- 6. Build procedural fluency from conceptual understanding
- 7. Support productive struggle in learning mathematics
- 8. Elicit & use evidence of student thinking

Mathematical Practices*

1. Make sense of problems/persevere in solving them

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- 2. Reason abstractly & quantitatively
- 3. Construct viable arguments & critique reasoning of others
- 4. Model with mathematics
- 5. Use appropriate tools strategically
- 6. Attend to precision
- 7. Look for & make use of structure
- Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning

*What mathematical proficient students do

Why Change?

1. Improve MCA Scores

High School scores flat - 8th grade Algebra key to HS success

2. Increase student learning and engagement

Problem solving tasks - low floor - high ceiling Collaborative teams - responsible for all learning Spaced practice - moves learning to long term memory

3. PD required to support shifts in teaching

- a. 8 days of Professional Development (math teachers have asked for PD)
- b. 2 days of site visits (observation) with debriefing













