

Authors, Research, and Certified Partnership

Illustrative Mathematics (IM®) was authored by Dr. Bill McCallum and a team of math leaders focused on improving student outcomes in mathematics. The problembased instructional design is built on best practices and research principles from NCTM, National Research Council, Smith & Stein, and others. Imagine IM® incorporates the latest IM® v.360 curriculum update and has been optimized by Imagine Learning for engagement, accessibility, and usability.

Premium Certified Partnership

Imagine Learning is a premium IM-Certified® partner, a designation that confirms Imagine IM adheres to IM's instructional model and has been reviewed and approved by Illustrative Mathematics. Imagine Learning worked closely with Illustrative Mathematics to ensure full alignment with its philosophy and research-based approach.

This partnership means schools get the best of both worlds: the rigor and coherence of the IM curriculum and Imagine Learning's enhancements and implementation support. It's a high-quality, evidence-based solution designed to help educators deliver meaningful, standards-aligned math instruction that works for all students.





Welcome to Imagine IM!

Math engagement can be a challenge. Getting students to connect with concepts, stay motivated, and build lasting understanding isn't easy, especially when traditional instruction doesn't reflect how learners really think and grow. That's where Imagine IM comes in.

Built on the proven Illustrative Mathematics IM v.360 curriculum and optimized for dynamic classrooms, Imagine IM brings problem-based learning to life for grades 6–8. Instead of memorizing steps, students explore real-world problems, talk through strategies, and make sense of math together. It's active, collaborative, and grounded in curiosity.

For educators, Imagine IM offers ready-to-use supports, flexible print and digital resources, and tools that make instructional shifts more manageable. For students, it means math that feels relevant, connected, and worth engaging in.

This is math that matters.

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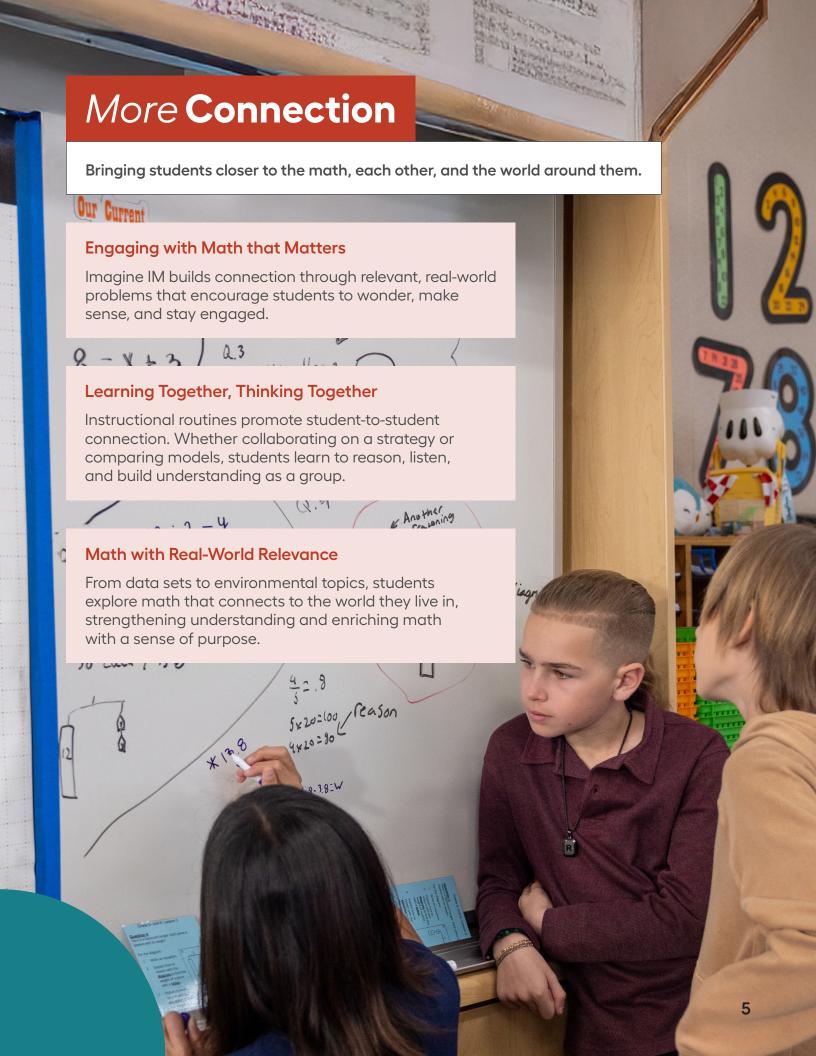
Math that makes space for imagination, curiosity, and real thinking.

Solving Problems with Math

In Imagine IM, students explore ideas, test strategies, and find solutions in ways that make sense to them. A problem-based approach encourages flexible thinking and creative reasoning, embedding these habits into daily instruction and reinforcing them across all grade levels.

Multiple Ways of Thinking and Learning

Every lesson in Imagine IM invites curiosity, with visual models, hands-on tools, and classroom discussion giving students space to approach problems from different angles and explain their thinking in their own words. Creativity isn't an add-on but core to how students understand, connect, and grow all the time they're using Imagine IM.



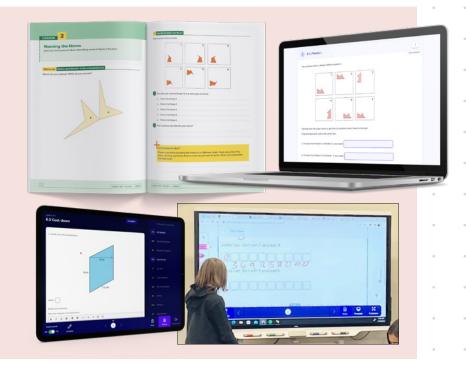
Made for **You**

Imagine IM is built for real classrooms and educators like you. From planning and instruction to feedback and support, everything is designed to be flexible, customizable, and ready to meet the needs of you and your students.

Adapts to Your Style

Because no two classrooms are the same, Imagine IM gives you tools that adapt to your instructional style.

- Editable digital lesson cards that can be copied, projected, or assigned
- Seamless integration of print and digital materials
- Live Learn and Annotation Tool to make lessons interactive and responsive
- One platform to assign, customize, and track progress



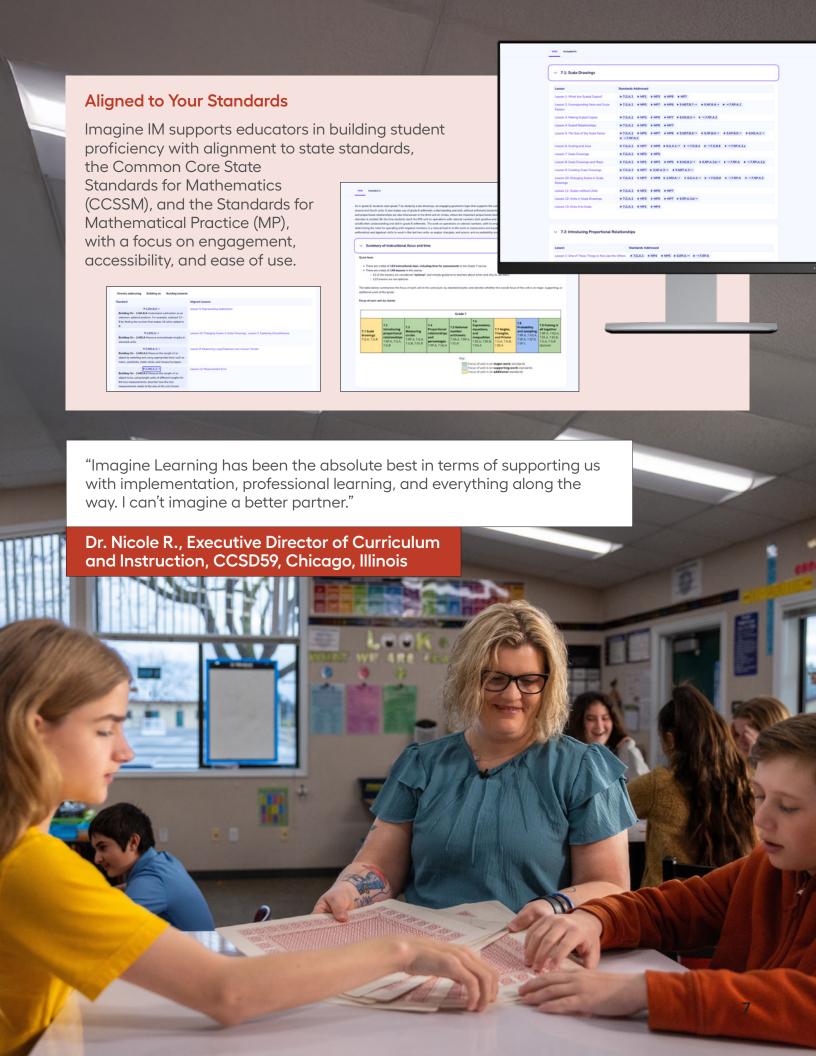
Support That Meets Your Needs

With Imagine IM, you're never on your own. Every implementation includes real support from real people who know IM and understand your needs.

- Dedicated customer success manager
- Comprehensive training for both print and digital
- In-house tech and integration support
- In-depth professional learning
- An ongoing consultative partnership







Exploring Imagine IM

Imagine IM offers a complete suite of print, digital, and hands-on components that are ready to go and designed to meet the needs of educators and students.

Teacher Components*

*Also available in Spanish

Print

Teacher Course Guide

The Teacher Course Guide includes everything you need to know about the program: the instructional design, assessment structures, design principles, and supports for diverse learners. It also includes a pacing guide and standards alignment.

Teacher Guides — 9 spiral-bound per grade

Full lesson plans with teaching supports, student page reduxes, and QR codes linking to digital resources at the unit, section, and lesson level. Teacher Guides are available in Spanish for K–8, Algebra 1, and Integrated Math 1.

Digital

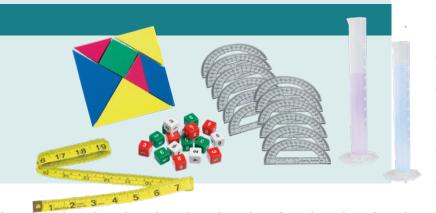
The Imagine IM digital platform supports planning, teaching, and blended learning through tools such as:

- Planning and Instruction: Unit Launch videos, assignable digital lessons, embedded teaching notes, and unit maps
- Lesson Delivery: Editable lesson cards, Live Learn, and the annotation tool
- Home Connections: Family letters and Family Support videos
- Data and Reporting: Dashboards, performance reports, and monitoring tools



Kits

Hands-on manipulative kits for grades K–8, packaged in organized storage tubs. Kits support a classroom of 30 students.



Student Components*

*Also available in Spanish

Print

Consumable Full-Color Workbooks (Units 1–9) Available in English and Spanish, each workbook includes complete lessons with space for student thinking and work and QR codes linking to family resources throughout.



Digital

Students can access all materials online, including interactive lesson materials, Desmos activities, assessments, and more. Digital content is available in English and Spanish in K–8.

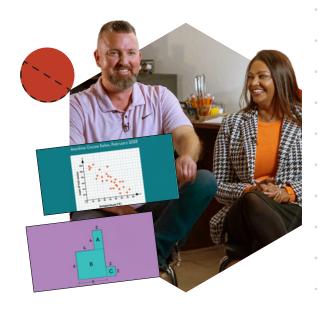


Professional Learning

Imagine IM offers flexible professional learning for teachers, coaches, and administrators, available in both virtual and in-person formats.

Workshop modules are designed for hands-on learning and application, while self-directed training is embedded in the platform for ongoing support, including:

- Learning Narrative videos covering unit goals, models, and common student misconceptions
- Unit Videos from real Imagine IM classrooms



Teacher Experience

Imagine IM supports teachers with flexible, easy-to-use tools created to work in real classrooms. Whether you're planning a lesson, leading instruction, or adapting on the fly, everything is designed to save time and support meaningful learning.

Implementation that Fits Teachers' Needs

Strong math instruction starts with strong support. Imagine IM offers point-of-use guidance to help teachers plan, adjust, and facilitate lessons confidently across classroom models. Teachers can access Learning Narrative and Lesson Supports videos from the Teacher Guide or digital platform, with real classroom examples providing clear, practical models of problembased instruction.



Flexible Instructional Tools

Teachers have the tools to teach in ways their students learn best.

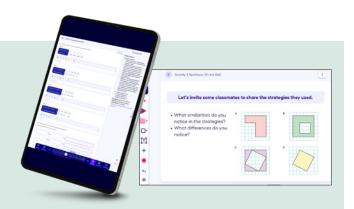
- Print and Digital: Teacher Guides and Student Workbooks connect directly to digital components to maintain lesson integrity across formats.
- **Editable Lessons:** Digital lesson cards can be copied, assigned, or customized to support every learner.
- **Projection-Ready:** Lessons are easily shareable in class or online.



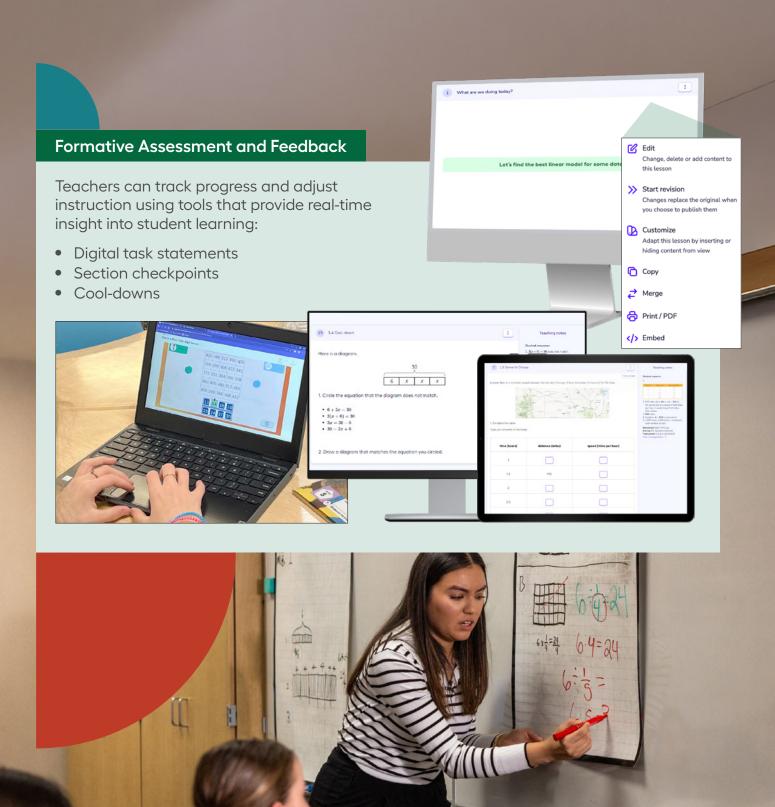
Live and Interactive Teaching

Tools that make teaching more responsive.

- **Live Learn** allows teachers to launch live sessions directly from the platform.
- Annotation Tool brings instruction to life by letting teachers write, draw, and share thinking on-screen in real time.



The on-demand feature makes visibility of student work and timely feedback more efficient.

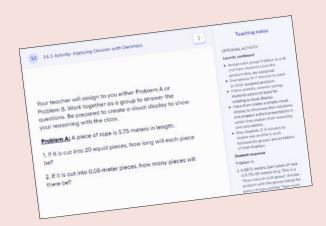


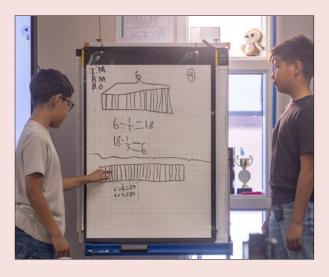
Student Experience

Imagine IM immerses students in meaningful, rigorous math through a problem-based approach and engaging, interactive resources. With tools that foster creativity and collaboration, students build confidence and develop skills they'll use in college, careers, and life.

Making Math Meaningful and Relevant

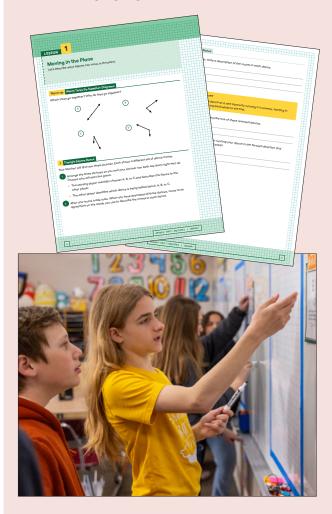
Students are natural problem solvers: curious, expressive, and full of ideas. Imagine IM gives them space to explore, share thinking, learn from mistakes, and connect with one another. Lessons are designed to value student voice and build productive mathematical habits.





Supporting Understanding, Fluency, and Application

Instructional routines, visual models, and hands-on tools help students build conceptual understanding, procedural fluency, and confidence applying math to real problems. Every element works together to make learning stick and keep it engaging.



Fostering Discussion and Reflection

Imagine IM encourages active learning through talk, reflection, and shared problem-solving. Embedded opportunities across lessons and centers help students build confidence in the Standards for Mathematical Practice in ways that feel collaborative and authentic.

Inspire Math Videos

Short, high-interest videos open each unit with a real-world or unexpected context to spark curiosity. Later videos revisit the topic, reinforcing learning and encouraging students to connect math to the world around them.







6.8 Inspire Math Video: Introduce

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Inspire Math videos are available in both English and Spanish.

Problem-Based Learning in Action

Problem-based learning is powerful because it invites students to think, talk, and make sense of math. In Imagine IM, this approach is the foundation of every lesson. Rather than starting with formulas, students begin with a question, a visual, or a real-world situation that gets them thinking. They explore, test ideas, and collaborate with classmates to uncover strategies and solutions.

This kind of learning helps students build **deep conceptual understanding**, not just surface-level skills. It supports productive struggle, values multiple approaches, and encourages students to explain their thinking — all key habits of strong mathematical thinkers.



Active Participants in Learning

In Imagine IM, problem-based learning is inclusive by design. Lessons begin with warm-ups and prompts that reflect students' lived experiences and cultural knowledge. Throughout each lesson, students use hands-on tools, digital manipulatives, and visuals to make math come alive. They learn to reason together, reflect on their process, and connect ideas across lessons.

Because students are active participants in their learning, engagement goes up and confidence follows.

Unit and Lesson Structures

Imagine IM is built to make math meaningful, inclusive, and connected from start to finish. It follows a thoughtful structure that supports all learners, not just in mastering procedures, but in building deep understanding through discussion, reasoning, and real-world relevance.

Each activity and lesson is part of a mathematical story across units and grade levels. This coherence allows students to view mathematics as a connected set of ideas that make sense together.

	Invitation to the Mathematics	0	Deep Study of Concepts and Procedures	6	Consolidating and Applying
Course Level	Invitational Unit	(>)	Deep Study Units	>	Consolidation Unit
Unit Level	Introductory Lesson	()	Instructional Lessons	>	Culminating Lesson
Lesson Level	Warm-up	0	Classroom Activities	(>	Synthesis and Cool-down
Activity Level	Launch	0	Work Time	(>	Synthesis

Each unit opens with an **Inspire Math video**, introducing new content through an engaging, authentic context. These short videos spark curiosity and help students preview what they'll explore over the unit.

From there, lessons unfold through a consistent flow:

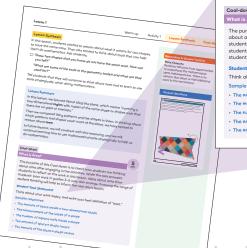
Warm-up: Accessible entry point for all students

 Activities: Collaborative exploration and problem-solving

• Synthesis: Pulling ideas together with structure and clarity

 Cool-down: A brief check for understanding that informs next steps





Problem-Based Learning in Action continued...

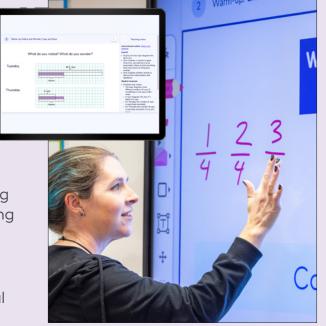
Warm-Ups: Inviting Every Student Into the Math

Each lesson begins with an inclusive warm-up that draws from students' experiences and cultures. Using openended prompts like "What do you notice? What do you wonder?," students are encouraged to share and explore ideas without fear of being wrong.

These routines promote:

- Entry for every learner
- Rich conversation and collaborative thinking
- Language development and identity-building in math

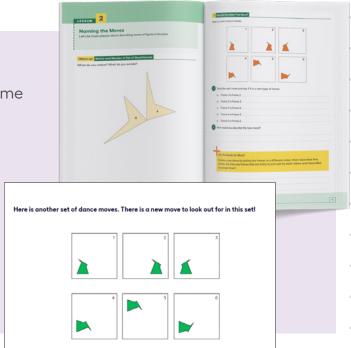
Instructional supports — including guiding questions, sentence stems, and language scaffolds — are built into both print and digital teacher materials.

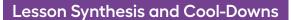


Activities: Learning by Doing

Activities in Imagine IM go beyond practice. They're an invitation to **explore**, **question**, and **make meaning together**. Students are given time to grapple with problems individually before working in small groups, using models, manipulatives, and visual tools to deepen understanding.

Each activity is followed by a structured activity synthesis stage, in which teachers bring together key ideas and student insights. This is where connections are made, misconceptions are addressed, and mathematical language is developed within the community of learners.





The lesson ends with a synthesis to consolidate understanding and make the learning goals of the lesson explicit.

Finally, cool-downs are short, targeted tasks that help teachers gauge each student's progress toward the learning goal. Whether completed on paper or digitally, cool-downs give clear, actionable information to guide next steps:

- Built-in teacher supports offer reteaching suggestions
- Digital cool-downs include automatic scoring and item analysis
- Data is immediately available for planning and small-group work



Equity and Access

Imagine IM is built on three core design principles to support all learners:

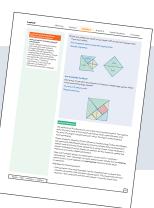
- Provide access for all
- Presume competence
- Focus on strengths, not deficits

These principles are woven throughout every unit and lesson, ensuring all students are seen, supported, and empowered to succeed in math.



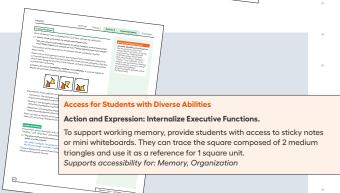
Built for Endurance and Perseverance

Lessons are designed with care and intention. From number choice to context complexity, every element is crafted to support meaningful learning and productive struggle for all students.



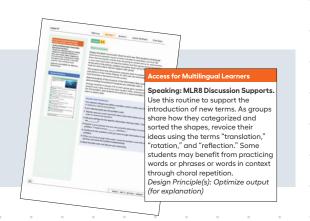
Support for Diverse Abilities

Each lesson includes built-in guidance for students with diverse learning needs. These supports align with Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles — engagement, representation, and action and expression — and are embedded directly in teacher materials.



Support for Multilingual Learners

Mathematical Language Routines (MLRs), grounded in the UL/SCALE framework from Stanford, are embedded throughout. These eight consistent routines help students grow their math language, content knowledge, and communication skills.



Ready for More?

Targeted "Exploration" problems offer challenge opportunities for students ready to extend their thinking.



Culturally Responsive Design

Imagine IM reflects a wide range of student identities and experiences:

- Diverse main characters and illustrations
- Inclusive and respectful portrayal of race, culture, religion, gender, and ability
- Central figures with qualities like leadership, creativity, and courage
- Opportunities to explore a variety of perspectives and contributions



Home Connections

Each unit has a family guide, available in more than 10 languages, and written to be easily accessible, plus Family Support videos in English and Spanish. These explain prior learning, vocabulary, and math concepts through visuals and simple at-home activities — helping caregivers feel confident in supporting learning at home.



Assessment



Measure understanding and meet learning goals

Imagine IM offers both formative and summative assessment opportunities that help teachers measure student understanding and track progress toward learning goals.

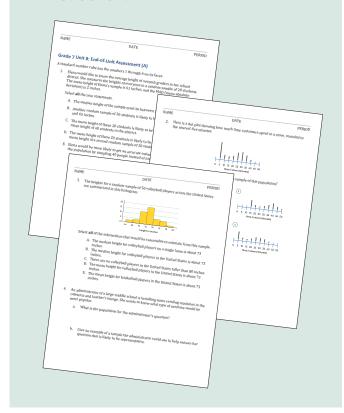
Formative Assessment

- Check Your Readiness: Diagnostic assessments at the start of each unit help identify prerequisite gaps or below-grade-level needs that can be addressed during the unit.
- Learning Goals and Targets: Each lesson includes clear learning goals that guide student focus and can be used for reflection or self-assessment.
- Cool-Downs: Every lesson ends with a cool-down to gauge student understanding.



Summative Assessment

- End-of-Unit Assessments: Every unit includes a written and digital assessment. Longer units may include a mid-unit assessment.
- All summative assessments include complete solutions and standards alignment.
- Multiple-choice and multiple-response items often include explanations of common errors to help guide instruction.





Digital Practice

• Cumulative practice problems are available for each lesson and can be used as homework or for additional practice.





Data and Reporting

- Real-time reporting tools provide class performance data, item analysis, and year-over-year retention insights.
- Teachers can drill down into student work — including openended responses — to guide future instruction.
- Dashboards include assignment scores and visual breakdowns of performance across standards.

Grades 6–8 Scope and Sequence

and the	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Unit 1	Area and Surface Area	Scale Drawings	Rigid Transformations and Congruence
Unit 2	Introducing Ratios	Introducing Proportional Relationships	Dilations, Similarity, and Introducing Slope
Unit 3	Unit Rates and Percentages	Measuring Circles	Linear Relationships
Unit 4	Dividing Fractions	Proportional Relationships and Percentages	Linear Equations and Linear Systems
Unit 5	Arithmetic in Base Ten	Rational Number Arithmetic	Functions and Volume
Unit 6	Expressions and Equations	Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities	Associations in Data
Unit 7	Rational Numbers	Angles, Triangles, and Prisms	Exponents and Scientific Notation
Unit 8	Data Sets and Distributions	Probability and Sampling	Pythagorean Theorem and Irrational Numbers
Unit 9	Putting It All Together	Putting It All Together	Putting It All Together
Total # of days per course*	147	138	142

^{*} Total days is lessons + assessment (does not include optional lessons).

See Teacher Course Guides or the Imagine IM digital platform for full details on scope and sequence.







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