



DYNAMIC LEARNING MAPS ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

FOR

Mathematics

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Background on the Dynamic Learning Maps Essential Elements

The Dynamic Learning Maps Essential Elements are specific statements of knowledge and skills linked to the grade-level expectations identified in the Common Core State Standards. The purpose of the Dynamic Learning Maps Essential Elements is to build a bridge from the content in the Common Core State Standards to academic expectations for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The initial draft of the Dynamic Learning Maps Essential Elements (then called the Common Core Essential Elements) was released in the spring of 2012.

The initial version of the Dynamic Learning Maps Essential Elements (DLM EEs) was developed by a group of educators and content specialists from the 12 member states of the Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment Consortium (DLM) in the spring of 2011. Led by Edvantia, Inc., a sub-contractor of DLM, representatives from each state education agency and the educators and content specialists they selected developed the original draft of DLM EEs. Experts in mathematics and English language arts, as well as individuals with expertise in instruction for students with significant cognitive disabilities reviewed the draft documents. Edvantia then compiled the information into the version released in the spring of 2012.

Concurrent with the development of the DLM EEs, the DLM consortium was actively engaged in building learning maps in mathematics and English language arts. The DLM learning maps are highly connected representations of how academic skills are acquired, as reflected in research literature. In the case of the DLM project, the Common Core State Standards helped to specify academic targets, while the surrounding map content clarified how students could reach the specified standard. Learning maps of this size had not been previously developed, and as a

result, alignment between the DLM EEs and the learning maps was not possible until the fall of 2012, when an initial draft of the learning maps was available for review.

Alignment of the DLM EEs to the DLM Learning Maps

Teams of content experts worked together to revise the initial version of the DLM EEs and the learning maps to ensure appropriate alignment of these two critical elements of the project. Alignment involved horizontal alignment of the DLM EEs with the Common Core State Standards and vertical alignment of the DLM EEs with meaningful progressions in the learning maps. The alignment process began when researchers Caroline Mark and Kelli Thomas compared the learning maps with the initial version of the DLM EEs to determine how the map and the DLM EEs should be adjusted to improve their alignment. The teams of content experts most closely involved with this alignment work included:

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The Alignment Process

The process of aligning the learning map and the DLM EEs began by identifying nodes in the maps that represented the essential elements in mathematics and English language arts. This process revealed areas in the maps where additional nodes were needed to account for incremental growth reflected from an essential element in one grade to the next. Also identified

were areas in which an essential element was out of place developmentally, according to research, with other essential elements. For example, adjustments were made when an essential element related to a higher-grade map node appeared earlier on the map than an essential element related to a map node from a lower grade (e.g., a fifth-grade skill preceded a third-grade skill). Finally, the alignment process revealed DLM EEs that were actually written as instructional tasks rather than learning outcomes.

This initial review step provided the roadmap for subsequent revision of both the learning maps and the DLM EEs. The next step in the DLM project was to develop the claims document, which served as the basis for the evidence-centered design of the DLM project and helped to further refine both the modeling of academic learning in the maps and the final revisions to the DLM EEs.

Claims and Conceptual Areas

The DLM system uses a variant of evidence-centered design (ECD) as the framework for developing the DLM Alternate Assessment System. While ECD is multifaceted, it starts with a set of claims regarding important knowledge in the domains of interest (mathematics and English language arts), as well as an understanding of how that knowledge is acquired. Two sets of claims have been developed for DLM that identify the major domains of interest within mathematics and English language arts for students with significant cognitive disabilities. These claims are broad statements about expected student learning that serve to focus the scope of the assessment. Because the learning map identifies particular paths to the acquisition of academic skills, the claims also help to organize the structures in the learning map for this population of students. Specifically, conceptual areas within the map further define the knowledge and skills required to meet the broad claims identified by DLM.

The claims are also significant because they provide another means through which to evaluate alignment between the DLM EEs and the learning map nodes, and serve as the foundation for evaluating the validity of inferences made from test scores. DLM EEs related to a particular claim and conceptual area must clearly link to one another, and the learning map must reflect how that knowledge is acquired. Developing the claims and conceptual areas for DLM provided a critical framework for organizing nodes on the learning maps and, accordingly, the DLM EEs that align with each node.

The table below reveals the relationships among the claims, conceptual areas, and DLM EEs in mathematics. The DLM EEs are represented with codes that reflect the domains in mathematics. For example, the first letter or digit represents the grade of record, the next code reflects the domain, followed by the number that aligns with the Common Core State Standard grade level expectation. As such, K.CC.1 is the code for the DLM EE that aligns with kindergarten (K), counting and cardinality (CC), standard 1. Keys to the codes can be found under the table.

Clearly articulated claims and conceptual areas for DLM served as an important evidence-centered framework within which this version of the DLM EEs was developed. With the claims and conceptual areas in place, the relationship between DLM EEs within a claim and conceptual area or across grade levels is easier to track and strengthen. The learning maps, as well as the claims and conceptual areas, had not yet been developed when the original versions of the DLM EEs were created. As such, the relationship of DLM EEs within and across grade levels was more difficult to evaluate at that time.

Table 1. Dynamic Learning Maps Claims and Conceptual Areas for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities in Mathematics

<p>Claim 1</p>	<p>Number Sense: Students demonstrate increasingly complex understanding of number sense.</p> <p>Conceptual Areas in the Dynamic Learning Map:</p> <p>MC 1.1 Understand number structures (counting, place value, fraction) <i>Essential Elements Included:</i> K.CC.1, 4, 5; 1.NBT.1a-b; 2.NBT.2a-b,3; 3.NBT.1,2,3; 3.NF.1-3; 4.NF.1-2,3; 5.NF.1,2; 6.RP.1; 7.RP.1-3; 7.NS.2.c-d; 8.NS.2.a</p> <p>MC 1.2 Compare, compose, and decompose numbers and sets <i>Essential Elements Included:</i> K.CC.6; 1.NBT.2, 3, 4, 6; 2.NBT.1, 4, 5b; 4.NBT.2, 3; 5.NBT.1, 2, 3, 4; 6.NS.1, 5-8; 7.NS.3; 8.NS.2.b; 8.EE.3-4;</p> <p>MC 1.3 Calculate accurately and efficiently using simple arithmetic operations <i>Essential Elements Included:</i> 2.NBT.5.a, 6-7; 3.OA.4; 4.NBT.4, 5.NBT.5, 6-7; 6.NS.2, 3; 7.NS.1, 2.a, 2.b; 8.NS.1; 8.EE.1; N-CN.2.a, 2.b, 2.c; N-RN.1; S-CP.1-5; S-IC.1-2</p>
<p>Claim 2</p>	<p>Geometry: Students demonstrate increasingly complex spatial reasoning and understanding of geometric principles.</p> <p>Conceptual Areas in the Dynamic Learning Map:</p> <p>MC 2.1 Understand and use geometric properties of two- and three-dimensional shapes <i>Essential Elements Included:</i> K.MD.1-3; K.G.2-3; 1.G.1, 2; 2.G.1; 3.G.1; 4.G.1, 2; 4.MD.5, 6; 5.G.1-4; 5.MD.3; 7.G.1, 2, 3, 5; 8.G.1, 2, 4, 5; G-CO.1, 4-5, 6-8; G-GMD.1-3, 4</p> <p>MC 2.2 Solve problems involving area, perimeter, and volume <i>Essential Elements Included:</i> 1.G.3; 3.G.2; 4.G.3; 4.MD.3; 5.MD.4-5; 6.G.1, 2; 7.G.4, 6; 8.G.9; G-GMD.1-3; G-GPE.7</p>
<p>Claim 3</p>	<p>Measurement Data and Analysis: Students demonstrate increasingly complex understanding of measurement, data, and analytic procedures.</p> <p>Conceptual Areas in the Dynamic Learning Map:</p> <p>MC 3.1 Understand and use measurement principles and units of measure <i>Essential Elements Included:</i> 1.MD.1-2, 3.a, 3.b, 3.c, 3.d; 2.MD.1, 3-4, 5, 6, 7, 8; 3.MD.1, 2, 4; 4.MD.1, 2.a, 2.b, 2.c, 2.d; 5.MD.1.a, 1.b, 1.c; N-Q.1-3</p> <p>MC 3.2 Represent and interpret data displays <i>Essential Elements Included:</i> 1.MD.4; 2.MD.9-10; 3.MD.3; 4.MD.4.a, 4.b; 5.MD.2; 6.SP.1-2, 5; 7.SP.1-2, 3, 5-7; 8.SP.4; S-ID. 1-2, 3, 4</p>
<p>Claim 4</p>	<p>Algebraic and functional reasoning: Students solve increasingly complex mathematical problems, making productive use of algebra and functions.</p> <p>Conceptual Areas in the Dynamic Learning Map:</p> <p>MC 4.1. Use operations and models to solve problems <i>Essential Elements Included:</i> K.OA.1, 1.a, 1.b, 2, 5.a, 5.b; 2.OA.3, 4; 3.OA.1-2, 8; 4.OA.1-</p>

	<p>2, 3, 4; 6.EE.1-2, 3, 5-7; 7.EE.1, 4; 8.EE.7; A-CED.1, 2-4; A-SSE.1, 3</p> <p>MC 4.2 Understand patterns and functional thinking</p> <p><i>Essential Elements Included: 3.OA.9; 4.OA.5; 5.OA.3; 7.EE.2; 8.EE.5-6; 8.F.1-3, 4, 5; A-REI.10-12; A-SSE.4; F-BF.1, 2; F-IF.1-3, 4-6; F-LE.1</i></p>
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A-CED = creating equations; A-SSE = seeing structure in equations BF = building functions; CC = counting & cardinality; EE = expressions & equations; F-BF = basic fractions; F-IF = interpreting functions; G = geometry; G-GMD = geometric measurement & dimension; G-GPE = general properties & equations; MD = measurement & data; NBT = numbers & operations in base ten; N-CN = complex number system; NF = numbers & operations - fractions; N-RN = real number system; NS = number systems; N-Q = number & quantity; OA = operations & algebraic thinking; RP = ratios & proportional relationships; S-IC- statistics & probability - making inferences/justifying conclusions; S-ID = statistics & probability - interpreting categorical & quantitative data; SP = statistics & probability

Resulting Changes to the DLM Essential Elements

The development of the entire DLM Alternate Assessment System guided a final round of revisions to the DLM EEs, which can be organized into four broad categories: alignment across grade levels, language specificity, common core alignment, and defining learning expectations (rather than instructional tasks). The first type of revision was required to align the DLM EEs across grade levels, both vertically and horizontally. The maps, and the research supporting them, were critical in determining the appropriate progression of skills and understandings from grade to grade. This alignment across grade levels was important within and across standards, strands, and domains. For example, in determining when it was appropriate to introduce concepts in mathematics regarding the relative position of objects, we had to consider the grade level at which prepositions that describe relative position were introduced in English language arts. Examining the research-based skill development outlined in the learning map aided in these kinds of determinations.

The articulation of the claims and conceptual areas reinforced the need for specific language in the DLM EEs to describe learning within an area. Because teams assigned to grade bands developed the first round of DLM EEs, the language choices from one grade to the next were not consistent. Even when closely related skills, concepts, or understandings were

targeted, the same terms were not always selected to describe the intended learning outcome. The teams of content experts who worked on this revised version of the DLM EEs were very intentional in selecting a common set of terms to reflect the claims and conceptual areas and applied them consistently across the entire set of DLM EEs.

Another important change in this version of the DLM EEs involved alignment to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Given that the DLM EEs are intended to clarify the bridge to the CCSS expectations for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities, it is critical that alignment be as close as possible without compromising learning and development over time. While there was never a one-to-one correspondence between the CCSS and the DLM EEs, the revisions have made the alignment between the two more precise than it was in the first version.

Finally, revisions to the DLM EEs involved shifting the focus of a small number of DLM EEs that were written in the form of instructional tasks rather than learning expectations, and adding “With guidance and support” to the beginning of a few of the DLM EEs in the primary grades in English language arts to reflect the expectations articulated in the CCSS.

Members of the DLM consortium reviewed each of the changes to the original version of the DLM EEs. Four states provided substantive feedback on the revisions, and this document incorporates the changes those teams suggested.

Access to Instruction and Assessment

The DLM EEs specify learning targets for students with significant cognitive disabilities; however, they do not describe all of the ways that students can engage in instruction or demonstrate understanding through an assessment. Appropriate modes of communication, both

for presentation or response, are not stated in the DLM EEs unless a specific mode is an expectation. Where no limitation has been stated, no limitation should be inferred. Students' opportunities to learn and to demonstrate learning during assessment should be maximized by providing whatever communication, assistive technologies, augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices, or other access tools that are necessary and routinely used by the student during instruction.

Students with significant cognitive disabilities include a broad range of students with diverse disabilities and communication needs. For some students with significant cognitive disabilities, a range of assistive technologies is required to access content and demonstrate achievement. For other students, AAC devices or accommodations for hearing and visual impairments will be needed. During instruction, teams should meet individual student needs using whatever technologies and accommodations are required. Examples of some of the ways that students may use technology while learning and demonstrating learning are topics for professional development, and include:

- communication devices that compensate for a student's physical inability to produce independent speech.
- alternate access devices that compensate for a student's physical inability to point to responses, turn pages in a book, or use a pencil or keyboard to answer questions or produce writing.

Guidance and Support

The authors of the CCSS use the words "prompting and support" at the earliest grade levels to indicate when students are not expected to achieve standards completely independently. Generally, "prompting" refers to "the action of saying something to persuade,

encourage, or remind someone to do or say something” (McKean, 2005). However, in special education, prompting is often used to mean a system of structured cues to elicit desired behaviors that otherwise would not occur. In order to clearly communicate that teacher assistance is permitted during instruction of the DLM EEs and is not limited to structured prompting procedures, the decision was made by the stakeholder group to use the more general term *guidance* throughout the DLM EEs.

Guidance and support during instruction should be interpreted as teacher encouragement, general assistance, and informative feedback to support the student in learning. Some examples of the kinds of teacher behaviors that would be considered guidance and support include verbal supports, such as

- getting the student started (e.g., “Tell me what to do first.”),
- providing a hint in the right direction without revealing the answer (e.g., Student wants to write *dog* but is unsure how, so the teacher might say, “See if you can write the first letter in the word, /d/og [phonetically pronounced].”),
- using structured technologies such as task-specific word banks, or
- providing structured cues such as those found in prompting procedures (e.g., least-to-most prompts, simultaneous prompting, and graduated guidance).

Guidance and support as described above applies to instruction and is also linked to demonstrating learning relative to DLM EEs, where guidance and support is specifically called out within the standards.

Conclusion

Developing the research-based model of knowledge and skill development represented in the DLM Learning Maps supported the articulation of assessment claims for mathematics and English language arts. This articulation subsequently allowed for a careful revision of the DLM EEs to reflect both horizontal alignment with the CCSS and vertical alignment across the grades, with the goal of moving students toward more sophisticated understandings in both domains. Though the contributions made by Edvantia and our state partners in developing the initial set of DLM EEs were a critical first step, additional revisions to the DLM EEs were required to ensure consistency across all elements of the Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment System.

APPENDIX

Development of the Dynamic Learning Maps Essential Elements has been a collaborative effort among practitioners, researchers, and our state representatives. Listed below are the reviews and the individuals involved with each round of improvements to the Dynamic Learning Maps Essential Elements. Thank you to all of our contributors.

Review of Draft Two of Dynamic Learning Maps Essential Elements

A special thanks to all of the experts nominated by their state to review draft two of the Dynamic Learning Maps Essential Elements. We are grateful for your time and efforts to improve these standards for students with significant cognitive disabilities. Your comments have been incorporated into this draft. The states with teams who reviewed draft two include:

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Iowa	Utah
Kansas	Virginia
Michigan	West Virginia
Missouri	Wisconsin

Development of the Original Dynamic Learning Maps Common Core Essential Elements

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DYNAMIC LEARNING MAPS ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR EIGHTH GRADE

Eighth Grade Mathematics Domain: The Number System

CCSS Grade-Level Standards	DLM Essential Elements
CLUSTER: Know that there are numbers that are not rational, and approximate them by rational numbers.	
8.NS.1. Know that numbers that are not rational are called irrational. Understand informally that every number has a decimal expansion; for rational numbers show that the decimal expansion repeats eventually, and convert a decimal expansion which repeats eventually into a rational number.	EE.8.NS.1. Subtract fractions with like denominators (halves, thirds, fourths, and tenths) with minuends less than or equal to one.
8.NS.2. Use rational approximations of irrational numbers to compare the size of irrational numbers, locate them approximately on a number line diagram, and estimate the value of expressions (e.g., π^2). <i>For example, by truncating the decimal expansion of $\sqrt{2}$, show that $\sqrt{2}$ is between 1 and 2, then between 1.4 and 1.5, and explain how to continue on to get better approximations.</i>	EE.8.NS.2.a. Express a fraction with a denominator of 100 as a decimal.
	EE.8.NS.2.b. Compare quantities represented as decimals in real-world examples to hundredths.

Eighth Grade Mathematics Domain: Expressions and Equations

CCSS Grade-Level Standards	DLM Essential Elements
CLUSTER: Work with radicals and integer exponents.	
<p>8.EE.1. Know and apply the properties of integer exponents to generate equivalent numerical expressions. <i>For example, $3^2 \times 3^{-5} = 3^{-3} = 1/3^3 = 1/27$.</i></p>	<p>EE.8.EE.1. Identify the meaning of an exponent (limited to exponents of 2 and 3).</p>
<p>8.EE.2. Use square root and cube root symbols to represent solutions to equations of the form $x^2 = p$ and $x^3 = p$, where p is a positive rational number. Evaluate square roots of small perfect squares and cube roots of small perfect cubes. Know that $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.</p>	<p>EE.8.EE.2. Identify a geometric sequence of whole numbers with a whole number common ratio.</p>
<p>8.EE.3. Use numbers expressed in the form of a single digit times an integer power of 10 to estimate very large or very small quantities, and to express how many times as much one is than the other. <i>For example, estimate the population of the United States as 3×10^8 and the population of the world as 7×10^9, and determine that the world population is more than 20 times larger.</i></p>	<p>EE.8.EE.3–4. Compose and decompose whole numbers up to 999.</p>
<p>8.EE.4. Perform operations with numbers expressed in scientific notation, including problems where both decimal and scientific notation are used. Use scientific notation, and choose units of appropriate size for measurements of very large or very small quantities (e.g., use millimeters per year for seafloor spreading). Interpret scientific notation that has been generated by technology.</p>	
CLUSTER: Understand the connections between proportional relationships, lines, and linear equations.	
<p>8.EE.5. Graph proportional relationships, interpreting the unit rate as the slope of the graph. Compare two different proportional relationships represented in different ways. <i>For example, compare a distance-time graph to a distance-time equation to determine which of two moving objects has greater speed.</i></p>	<p>EE.8.EE.5–6. Graph a simple ratio by connecting the origin to a point representing the ratio in the form of y/x. <i>For example, when given a ratio in standard form (2:1), convert to $2/1$, and plot the point (1,2).</i></p>
<p>8.EE.6. Use similar triangles to explain why the slope m is the same between any two distinct points on a non-vertical line in the coordinate plane; derive the equation $y = mx$ for a line through the origin and the equation $y = mx + b$ for a line intercepting the vertical axis at b.</p>	

CCSS Grade-Level Standards	DLM Essential Elements
CLUSTER: Analyze and solve linear equations and pairs of simultaneous linear equations.	
8.EE.7. Solve linear equations in one variable.	EE.8.EE.7. Solve simple algebraic equations with one variable using addition and subtraction.
8.EE.7.a. Give examples of linear equations in one variable with one solution, infinitely many solutions, or no solutions. Show which of these possibilities is the case by successively transforming the given equation into simpler forms, until an equivalent equation of the form $x = a$, $a = a$, or $a = b$ results (where a and b are different numbers).	
8.EE.7.b. Solve linear equations with rational number coefficients, including equations whose solutions require expanding expressions using the distributive property and collecting like terms.	
8.EE.8. Analyze and solve pairs of simultaneous linear equations.	Not applicable. See EE.8.EE.5–6 .
8.EE.8.a. Understand that solutions to a system of two linear equations in two variables correspond to points of intersection of their graphs, because points of intersection satisfy both equations simultaneously.	
8.EE.8.b. Solve systems of two linear equations in two variables algebraically, and estimate solutions by graphing the equations. Solve simple cases by inspection. <i>For example, $3x + 2y = 5$ and $3x + 2y = 6$ have no solution because $3x + 2y$ cannot simultaneously be 5 and 6.</i>	
8.EE.8.c. Solve real-world and mathematical problems leading to two linear equations in two variables. <i>For example, given coordinates for two pairs of points, determine whether the line through the first pair of points intersects the line through the second pair.</i>	

Eighth Grade Mathematics Domain: Functions

CCSS Grade-Level Standards	DLM Essential Elements
CLUSTER: Define, evaluate, and compare functions.	
<p>8.F.1. Understand that a function is a rule that assigns to each input exactly one output. The graph of a function is the set of ordered pairs consisting of an input and the corresponding output.²¹</p>	<p>EE.8.F.1–3. Given a function table containing at least 2 complete ordered pairs, identify a missing number that completes another ordered pair (limited to linear functions).</p>
<p>8.F.2. Compare properties of two functions each represented in a different way (algebraically, graphically, numerically in tables, or by verbal descriptions). <i>For example, given a linear function represented by a table of values and a linear function represented by an algebraic expression, determine which function has the greater rate of change.</i></p>	
<p>8.F.3. Interpret the equation $y = mx + b$ as defining a linear function, whose graph is a straight line; give examples of functions that are not linear. <i>For example, the function $A = s^2$ giving the area of a square as a function of its side length is not linear because its graph contains the points (1,1), (2,4) and (3,9), which are not on a straight line.</i></p>	
CLUSTER: Use functions to model relationships between quantities.	
<p>8.F.4. Construct a function to model a linear relationship between two quantities. Determine the rate of change and initial value of the function from a description of a relationship or from two (x, y) values, including reading these from a table or from a graph. Interpret the rate of change and initial value of a linear function in terms of the situation it models, and in terms of its graph or a table of values.</p>	<p>EE.8.F.4. Determine the values or rule of a function using a graph or a table.</p>
<p>8.F.5. Describe qualitatively the functional relationship between two quantities by analyzing a graph (e.g., where the function is increasing or decreasing, linear or nonlinear). Sketch a graph that exhibits the qualitative features of a function that has been described verbally.</p>	<p>EE.8.F.5. Describe how a graph represents a relationship between two quantities.</p>

²¹ Function notation is not required in Grade 8.

Eighth Grade Mathematics Domain: Geometry

CCSS Grade-Level Standards	DLM Essential Elements
CLUSTER: Understand congruence and similarity using physical models, transparencies, or geometry software.	
8.G.1. Verify experimentally the properties of rotations, reflections, and translations:	EE.8.G.1. Recognize translations, rotations, and reflections of shapes.
8.G.1.a. Lines are taken to lines, and line segments to line segments of the same length.	
8.G.1.b. Angles are taken to angles of the same measure.	
8.G.1.c. Parallel lines are taken to parallel lines.	
8.G.2. Understand that a two-dimensional figure is congruent to another if the second can be obtained from the first by a sequence of rotations, reflections, and translations; given two congruent figures, describe a sequence that exhibits the congruence between them.	EE.8.G.2. Identify shapes that are congruent.
8.G.3. Describe the effect of dilations, translations, rotations, and reflections on two-dimensional figures using coordinates.	Not applicable.
8.G.4. Understand that a two-dimensional figure is similar to another if the second can be obtained from the first by a sequence of rotations, reflections, translations, and dilations; given two similar two-dimensional figures, describe a sequence that exhibits the similarity between them.	EE.8.G.4. Identify similar shapes with and without rotation.
8.G.5. Use informal arguments to establish facts about the angle sum and exterior angle of triangles, about the angles created when parallel lines are cut by a transversal, and the angle-angle criterion for similarity of triangles. <i>For example, arrange three copies of the same triangle so that the sum of the three angles appears to form a line, and give an argument in terms of transversals why this is so.</i>	EE.8.G.5. Compare any angle to a right angle, and describe the angle as greater than, less than, or congruent to a right angle.
CLUSTER: Understand and apply the Pythagorean Theorem.	
8.G.6. Explain a proof of the Pythagorean Theorem and its converse.	Not applicable.
8.G.7. Apply the Pythagorean Theorem to determine unknown side lengths in right triangles in real-world and mathematical problems in two and three dimensions.	Not applicable.
8.G.8. Apply the Pythagorean Theorem to find the distance between two points in a coordinate system.	Not applicable.

CCSS Grade-Level Standards	DLM Essential Elements
CLUSTER: Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving volume of cylinders, cones, and spheres.	
<p>8.G.9. Know the formulas for the volumes of cones, cylinders, and spheres, and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems.</p>	<p>EE.8.G.9. Use the formulas for perimeter, area, and volume to solve real-world and mathematical problems (limited to perimeter and area of rectangles and volume of rectangular prisms).</p>

Eighth Grade Mathematics Domain: Statistics and Probability

CCSS Grade-Level Standards	DLM Essential Elements
CLUSTER: Investigate patterns of association in bivariate data.	
<p>8.SP.1. Construct and interpret scatter plots for bivariate measurement data to investigate patterns of association between two quantities. Describe patterns such as clustering, outliers, positive or negative association, linear association, and nonlinear association.</p>	Not applicable.
<p>8.SP.2. Know that straight lines are widely used to model relationships between two quantitative variables. For scatter plots that suggest a linear association, informally fit a straight line, and informally assess the model fit by judging the closeness of the data points to the line.</p>	Not applicable. See EE.10.S-ID.1–2 and EE.10.S-ID.3 .
<p>8.SP.3. Use the equation of a linear model to solve problems in the context of bivariate measurement data, interpreting the slope and intercept. <i>For example, in a linear model for a biology experiment, interpret a slope of 1.5 cm/hr as meaning that an additional hour of sunlight each day is associated with an additional 1.5 cm in mature plant height.</i></p>	Not applicable.
<p>8.SP.4. Understand that patterns of association can also be seen in bivariate categorical data by displaying frequencies and relative frequencies in a two-way table. Construct and interpret a two-way table summarizing data on two categorical variables collected from the same subjects. Use relative frequencies calculated for rows or columns to describe possible association between the two variables. <i>For example, collect data from students in your class on whether or not they have a curfew on school nights and whether or not they have assigned chores at home. Is there evidence that those who have a curfew also tend to have chores?</i></p>	<p>EE.8.SP.4. Construct a graph or table from given categorical data, and compare data categorized in the graph or table.</p>