



## Frequently Asked Questions

### K-2 New Georgia Performance Standards: Math

- 1. Which Georgia Performance Math Standards (GPS) are being implemented this school year?**  
K-2 Math
- 2. How is the GPS different from the former Quality Core Curriculum (QCC)?**  
It is a more in depth and rigorous curriculum. Though the standards appear fewer in number, they will require far more time, instruction, and opportunity for students to develop and demonstrate mastery.
- 3. Will there be opportunities provided for students to receive accelerated math instruction?**  
Yes. Identified students will be given the opportunity to learn the standards at a faster pace. Teachers will flexibly group students in order to best meet student instructional needs.
- 4. Will Saxon Math continue to be the only math resource used to teach the new standards?**  
The GPS curriculum will require more than a single instructional resource.  
Saxon will be one of the instructional resource tools used to teach the new performance standards.  
Teachers will use multiple resources to teach the new standards.
- 5. Will there be off-grade level math classes as in prior years as we transition to the new GPS curriculum?**  
It is not possible for students to skip an entire year of the GPS curriculum since the standards no longer repeat themselves year after year. Accelerated math students will receive math instruction based on the more rigorous GPS. Teachers will pace the instruction for all students based on their understanding and mastery of each skill and standard.
- 6. Will my child be repeating a year of curriculum if they were in an advanced math class last year and are now placed in the on grade level curriculum?**  
No. The new GPS curriculum bears no resemblance to the old QCC and Saxon Math Program. The depth and rigor of the new standards will be new learning for your child.
- 7. Will there be allowances for students who learn math at a different rate?**  
Yes. Teachers will form groups within the classroom as needed to meet the instructional needs of all students.

For more information regarding the new Georgia Performance Standards please reference the Georgia Department of Education website: <http://www.georgiastandards.org/math.aspx> or call Rita Mashburn, System Math Coach and Coordinator at 770-422-0311, ext.1417.