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## **The Core Principals: Standards for Mathematical Practice**

### **Conceptual Category: Algebra**

### **Overview**

The goal of the Standards for Mathematical Practice is to complement the Common Core State Standards by working to engage students in the subject matter, ensuring that they grow in maturity and expertise from Pre-Kindergarten through High School.

#### **Seeing Structure in Expressions**

- Interpret the structure of expressions
- Write expressions in equivalent forms to solve problems

#### **Arithmetic with Polynomials and Rational Expressions**

- Perform arithmetic operations on polynomials
- Understand the relationship between zeros and factors of polynomials
- Use polynomial identities to solve problems
- Rewrite rational expressions

#### **Creating Equations**

- Create equations that describe numbers or relationships

#### **Reasoning with Equations and Inequalities**

- Understand solving equations as a process of reasoning and explain the reasoning
- Solve equations and inequalities in one variable
- Solve systems of equations
- Represent and solve equations and inequalities graphically

#### **Standards for Mathematical Practice**

1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them
2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively
3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others
4. Model with mathematics
5. Use appropriate tools strategically
6. Attend to precision
7. Look for and make use of structure
8. Look for an express regularity in repeated reasoning