

# 07 Systems of Linear Equations

Content Area: **Mathematics**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **Week1**  
Length: **5 Weeks**  
Status: **Published**

## Stage 1: Desired Results

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### Unit Overview/ Rationale

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Students use systems of linear equations to represent, analyze and solve a variety of problems. Students will write systems of linear equations and inequalities and examine constraints placed on real-world situations. Students strategically choose and efficiently implement procedures to solve systems by graphing, substitution and elimination and verify that solutions satisfy both equations in a system.

A linear inequality has an infinite number of solutions that can be represented in the coordinate plane as the set of all points within a boundary. The solutions to a system of linear inequalities can be represented by the region where the graphs of the individual inequalities overlap.

### Standards & Indicators

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MA.9-12.N-Q.A.2	Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling.
MA.9-12.N-Q.A.3	Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities.
MA.9-12.A-REI.C.5	Prove that, given a system of two equations in two variables, replacing one equation by the sum of that equation and a multiple of the other produces a system with the same solutions.
MA.9-12.A-REI.C.6	Solve systems of linear equations exactly and approximately (e.g., with graphs), focusing on pairs of linear equations in two variables.
MA.9-12.A-CED.A.3	Represent constraints by equations or inequalities, and by systems of equations and/or inequalities, and interpret solutions as viable or nonviable options in a modeling context.
MA.9-12.A-REI.D.12	Graph the solutions to a linear inequality in two variables as a half plane (excluding the boundary in the case of a strict inequality), and graph the solution set to a system of linear inequalities in two variables as the intersection of the corresponding half-planes.
MA.9-12.A-REI.D.11	Explain why the x-coordinates of the points where the graphs of the equations $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$ intersect are the solutions of the equation $f(x) = g(x)$ ; find the solutions approximately, e.g., using technology to graph the functions, make tables of values, or find successive approximations. Include cases where $f(x)$ and/or $g(x)$ are linear, polynomial, rational, absolute value, exponential, and

logarithmic functions.

### **Big Ideas - Students will understand that...**

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- Graphs and equations are alternative (and often equivalent) ways for depicting and analyzing patterns of change.
- Functional relationships can be expressed in real contexts, graphs, algebraic equations, tables, and words; each representation of a given function is simply a different way of expressing the same idea.
- The value of a particular representation depends on its purpose.
- A variety of families of functions can be used to model and solve real world situations.
- Graphing, substitution, elimination, and matrices are equivalent ways for solving a system of equations.

### **Essential Questions - What provocative questions will foster inquiry and transfer of learning**

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- What is the most suitable method to use when solving a system of equations?
- How are systems of equations or inequalities used to make product decisions?

### **Content - Students will know...**

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Key Vocabulary:

Linear system, solution of a linear system, consistent, inconsistent, dependent, independent, intersection, substitution, elimination, linear combination, system of linear inequalities, solution of a system of linear inequalities, graph of a system of linear inequalities

### **Skills - Students will be able to...**

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- Solve systems by graphing, substitution, and elimination
- Use a graphing calculator to solve systems by graphing and matrices

-Solve a system of inequalities graphically

-Systems of equations may include intersecting, parallel or coincident lines, some of which may be equations of horizontal or vertical lines

-Recognize, express and solve problems that can be modeled using one- or two-variable inequalities; or two-variable systems of linear equations. Interpret their solutions in terms of the context of the problem

-For items where a student is required to graph the equation or function, axes and scales should be labeled. If the item is written in a context, the labels and scales must be appropriate within the context of the item, including units (e.g., dollars, seconds, etc).

## **Stage 2: Assessment Evidence**

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### **Assessment**

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## **Stage 3: Learning Plan**

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### **Learning Activities**

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Learning Activities

Introduce the Authentic Learning Experience (1 day)

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Activity - Solve Linear Systems by graphing (2-3 days)

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For applications, this includes using and interpreting appropriate units of measurement, estimation and the

appropriate level of precision.

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Closure/Exit Slip:

☐ Students are asked to finish a partially completed graphing problem and state the solution, no solution, or infinitely many solutions.

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Closure/Exit Slip:

☐ Students explain in 3-6 lines how to solve systems of equations by graphing.

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Graphing Calculator Activity:

Students use a graphing calculator to solve systems of equations (*handout*)

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Suggested Activity:

Graph two equations written in slope-intercept form and also not written in slope-intercept form, word problems with the equation given, use graphing calculator to estimate solutions

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Activity - Solve Linear Systems by Substitution (2 days)

Students will solve consistent, inconsistent, and independent systems.

Example: Quick Trip rental car agency charges a flat weekly rate of \$193.00 and \$0.19 per mile. Drive Easy rental car agency charges a flat weekly rate of \$219.00 and \$0.15 per mile for an identical car. For a one-week rental, how many miles does the car need to be driven so that the charges for a rental at Quick Trip are the same as a rental at Drive Easy?☐

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Closure/Exit Slip:☐

Students will be given a system and will be asked to complete the first substitution step.☐ Students should describe in 3-5 lines which equation was chosen to solve for a variable and substitute and why.

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Closure/Exit Slip:

Students will be given a completely worked system and will describe and correct the error in solving the linear system.

Suggested Activity:

Sample:  $-x + 8y = 27$ ,  $x = -3$

Sample:  $2x + 8y = 24$ ,  $y = 2x$

Sample:  $y = -3x + 5$ ,  $2x - y = 10$

Students will solve systems word problems with the equation specified.

Quiz 1 (1/2 day)

–Solving systems using graphing and substitution

Students will be required to solve systems by hand and using the calculator. Word problems will be included.

Activity - Solve Linear Equations by Elimination (2 days)

Closure/Exit Slip:

Students will be given a system and will be asked to complete the first elimination step. Students should describe in 3-5 lines which variable was chosen to be eliminated and why.

Closure/Exit Slip:

Students will be given a completely worked system and will describe and correct the error in solving the linear system.

Suggested Activity:

Students will solve systems where one or both equations will be multiplied by a constant.

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Students will solve systems word problems with the equation specified.

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Activity - Combining methods (1 - 2 days)

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Closure/Exit Slip:☐

Students will be given 3 systems and asked to determine which technique would be the most efficient method.☐ Students will justify their response.

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Suggested Activity:

Students will solve systems word problems with the equation specified.

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Activity - Solving word problems using systems (2 days)

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Closure/Exit Slip:☐

Given a word problem, students will underline 3-4 key words or phrases that will be used to write the system of equations.

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Closure/Exit Slip:

☐ Students will be given a multiple choice word problem and will select the correct set of equations.

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Suggested Activity:

Example: One angle of an acute triangle is twice the first angle while the third angle is  $40^\circ$  more than the first angle. Determine the degree measure of each of the three angles.

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Example: Carol is five times as old as her brother. She will be three times as old as her brother in two years. How old is

Carol now?

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Activity - Solve Systems of Linear Inequalities (2 - 3 days)

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Closure/Exit Slip:

☐ Students will be given a multiple choice inequality question and will pick the appropriate graph.

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Closure/Exit Slip:

Students will be given a completely graphed system and will describe and correct the error in graphing the linear system.

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Suggested Activity:

Students will solve a system of linear equations and determine if an ordered pair is a solution of the system.

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Students will solve inequality system word problems with the inequality specified.

## **Resources**

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Pearson Algebra 1 c. 2012

Chapter 6: Systems of Equations and Inequalities