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## OUR VISION

To equip students with advanced mathematical skills and strategies for analyzing and solving real-world problems through the application of abstract reasoning within the context of a biblical worldview.

## GOALS

- To ensure mastery of foundational mathematical concepts including number systems, operations, algebra, functions, geometry, probability, and statistics
- To support procedural fluency for college and career readiness through consistent, strategic practice and review
- To develop analytical thinking, reasoning skills, and perseverance in real-world problem solving through the creation and use of models
- To encourage the use of technology to enhance learning, to incorporate multiple representations of concepts, and to remove computational constraints
- To equip students to formulate a biblical view of mathematics

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## PROGRAM APPROACH

The BJU Press middle and high school math program enables students to use mathematics to better fulfill the dominion mandate. The math courses examine many mathematical concepts to ensure mastery, foster readiness, and encourage careful thinking. The program also incorporates various technology tools to enhance student learning and empower students to take their computational skills to the next level. All mathematical concepts are examined through the lens of a biblical worldview to lead students to formulate their own positions based on the truth of God's Word. In short, the program serves to equip students with advanced mathematical skills to solve real-world problems within the context of a biblical worldview.


## How We Ensure

## $\beta$ <br> Conceptual Mastery

The BJU Press middle and high school math courses ensure conceptual mastery using a variety of teaching techniques. Teachers use essential questions to flesh out the significant concepts in each lesson. They will also help students recognize and correct ineffective solutions to problems. Modeling helps students progress from simply viewing numerical equations on a page to recognizing and understanding mathematical problems in everyday life. Teachers also facilitate abstract reasoning and foster collaborative learning and classroom discussion. Students are encouraged to assert their own positions and examine the reasons behind those positions. Each course includes exercises that use a spiral review to develop understanding of the newest concept and to review previous concepts. Our Pre-Algebra course also provides QR codes that link students to additional instruction and practice.
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## How We Support Procedural Fluency

The middle and high school math courses also foster procedural fluency in students. Students are able to select and execute mathematical procedures relevant to individual problems. The courses use mathematical models to teach students the relationships between quantities and structure within the numerical system. By using modeling, students learn how to lay out mathematical equations, analyze them, and predict an outcome based on previous experience so they can come to a reasonable conclusion and contribute to solving real-world problems. Working through problems and equations in this way helps them to understand the procedures necessary for using mathematical practices effectively. The spiral review exercises not only contribute to conceptual mastery but also enhance fluency by helping students develop more understanding and refresh prior knowledge. The courses enable students to use abstract reasoning and analyze incorrect solutions to problems. Teaching material includes discussion prompts and reminders to direct students' attention to key ideas and step-by-step reasoning to ensure they understand concepts beyond simple rote memory.


## How We Develop Real-World Problem Solving

The middle and high school math courses encourage real-world problem solving through STEM activities. These projects promote greater understanding and appreciation for the role math plays in science, engineering, and design. STEM projects use a variety of disciplines to nurture holistic problem solving and student collaboration. For example, Fundamentals of Math includes a project requiring students to create five common weather observation instruments. Students will use the constructed instruments to record weather observations for several consecutive days. Course teaching material provides suggested questions that encourage students to think about their processes, how they can improve their instruments, and how they might use their instruments best. Once each STEM project is complete, students will report their results to show what they've learned and what they can accomplish by using STEM processes. These STEM projects present multifaceted problems and guide students through crafting optimal solutions for the best results. Multiple courses also feature a"then and now" series that demonstrates how problems have previously been solved using mathematical skills. Students also engage in strategic questioning to focus on key concepts and apply those concepts to real-world problems.


## How We Use Technology

The BJU Press middle and high school math courses introduce students to multiple technological resources to make resolving math problems simpler and more accessible. Students are taught to handle advanced calculators, and they also have access to After School Help with additional math problems and videos explaining challenging mathematical concepts.

## How We Nurture a Biblical Worldview

In a world of complicated and involved issues, students can learn to use mathematics to simplify or solve problems. Throughout BJU Press math courses, we direct students to determine the root issues of real-world problems according to a biblical worldview and solve them using mathematical processes. As students break down and define problems and make assumptions about the causes and contributions to those problems, they do so with an understanding of what the Bible says and expects. Ultimately, we encourage students to develop solutions that are appropriate and ethical. Additional features prompt worldview development as well. Fundamentals of Math uses engaging cartoons to discuss biblical worldview shaping objectives. Pre-Algebra also provides thorough explanations of why mathematical principles consistently work effectively. Students will verify that mathematical principles based on the timeless truths in God's Word provide effective solutions for problems in our world.

## MATERIALS

## Student Edition (eTextbook available)

Our math textbooks have clear presentations of concepts with practice exercises that promote student success and prepare students for standardized testing and college-level math courses.


## Teacher Edition

The teacher editions contain presentation suggestions, motivational ideas, and tips to address common student errors. The teacher editions also suggest easy adaptations for scheduling and assignments for minimum, standard, and extended tracks.

## Student Activities (eActivities Available)

The activity manuals (available for Grades 7-9) provide resources for extra practice, remediation and enrichment activities, calculator skills, exercises, and chapter and cumulative reviews.

## Assessments \& Assessments

## Answer Keys

Assessments packets include section quizzes and one age-appropriate test per chapter. Alternative assessments are also provided via ExamView.


## THE FEATURES Page Examples




What do you think makes this person's skin look different on the UV photogra phy side? Accept any reasonable answe Explain that one side was photographe in natural light and looks normal but that the other side was photographed with a special camera or lens which shows UV damage to skin that is not apparent in natural light.

- Display the bottom half of the $U V$ Skin Damage page showin wrinkled face. How do you think his skin so wrinkled? Accept any r answers.

Involving the students in interactive learning through discussion encourages them to construct reasonable proof for their solutions.

Point out that frequent direct exposure to UV rays from the sun can cause deep wrinkles in the skin.

- Show a video explaining how UV rays affect skin, if available.
- Read aloud the essential question at the top of Student Edition page 109, "Why should I be concerned about solving health and safety problems?" Allow students to share their answers. Explain


### 4.4 Renaming Fractions

How are prime numbers useful?

After this lesson I will be able to

- write fractions in lowest terms.
- express a mixed number as an improper fraction.
- write an improper fraction as a mixed number.

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Start each section with a question about the key idea and a list of the skills you are expected to learn.

## Example 1 Renaming to Lowest Texms

## Tip

A fraction is in lowest terms if the GCF of the numerator and denominator is 1 .

Rewrite each fraction in lowest label it as simplified.
a. $\frac{8}{12}$

Answer
a. $\frac{8+4}{12+4}=\frac{2}{3}$
b. $\frac{5}{8}$ is simplified.
c. $-\frac{4+2}{10+2}=-\frac{2}{5}$

Locate definitions, key concepts,
and step-by-step guidelines within highlighted colored boxes.
b. $\frac{5}{8}$

Notice that the numerator of 3 and the denominator of 4 are relatively prime. This implies that $\frac{3}{4}$ is in lowest terms. To rename a fraction in lowest terms, divide the numerator and denominator by their GCF:

Definition
Equivalent frastions are fractions that represent the same value.


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\frac{9}{12} \text { is equivalent to } \frac{3}{4} \text {. }
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Renaming to Lowest Terms

Study the step-by-step reasoning to solve example problems, and then check your understanding by completing the Skill Check exercises.

## Example 3

find the difference and check the solution by estimation. Annex zeros
where necessary.


Notice on part $a$ the values are rounded to the nearest whole number, while on part $b$ they are rotnded to the greatest place value of the smaller number. You may be asked to explain why you chose a particular rounding method for your estimation.

## Skill Check B

## Solve. Estimate to check the reasonableness of your answers.

1. 11.53
17.56
2. 17.65
3. $26.4-8.3596$
23.69

- 8.701

4. $79.8462-8.9$
12.6
5. $308.231+42.07+12.6$
$+61.87$
6. $\$ 65$ - \$8.97

## A. Exercises

Estimate each sum or difference by rounding each number to its highest place value.
Observe how the essential ques-
tion is assessed in the exercise set.

## Technology Resources

## Teacher Tools Online ${ }^{\oplus}$

## TeacherToolsOnline.com

Make planning and assessment easy with extra resources that allow you to plan and present concepts to your students in an engaging way.

- Video segments review math concepts and give quick looks into how math applies to other fields.
- Editable PowerPoint slides work through example problems and give opportunities for practice and review as a class.
- Searchable, projectable copies of the student and teacher editions, allow you to project daily activities and work through them as a class.
- ExamView allows you to create customized quizzes and tests using a bank of questions that correlate with each chapter. You can edit questions and answers and instantly add multiple versions of tests to prevent cheating.

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