## MATH ZINGERS

## Solving the Most-Missed STAAR ${ }^{\circledR}$ Test Items

- Builds test-taking skills and confidence.
- Engages all students with challenging test items.
- Promotes student thinking with interactive instruction.


# STAAR GRADE 6 MATHEMATICS REFERENCE MATERIALS 

## LENGTH

Customary
1 mile (mi) = 1,760 yards (yd)
1 yard (yd) $=3$ feet (ft)
1 foot (ft) = 12 inches (in.)

## Metric

1 kilometer $(\mathrm{km})=1,000$ meters $(\mathrm{m})$
1 meter $(\mathrm{m})=100$ centimeters (cm)
1 centimeter $(\mathrm{cm})=10$ millimeters $(\mathrm{mm})$

VOLUME AND CAPACITY

Customary
1 gallon (gal) $=4$ quarts (qt)
1 quart (qt) $=2$ pints (pt)
1 pint (pt) $=2$ cups (c)
1 cup (c) = 8 fluid ounces (floz)

1 ton $(T)=2,000$ pounds $(\mathrm{lb})$
1 pound $(\mathrm{Ib})=16$ ounces $(\mathrm{oz})$

WEIGHT AND MASS

## Customary

Metric
1 liter $(\mathrm{L})=1,000$ milliliters $(\mathrm{mL})$

Metric
1 kilogram (kg) $=1,000$ grams ( g )
1 gram (g) = 1,000 milligrams (mg)

Dear Student,
There are many important qualities of character and intelligence that the STAAR tests are not designed to measure-as this cartoon shows.


What the STAAR Grade 6 Mathematics test does measure is your ability to solve specific kinds of math problems. The lessons in this workbook will teach you how to approach and successfully answer STAAR test questions. These skills are fun to learn, so you will probably enjoy the lessons.

## Zingers— Solving the Most-Missed Test Items

With Zingers, you will become a better math STAAR-problem solver. Each Zinger presents one of the most difficult released STAAR test items and guides you to: read for understanding, plan and solve the problem, and reflect on the solution process. Finally, you practice with a similar test item to apply what you learned.
Preparing for the STAAR math test can be a fun challenge. And using Zingers will help you succeed!
Your partners in STAAR success,
The Sirius Education Team

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Using the Grade 6 Mathematics Zingers $\qquad$

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## Using the Grade 6 Mathematics Zingers

Zingers teach how to read actively, think carefully, and solve some of the most-missed STAAR test items.

## (1) READ and UNDERSTAND

Good problem solvers carefully read and reread the problem. Use the interactive questions to help you identify key facts such as:

- What information is given?
- What does the problem ask for?
- What key concepts do you need?


## (2) PLAN and SOLVE

Examine what two students think as they attempt to solve the problem.
The students often use different methods to solve the problem. They might make mistakes. Correcting these mistakes helps you avoid making common mistakes on the STAAR test.


## (3) LOOK BACK

What do you think? What did you learn from the other students' solution processes?
Reflecting on the problem will help you remember it when you see similar problems on the STAAR test.

## (4) GUIDED PRACTICE



Now it's your turn to solve a similar problem.
Use the interactive solution to avoid careless errors. With practice, you can solve the problems most students missed!

## (5) INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

Apply what you learned with more practice.
After this, you will feel more confident that you can succeed on the STAAR test. After all, you just solved one of the hardest problems!

## READ and UNDERSTAND Read the problem carefully. 74\% of students missed this one!

Regina writes the expression $y+9 \cdot \frac{3}{4}$. Which expression is equivalent to the one Regina writes?

STAAR Grade 62019 \#23
A $(9 \cdot 3 \div 4)+y$
B $9+y \cdot(3 \div 4)$
C $(y+9)(3 \div 4)$
D None of these

1. The expression Regina wrote includes | does not include a fraction. The answer choices include | do not include a fraction.
2. The correct answer is an expression equivalent to $y+9 \cdot \frac{3}{4}$. This means that for any value of $y$, it will be equal to $\mid$ not equal to $y+9 \cdot \frac{3}{4}$.

## PLAN and SOLVE Read what each student thinks.

## Diego thinks . . .

I will check whether I can write each answer choice as the expression Regina wrote, $y+$
9. $\frac{3}{4}$.

For $B$, the 9 and $y$ can be switched, because $9+y$ is the same as $y+9$.
$9+y \cdot(3 \div 4)=y+9 \cdot(3 \div 4)$
Then, $3 \div 4$ can be written as $\frac{3}{4}$, so $y+9 \cdot(3 \div 4)=y+9 \cdot \frac{3}{4}$.
My choice is $B$.
3. Diego correctly | incorrectly writes $3 \div 4$ as $\frac{3}{4}$.

## Luis thinks . . .

I should be able to write Regina's expression as the correct answer choice.
I will write $\frac{3}{4}$ as a division expression.

$$
y^{4}+9 \cdot \frac{3}{4}=y+9 \cdot 3 \div 4
$$

Order of operations tells me to evaluate
$9 \cdot 3 \div 4$, then add it to $y$. Since adding gives the same answer in either order,
$y+9 \cdot 3 \div 4=(9 \cdot 3 \div 4)+y$.
My choice is $A$.
4. Luis switches the order of $y$ and 9 | $3 \div 4$ | $9 \cdot 3 \div 4$

## LOOK BACK Answer each question.

5. Diego thinks 9 and $y$ are addends that can be switched. The addends in the expression $9+y \cdot(3 \div 4)$ are 9 and $y \quad \mid y \cdot(3 \div 4) \quad(3 \div 4)$.
6. One way to check whether expressions are equivalent is to use substitution. For example, when $y=3$, the value of $y+9 \cdot \frac{3}{4}$ is $\qquad$ and the value of expression $\mathbf{C},(y+9)(3 \div 4)$, is $\qquad$ .

So these expressions are | are not equivalent.
7. The correct answer choice is A | B | C \| D.

## GUIDED PRACTICE Read the problem carefully.

Which two expressions are equivalent?

F $9(6+x)$
$9 \cdot 6+9 \cdot x$
G $x+(8 \cdot 9)$
$(x+8) \cdot 9$

H $8 \cdot 6 \div x$
$8 \cdot x \div 6$
J $6 \cdot x+3$
$6 \cdot(x+3)$
8. The distributive property says that $a(b+c)=a \cdot b+$ $\qquad$ . In choice $\mathrm{F}, 9(6+x)$ is $\quad$ is not equivalent to $9 \cdot 6+9 \cdot x$.
9. By order of operations, if there are no parentheses you should add | multiply before you add | multiply.
This means that $6 \cdot x+3$ is equivalent to $(6 \cdot x)+3 \mid 6 \cdot(x+3)$, and $x+8 \cdot 9$ is equivalent to $(x+8) \cdot 9 \mid x+(8 \cdot 9)$.
10. By the commutative property of addition, $a+b=b+a$. Another commutative property says that $a \cdot b=b \cdot a \quad \mid \quad a \div b=b \div a$. In choice $\mathbf{H}, 6 \div x$ is $\mid$ is not equivalent to $x \div 6$.
11. The correct answer choice is $\mathrm{F}|\mathrm{G}| \mathrm{H} \mid \mathrm{J}$.

## INDEPENDENT PRACTICE Solve each problem.

12. Choose all pairs of expressions that are equivalent.

| $78+5+5$ | $138 \cdot 5 \cdot 2$ | $16+97+4$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $78+10$ | $138 \cdot 5^{2}$ | $97+20$ |

13. Choose all expressions that are equivalent to $y+x$.

14. Choose all pairs of expressions that are equivalent.

| $y-x$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $x-y$ | $\begin{array}{c}y \cdot x \\ x \cdot y\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}y \div x \\ x \div y\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}y^{2} \\ 2 \cdot y\end{array}$ | $0 \cdot(y+x)$ |\(| \begin{gathered}y+x+z <br>

y+(x+z)\end{gathered}\)
15. Choose all expressions that are equivalent to another expression shown.
$y-6 x$
| $(y-x) \cdot 6$
$6 y-6 x$
$6 y-x$
$6(y-x)$ |
$6(y-6 x)$

## READ and UNDERSTAND Read the problem carefully. $52 \%$ of students missed this one!

The graph shows the number of points, $y$, a player earns in a balloon game based on the number of balloons the player pops, $x$.

Which equation best represents the relationship between $x$ and $y$ ?

STAAR Grade 62017 \#13
A $y=x+25$
B $\quad x=y+25$
C $x=25 y$
D $y=25 x$


1. The $x$-values of the points on the graph represent the number
of balloons | points , and the $y$-values represent the number of balloons | points.
2. The correct answer is $\mathrm{a}(\mathrm{n})$ equation | graph | verbal description that represents the relationship between $x$ and $y$.

## PLAN and SOLVE Read what each student thinks.

## Eito thinks. . .

I'll pick a point from the graph that is not at the origin, and see if its $x$ - and $y$-values work in each equation. I'll use $(2,50)$.

A $50 \neq 2+25$
B $2 \neq 50+25$
C $2 \neq 25(50)$
D $50=25(2)$
So, my choice is $D$.
3. Eito substitutes the $x$ - and $y$-values from $(2,50)$ into each equation correctly | incorrectly

## Paulina thinks. . .

I'll make a table of the $x$ - and $y$-values of the points in the graph.

| $\boldsymbol{x}$ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\boldsymbol{y}$ | 0 | 25 | 50 | 75 | 100 | 125 |

When the $x$-value increases by 1 , the $y$-value increases by 25 .
Choice $\boldsymbol{B}$ shows adding 25 to $y$, so I choose B.
4. Paulina records the $x$ - and $y$-values in the table
correctly | incorrectly .

## LOOK BACK Answer each question.

5. Could Eito have substituted the values from the point $(0,0)$ into each equation to find the correct answer? Explain your answer. $\qquad$
$\qquad$
6. In Paulina's table, each $y$-value is 25 plus | times the corresponding $x$-value. How can you use this pattern to choose the correct answer?
$\qquad$
7. The correct answer choice is A | B | C D D.

## GUIDED PRACTICE Read the problem carefully.

Susan often walks to a trail near her house, then continues walking on the trail. The graph shows the total distance in miles Susan walks, $y$, based on the distance in miles she walks on the trail, $x$.

Which equation best represents the relationship between $x$ and $y$ ?

F $x=y+0.5$
G $y=x+0.5$
H $x=0.5 y$
J $y=0.5 x$

8. Circle the coordinate pairs that represent points on the graphed line.
$(0,0.5)$
$(1,2)$ |
$(2,1.5)$ |
$(2.5,3)$
9. Each answer choice includes the decimal $\qquad$ . The $y$-value of each point is equal to the $x$-value plus | times this number.
10. The correct answer choice is $\mathrm{F}|\mathrm{G}| \mathrm{H} \mid \mathrm{J}$.

## INDEPENDENT PRACTICE Use your own paper to graph each set of points. Then write

 an equation to represent the relationship between $x$ and $y$.11. Graph the points ( 0,6 ), $(1,7),(2,8)$, and $(3,9)$.

The equation is $\qquad$ .
12. Graph the points $(0,0),(4,1),(8,2)$, and $(12,3)$.

The equation is $\qquad$ .

## ZINGER 17

6.12C Summarize numeric data with numerical summaries, including the mean and median (measures of center) and the range and interquartile range (IQR) (measures of spread), and use these summaries to describe the center, spread, and shape of the data distribution.

## READ and UNDERSTAND Read the problem carefully. 64\% of students missed this one!

The dot plot shows the number of chess games won by each of the 20 students in a competition.

STAAR Grade 62016 \#34


Which statement about the data is true?
F The median is 4, and the interquartile range is 10.
G The median is 4 , and the interquartile range is 5 .
$\mathbf{H}$ The median is 5, and the interquartile range is 10 .
J The median is 5 , and the interquartile range is 5 .

1. The dot plot has a total of $\qquad$ dots, and each dot represents one student | game.
2. Each answer choice is a statement about the $\qquad$ and the interquartile range (IQR) of the data.

## PLAN and SOLVE Read what each student thinks.

## Tyler thinks . . .

The median is the middle data point. There are 20 points and the tenth one is 4 , so the median is 4 . I can eliminate $\boldsymbol{H}$ and J .
The least data point is 0 and the greatest data point is 10 , so the range is $10-0=10$.
My choice is $F$.

## Benito thinks . . .

First I'll write out the data:
$0,0,0,1,1,3,3,3,4,4$,
$4,6,6,7,7,7,8,8,9,10$
The data set has an even number of values, so the median, or Q2, is the mean of the middle two values. The middle two values are both 4 , so the median is 4 .
The IQR is Q3-Q1. Q1 is the median of the lower half, so Q1 is 2. Q3 is the median of the upper half, or 7. The IQR is $7-2=5$.
My choice is $\mathbf{G}$.
4. Benito correctly | incorrectly
finds Q1, Q2, and Q3.
3. Tyler's values for the median and range are correct | incorrect.

## LOOK BACK Answer each question.

5. What is Tyler's mistake? Explain. $\qquad$
6. The correct answer choice is F | G | H | J.

## GUIDED PRACTICE Read the problem carefully.

The dot pot shows the number of items purchased by 18 customers at a store.


Which statement about the data is true?
A The range is 8, and the interquartile range is 4 .
B The range is 10 , and the interquartile range is 5 .
C The range is 8 , and the interquartile range is 5 .
D The range is 10 , and the interquartile range is 4 .
7. The range, or the maximum value minus the minimum value, is $\qquad$ .
8. There are 18 data points, so there are $\qquad$ data points in the lower half.

Find Q1, the median of the lower half of the data. $\qquad$
9. Find Q3, the median of the upper half of the data. $\qquad$
10. The interquartile range, or Q 3 minus Q 1 , is $\qquad$ -
11. The correct answer choice is A | B | C D .

## INDEPENDENT PRACIICE Answer each question. Use the dot plot above.

12. What is the median number of items purchased? $\qquad$
13. Add a data value of 3 to the dot plot. Now there are 19 data points.

Find each measure for the new data set.
range: $\qquad$ median: $\qquad$ Q1: $\qquad$
Q3: $\qquad$ interquartile range: $\qquad$

## STAAR GRADE 6 MATHEMATICS REFERENCE MATERIALS

| AREA |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Triangle | $A=\frac{1}{2} b h$ |
| Rectangle or parallelogram | $A=b h$ |
| Trapezoid | $A=\frac{1}{2}\left(b_{1}+b_{2}\right) h$ |
| voLuME | $V=B h$ |
| Rectangular prism |  |

To obtain a copy of the remaining answers to this Sampler, email:

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Two distinct secure form tests that closely match the released STAAR test items and blueprint.


## GRADE 6 MATHEMATICS

## STAAR Preparation and Practice

## Lesson TEKS Instruction-Engaging Interactive Learning

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## Authentic STAAR Practice

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