

# 8.G: GEOMETRY

**Cluster Statement:** A: Understand congruence and similarity using physical models, transparencies, or geometry software.

**Major Cluster** (Students should spend the large majority of their time (65-85%) on the major work of the grade/course. Supporting work and, where appropriate, additional work should be connected to and engage students in the major work of the grade.)

Standard Text	Standard for Mathematical	Students who demonstrate
	Practices	understanding can:
8.G.A.1: Verify experimentally the		Construct transformations by
properties of rotations,	SMP 4: Students model with	using models, transparencies or
reflections, and translations:	mathematics. Students model on	geometry software, and
	the coordinate plane to explore	develop an understanding of
• 8.G.A.1.A: Lines are taken to	congruent and similar figures.	the relationship of the original
lines, and line segments to		to its image.
line segments of the same	SMP 5: Students use appropriate	Analyze the relationships
length.	tools strategically.	between corresponding sides
• 8.G.A.1.B: Angles are taken to		and corresponding angles of
angles of the same measure.	SMP 6: Students attend to precision.	the original figure to its image.
8.G.A.1.C: Parallel lines are	Students are careful to bring lines to	• Translate figures, given a set of
taken to parallel lines.	lines and angles to angle when	rules, on the coordinate plane.
	performing transformations.	Evaluate and describe
		transformations.
	SMP 7: Students look for and make	• Accurately transform figures on
	use of the structure of figures as	the coordinate plane using
	they transform them.	rotations, translations,
		reflections, and the correct
		notation.
		Identify transformations
		performed to transform an
		image to the original.
		Webb's Depth of Knowledge: 3-4
		Bloom's Taxonomy:
		Analyze, Evaluate, Create
Standard Text	Standard for Mathematical	Students who demonstrate
	Practices	understanding can:
8.G.A.2: Understand that a two-		Identify congruent figures by
dimensional figure is congruent	SMP 4: Students model with	describing a sequence of
to another if the second can be	mathematics. Students model on	rotations, translations or
obtained from the first by a	the coordinate plane to explore	reflections that map one figure
sequence of rotations, reflections,	congruent and similar figures.	onto another.
and translations; given two		Effectively describe the series of
congruent figures, describe a	SMP 5: Students use appropriate	transformations verbally or in
sequence that exhibits the	tools strategically.	writing.
congruence between them.		Create congruent figures by
	SMP 6: Students attend to precision.	applying a series of
	Students are careful to bring lines to	transformations (use correct
		notation).



	lines and angles to angle when performing transformations. SMP 7: Students look for and make use of the structure of figures as they transform them.	<ul> <li>Understand that a series of rotations, translations or reflections preserves the size and shape of the figure (congruence).</li> <li>Webb's Depth of Knowledge: 1-2</li> <li>Bloom's Taxonomy: Understand, Apply, Create</li> </ul>
Standard Text 8.G.A.3: Describe the effect of dilations, translations, rotations, and reflections on two- dimensional figures using coordinates.	Standard for Mathematical Practices SMP 4: Students model with mathematics. Students model on the coordinate plane to explore congruent and similar figures. SMP 5: Students use appropriate tools strategically. SMP 6: Students attend to precision. Students are careful to bring lines to lines and angles to angle when performing transformations. SMP 7: Students look for and make use of the structure of figures as they transform them.	<ul> <li>Students who demonstrate understanding can: <ul> <li>Identify the image of a figure on a coordinate grid given a scale factor and center of dilation.</li> <li>Create a dilation of a polygon on a square grid given a scale factor and center of dilation.</li> <li>Describe (orally) a figure on a coordinate grid and its image under a dilation, using coordinates to refer to points.</li> <li>Draw and label a diagram of a line segment rotated 90 degrees clockwise or counterclockwise about a given center.</li> <li>Generalize (orally and in writing) the process to reflect any point in the coordinate plane.</li> <li>Identify (orally and in writing) coordinates that represent a transformation of one figure to another.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Determine and describe a series of transformations from a pre- image to an image.</li> <li>Recognize the relationship between the original coordinates of the image and understand that rotations, reflections and translations follow a specific pattern on the coordinate plane.</li> <li>Recognize that you can use coordinates to find the scale</li> </ul>



		factor of a dilation.
		Webb's Depth of Knowledge: 1-2
		Bloom's Taxonomy: understand
<b>Standard Text</b> 8.G.A.4: Understand that a two- dimensional figure is similar to another if the second can be obtained from the first by a	Standard for Mathematical Practices SMP 4: Students model with mathematics. Students model on the coordinate plane to explore	<ul> <li>Students who demonstrate understanding can:</li> <li>Understand the concept of similar figures.</li> <li>Conclude that a two- dimensional figure is similar to</li> </ul>
sequence of rotations, reflections, translations, and dilations; given two similar two-dimensional figures, describe a sequence that exhibits the similarity between them.	congruent and similar figures. SMP 5: Students use appropriate tools strategically. SMP 6: Students attend to precision. Students are careful to bring lines to lines and angles to angle when performing transformations.	<ul> <li>another by describing a sequence of translations, rotations, reflections and dilations that will map the original figure onto the image (vice-versa).</li> <li>Express their understanding verbally and in written form.</li> <li>Create similar figures given a figure form.</li> </ul>
	SMP 7: Students look for and make use of the structure of figures as they transform them.	sequence of transformations. Webb's Depth of Knowledge: 1-4
		Bloom's Taxonomy: understand, apply, create
<b>Standard Text</b> 8.G.A.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. 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.	Standard for Mathematical Practices SMP 3: Students construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others when explaining the relationships of angles and how they are used to find missing measurements. SMP 4: Students model with mathematics when using formulas and drawings to show angle sums adding to form a line.	<ul> <li>Students who demonstrate understanding can:</li> <li>Use informal arguments to establish facts about the angles created when parallel lines are cut by a transversal.</li> <li>Apply their knowledge of angle relationships to reason about parallel lines.</li> <li>Identify exterior and interior angles of triangles.</li> <li>Apply their knowledge to determine if two triangles are similar.</li> <li>Use the angle-angle criterion for similarity of triangles.</li> <li>Determine if two triangles are similar or not and explain how they know.</li> <li>Webb's Depth of Knowledge: 2</li> </ul>
		Apply



Previous Learning Connections	Current Learning Connections	Future Learning Connections
In 4th-7th grade, students	<ul> <li>In 8th grade, this cluster does</li> </ul>	In future courses, students
draw, construct, and describe	not directly connect to any	develop a more formal
geometric figures (such as	other cluster.	understanding of
angles and polygons) and their		transformations in the plane
relationships. Students solve		and prove theorems about
real-life and mathematical		triangles, lines, and angles.
problems involving angle		
measure.		
Clarification Statements		
Students describe and apply translation	ons rotations reflections and dilations t	o understand congruent and similar
figures Students explain and understa	and angle relationships	o understand congruent and similar
Common Misconceptions		
<ul> <li>Students may see a reflection as a</li> </ul>	a translation	
<ul> <li>Students may think rotation, refle</li> </ul>	ection, or translations change the size or	shape of a figure.
<ul> <li>Students may forget that dilation</li> </ul>	s with a scale factor between 0 and 1 re	sult in a smaller image. Students may
forget to change signs in coordin	ates when reflecting over an axis.	
• Students will make errors if he/sh	le looks at the wrong transversal. Studer	nts may confuse congruent and
supplementary angles, apply rule	s to lines that are not parallel.	, ,
Multi-Layered System of Supports	(MLSS)/Suggested Instructional Strate	egies
Pre-Teach		
Pre-teach (targeted	): What pre-teaching will prepare studen	ts to productively struggle with the
mathematics for this	s cluster within your HQIM?	
• For examp	le, some learners may benefit from targ	eted pre-teaching that rehearses new
mathemat	ical language when studying congruenc	e and similarity using physical
models, tra	ansparencies and geometry software be	cause students will be able to make
connection	is to vocabulary using examples and de	finitions. Some of this vocabulary
could be n	iames of figures and angles and others (	can be about the topic of congruence
and simila	rity.	
Pre-teach (intensive	e): What critical understandings will prep	are students to access the mathematics
for this cluster?		
• 7.G.A.2: Th	is standard provides a foundation for w	ork with congruence and similarity
because w	hen students are asked to sketch, draw,	and compose geometric shapes, they
are laying	the foundation for the practice of geom	etric deduction that will be used
further on	throughout their education . If students	have unfinished learning within this
standard, l	pased on assessment data, consider way	s to provide intensive pre-teaching
support pr	ior to the start of the unit to ensure stu	dents are ready to access grade level
instruction	and assignments.	
Core Instruction		
Access	a la ancie a fan etudente eneride multiple	antions for more iting at dont
interest: How Will th	e learning for students provide multiple	options for recruiting student
Interest?	le learners engaging with understanding	a congruence and cimilarity weight
For examp     shucical m	ne, learners engaging with understandin	y congruence and similarity using
physical m experience	as include ways to recruit interest such a	s creating socially relevant tasks
because st	udents will be more interested in activit	ies or learning goals that are more

relevant to their lives. One of the ways teachers can do this is by creating meaningful



activities that demonstrate the value of this learning towards the goals of the learner. Provide students with a purpose for the learning that is clear to all learners.

### Build

Effort and Persistence: How will the learning for students provide options for sustaining effort and persistence?

• For example, learners engaging with understanding congruence and similarity using physical models, transparencies or geometry software benefit when learning experiences attend to students attention and affect to support sustained effort and concentration such as creating cooperative learning groups with clear goals, roles, and responsibilities because it is important for learners to be able to cooperate and collaborate with other learners. This can foster important conversations that will keep learners engaged in the goals of a task. For example, one task may be that students are asked to look at a set of figures and determine which ones are the same size and same shape. Students would be asked to explain their reasoning with their peers. In their explanation they may be asked to explain what it means for two figures to be the same size and the same shape. This task can initiate conversations about congruence and prior knowledge from earlier years of what same size and same shape means.

Language and Symbols: How will the learning for students provide alternative representations to ensure accessibility, clarity and comprehensibility for all learners? (e.g., a graph illustrating the relationship between two variables may be informative to one learner and inaccessible or puzzling to another; picture or image may carry very different meanings for learners from differing cultural or familial backgrounds)

• For example, learners engaging with understanding congruence and similarity using physical models, transparencies or geometry software benefit when learning experiences attend to the linguistic and nonlinguistic representations of mathematics to ensure clarity can comprehensibility for all learners such as pre-teaching vocabulary and symbols, especially in ways that promote connection to the learners' experience and prior knowledge because this will make vocabulary more accessible to all learners. For example, in a task where students are asked to explain whether a set of given figures is the same size and the same shape, they may rely on previous knowledge gained throughout elementary school. The idea of congruence in year 8 is embedded in the standards throughout elementary. Students can use alternate expressions of the meaning for congruence to explain their thinking and make connections to the new word.

Expression and Communication: *How will the learning provide multiple modalities for students to easily express knowledge, ideas, and concepts in the learning environment?* 

For example, learners engaging with understanding congruence and similarity using
physical models, transparencies or geometry software benefit when learning
experiences attend to the multiple ways students can express knowledge, ideas, and
concepts such as providing sentence starters or sentence strips because they will
support the learner in constructing an explanation or description of their thinking. This
can be used during almost any activity to encourage and support discussion among
peers. For example, when students are given the task of trying to explain whether
figures are the same size and same shape, the student can use the sentence frame of "I
notice \_\_\_\_, so..." or "First, I \_\_\_\_\_ because...".

#### Internalize

Self-Regulation: How will the design of the learning strategically support students to effectively cope and engage with the environment?



•	For example, learners engaging with understanding congruence and similarity using physical models, transparencies or geometry software benefit when learning experiences set personal goals that increase ownership of learning goals and support healthy responses and interactions (e.g., learning from mistakes), such as increasing the length of on-task orientation in the face of distractions because some students may experience a certain amount of frustration in the face of a difficult task. Doing this will help learners to avoid being anxious about tasks and stay focused on being motivated to achieve their learning goal.
Re-teach	
Re-teach help ide. • Re-teach intensive •	h (targeted): What formative assessment data (e.g., tasks, exit tickets, observations) will ntify content needing to be revisiting during a unit? For example, students may benefit from re-engaging with content during a unit on understanding congruence and similarity using physical models, transparencies and geometry software by revisiting student thinking through a short mini-lesson because this will allow the learner to review what their thinking was prior to the lesson and reflect on changes in thinking that have been made. This will also allow the instructor to identify any misconceptions based on the concept of congruence, or a misunderstanding of the process in determining congruence and similarity. h (intensive): What assessment data will help identify content needing to be revisited for e interventions? For example, some students may benefit from intensive extra time during and after a unit of understanding congruence and similarity using physical models, transparencies and geometry software by confronting student misconceptions because once misconceptions are identified whether based on misunderstanding of congruence or modeling the concept with dilations rotations, reflections and translations, then the teacher can address those misunderstandings on a more specific level. Teacher may also decide whether content vocabulary is an issue for students and re-teach these
	vocabulary words on a more intensive basis
Extension	
What ty mathem	pe of extension will offer additional challenges to 'broaden' your student's knowledge of the natics developed within your HQIM?
•	For example, some learners may benefit from an extension such as open ended tasks linking multiple disciplines when studying and understanding congruence and similarity using physical models, transparencies and geometry software because this type of task would allow for some integration of other disciplines such as art in order to express understanding. An example of this would be allowing students to create a mosaic using transformations.
Culturally and Linguistic	ally Responsive Instruction:

**Validate/Affirm:** How can you design your mathematics classroom to intentionally and purposefully legitimize the home culture and languages of students and reverse the negative stereotypes regarding the mathematical abilities of students of marginalized cultures and languages?

**Build/Bridge:** How can you create connections between the cultural and linguistic behaviors of your students' home culture and language the culture and language of school mathematics to support students in creating mathematical identities as capable mathematicians that can use mathematics within school and society?

The type of mathematical tasks and instruction students receive provides the foundation for students' mathematical learning and their mathematical identity. Tasks and instruction that provide greater access to the



mathematics and convey the creativity of mathematics by allowing for multiple solution strategies and development of the standards for mathematical practice lead to more students viewing themselves mathematically successful capable mathematicians than tasks and instruction which define success as memorizing and repeating a procedure demonstrated by the teacher. For example, when studying understanding congruence and similarity using physical models, transparencies, and geometry software the types of mathematical tasks are critical because they can allow for multiple, creative solutions. Tasks should be worded to support a wide variety of approaches and solutions. Open ended tasks that elicit a wide range of ideas are better than tasks that prescribe a certain strategy and outcome.

## Standards Aligned Instructionally Embedded Formative Assessment Resources:

Source: http://tasks.illustrativemathematics.org/content-standards/8/G/A/2/tasks/646

8.G.A.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.

- Learning Target: I can prove two figures are congruent.
- Webb's Depth of Knowledge: 2
- Students' first experience with transformations is likely to be with specific shapes like triangles, quadrilaterals, circles, and figures with symmetry. Exhibiting a sequence of transformations that shows that two generic line segments of the same length are congruent is a good way for students to begin thinking about transformations in greater generality.





Line segments AB and CD have the same length. Describe a sequence of reflections that exhibits a congruence between them.

# Relevance to families and communities:

During a unit focused on understanding congruence and similarity using physical models, transparencies, and geometry software, consider options for learning from your families and communities the cultural and linguistic ways this mathematics exists outside of school to create stronger home to school connections for students, for example, learning about connections students can make with vocabulary such as rotation, translation, rotations and dilations, to their home languages can help to build independence and confidence.

# **Cross-Curricular Connections:**

Art: Geometric artwork