

Summary of Updates to: *Alberta K–9 Mathematics Achievement Indicators*

This document highlights updates to the *Alberta K–9 Mathematics Achievement Indicators* support document for September 2015.

- The introduction has been updated (page 1, [AI](#)).
- New achievement indicators have been added to include standard/traditional algorithm achievement indicators in the grades 2–5 Number strand outcomes related to operations (pages 16, 28, 41, 43, 44, 56, [AI](#)). These achievement indicators are highlighted on the following pages in this document. The corresponding 2014 outcomes and achievement indicators are included for comparison.
- The achievement indicators are organized by specific outcome. Refer to the [Alberta Mathematics Kindergarten to Grade 9 Program of Studies 2007 \(Updated 2014\)](#) for the complete program of studies.

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Grade 2 Number	<p>9. Demonstrate an understanding of addition (limited to 1- and 2-digit numerals) with answers to 100 and the corresponding subtraction by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using personal strategies for adding and subtracting with and without the support of manipulatives • creating and solving problems that involve addition and subtraction • using the commutative property of addition (the order in which numbers are added does not affect the sum) • using the associative property of addition (grouping a set of numbers in different ways does not affect the sum) • explaining that the order in which numbers are subtracted may affect the difference. <p>[C, CN, ME, PS, R, V]</p>	<p>(Students investigate a variety of strategies and become proficient in at least one appropriate and efficient strategy that they understand.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Model addition and subtraction, using concrete materials or visual representations, and record the process symbolically. ➤ Create an addition or a subtraction number sentence and a story problem for a given solution. ➤ Solve a given problem involving a missing addend, and describe the strategy used. ➤ Solve a given problem involving a missing minuend or subtrahend, and describe the strategy used. ➤ Refine personal strategies to increase their efficiency. ➤ Match a number sentence to a given missing addend problem. ➤ Match a number sentence to a given missing subtrahend or minuend problem. ➤ Explain or demonstrate why $5 + 6 = 6 + 5$. ➤ Add a given set of numbers, using the associative property of addition, and explain why the sum is the same; e.g., $2 + 5 + 3 + 8 = (2 + 3) + 5 + 8$ or $5 + 3 + (8 + 2)$. ➤ Solve a given problem, using horizontal and vertical formats.

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Grade 3 Number	<p>9. Demonstrate an understanding of addition and subtraction of numbers with answers to 1000 (limited to 1-, 2- and 3-digit numerals), concretely, pictorially and symbolically, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using personal strategies for adding and subtracting with and without the support of manipulatives • creating and solving problems in context that involve addition and subtraction of numbers. <p>[C, CN, ME, PS, R, V]</p>	<p>(Students investigate a variety of strategies and become proficient in at least one appropriate and efficient strategy that they understand.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Model the addition of two or more given numbers, using concrete or visual representations, and record the process symbolically. ➤ Model the subtraction of two given numbers, using concrete or visual representations, and record the process symbolically. ➤ Create an addition or subtraction story problem for a given solution. ➤ Determine the sum of two given numbers, using a personal strategy; e.g., for $326 + 48$, record $300 + 60 + 14$. ➤ Determine the difference of two given numbers, using a personal strategy; e.g., for $127 - 38$, record $38 + 2 + 80 + 7$ or $127 - 20 - 10 - 8$. ➤ Refine personal strategies to increase their efficiency. ➤ Solve a given problem involving the sum or difference of two given numbers.

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Grade 4 Number	<p>3. Demonstrate an understanding of addition of numbers with answers to 10 000 and their corresponding subtractions (limited to 3- and 4-digit numerals) by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using personal strategies for adding and subtracting • estimating sums and differences • solving problems involving addition and subtraction. <p>[C, CN, ME, PS, R]</p>	<p>(Students investigate a variety of strategies and become proficient in at least one appropriate and efficient strategy that they understand.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Explain how to keep track of digits that have the same place value when adding numbers, limited to 3- and 4-digit numerals. ➤ Explain how to keep track of digits that have the same place value when subtracting numbers, limited to 3- and 4-digit numerals. ➤ Describe a situation in which an estimate rather than an exact answer is sufficient. ➤ Estimate sums and differences, using different strategies; e.g., front-end estimation and compensation. ➤ Refine personal strategies to increase their efficiency. ➤ Solve problems that involve addition and subtraction of more than 2 numbers.

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Grade 4 Number	<p>6. Demonstrate an understanding of multiplication (2- or 3-digit by 1-digit) to solve problems by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using personal strategies for multiplication with and without concrete materials • using arrays to represent multiplication • connecting concrete representations to symbolic representations • estimating products • applying the distributive property. <p>[C, CN, ME, PS, R, V]</p>	<p>(Students investigate a variety of strategies and become proficient in at least one appropriate and efficient strategy that they understand.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Model a given multiplication problem, using the distributive property; e.g., $8 \times 365 = (8 \times 300) + (8 \times 60) + (8 \times 5)$. ➤ Use concrete materials, such as base ten blocks or their pictorial representations, to represent multiplication; and record the process symbolically. ➤ Create and solve a multiplication problem that is limited to 2- or 3-digits by 1-digit, and record the process. ➤ Refine personal strategies to increase their efficiency. ➤ Estimate a product, using a personal strategy; e.g., 2×243 is close to or a little more than 2×200, or close to or a little less than 2×250. ➤ Model and solve a given multiplication problem, using an array, and record the process. ➤ Solve a given multiplication problem, and record the process.

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Grade 4 Number	<p>7. Demonstrate an understanding of division (1-digit divisor and up to 2-digit dividend) to solve problems by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using personal strategies for dividing with and without concrete materials • estimating quotients • relating division to multiplication. <p>[C, CN, ME, PS, R, V]</p>	<p>(It is not intended that remainders be expressed as decimals or fractions.) (Students investigate a variety of strategies and become proficient in at least one appropriate and efficient strategy that they understand.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Solve a given division problem without a remainder, using arrays or base ten materials, and connect this process to the symbolic representation. ➤ Solve a given division problem with a remainder, using arrays or base ten materials, and connect this process to the symbolic representation. ➤ Solve a given division problem, using a personal strategy, and record the process. ➤ Refine personal strategies to increase their efficiency. ➤ Create and solve a division problem involving a 1- or 2-digit dividend, and record the process. ➤ Estimate a quotient, using a personal strategy; e.g., $86 \div 4$ is close to $80 \div 4$ or close to $80 \div 5$. ➤ Solve a given division problem by relating division to multiplication; e.g., for $100 \div 4$, we know that $4 \times 25 = 100$, so $100 \div 4 = 25$.

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Grade 5 Number	5. Demonstrate, with and without concrete materials, an understanding of multiplication (2-digit by 2-digit) to solve problems. [C, CN, PS, V]	<p>(Students investigate a variety of strategies and become proficient in at least one appropriate and efficient strategy that they understand.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Illustrate partial products in expanded notation for both factors; e.g., for 36×42, determine the partial products for $(30 + 6) \times (40 + 2)$. ➤ Represent both 2-digit factors in expanded notation to illustrate the distributive property; e.g., to determine the partial products of 36×42, $(30 + 6) \times (40 + 2) = 30 \times 40 + 30 \times 2 + 6 \times 40 + 6 \times 2 = 1200 + 60 + 240 + 12 = 1512$. ➤ Model the steps for multiplying 2-digit factors, using an array and base ten blocks, and record the process symbolically. ➤ Describe a solution procedure for determining the product of two given 2-digit factors, using a pictorial representation such as an area model. ➤ Solve a given multiplication problem in context, using personal strategies, and record the process. ➤ Refine personal strategies to increase their efficiency. ➤ Create and solve a multiplication problem, and record the process.

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Grade 5 Number	6. Demonstrate, with and without concrete materials, an understanding of division (3-digit by 1-digit), and interpret remainders to solve problems. [C, CN, ME, PS, R, V]	(Students investigate a variety of strategies and become proficient in at least one appropriate and efficient strategy that they understand.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Model the division process as equal sharing, using base ten blocks, and record it symbolically. ➤ Explain that the interpretation of a remainder depends on the context: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ignore the remainder; e.g., making teams of 4 from 22 people • round up the quotient; e.g., the number of five passenger cars required to transport 13 people • express remainders as fractions; e.g., five apples shared by two people • express remainders as decimals; e.g., measurement and money. ➤ Solve a given division problem in context, using personal strategies, and record the process. ➤ Refine personal strategies to increase their efficiency. ➤ Create and solve a division problem, and record the process.

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