

# While you wait ...

- Think about how you teach vocabulary in secondary math presently
- Be prepared to share with your neighbor when we begin

# Talk it Out

**Improving Achievement for Students with Disabilities by Teaching Vocabulary**

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## Why teach vocabulary and discourse in secondary math?

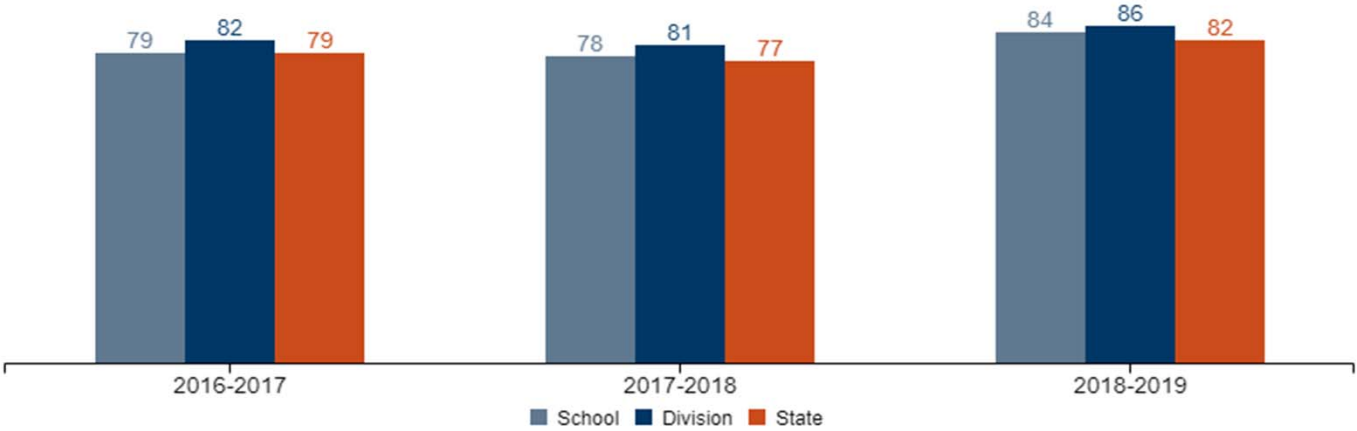
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- Increases student engagement
- Improves conceptual understanding
- Provides foundational knowledge for next level learning
  - ◆ Virginia Standards of Learning
  - ◆ Profile of a Virginia Graduate
  - ◆ NCTM Principles and Teaching Practices

# Gloucester High School

Math Performance: All Students

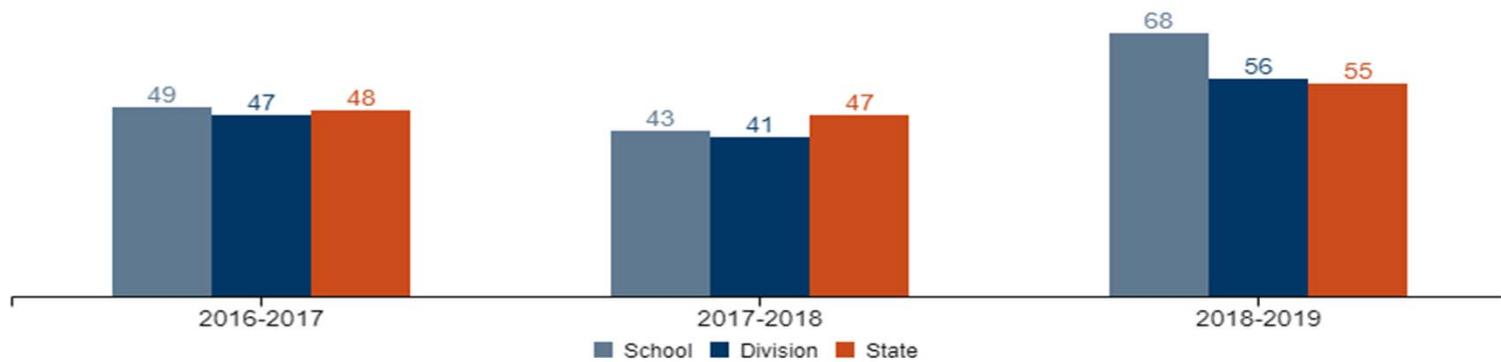
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## Math Performance: Students with Disabilities

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## Algebra I SOL Practice Item

What is the quotient of  $(15x^2 - 8x - 12)$  and  $(3x + 2)$  ? Assume the denominator does not equal zero.

- A.  $45x^3 + 6x^2 - 52x - 24$
- B.  $15x^2 - 5x - 10$
- C.  $5x + 6$
- D.  $5x - 6$

## Four step process

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1. Identify key vocabulary
2. Explicitly teach vocabulary
3. Practice using vocabulary
4. Assess for understanding

# Identify Key Vocabulary

Keep it limited - quality over quantity

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Where??

- VDOE MIPs
- VDOE Word Wall cards
- Textbook lists
- Local curriculum guides



# Identify Key Vocabulary

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May need to pre-assess knowledge and teach vocab from earlier grades

## **Vocabulary**

*equation, expression, variable (earlier grades)*

*algebraic expression, algebraic equation, numerical expression, variable expression, verbal expression, verbal sentence (7.12)*

## Explicitly teach vocabulary

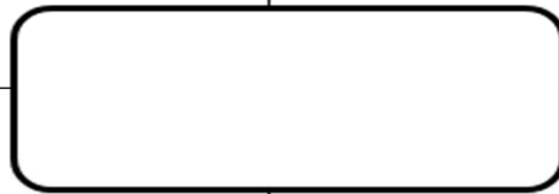
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- Small group or whole group?
- Tools for organizing
- Consistent routines and practices help

# Frayer Model

**Definition**

**Characteristics**



**Examples**

**Non-Examples**

Term	Definition	Example(s)
Sum	the result of adding two <i>or more</i> numbers	$2 + 4 = 6$ $2 + 8 + 3 = 13$
Difference	the result of subtracting one number from another	$8 - 3 = 5$
Product	the result of multiplying numbers	6 is the <b>product</b> of 2 and 3 $3 \times 2 = 6$ $2 \times 3 = 6$
Quotient	the answer after we divide one number by another	$12 \div 3 = 4$
Operation	a mathematical process - <b>add, subtract, multiply, divide</b> - used to separate expressions	$12 + 4 = 16$ $3 \cdot 6 = 18$

# Practice

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Incorporate and use vocabulary in all lessons and activities

- Be sure students have a chance to use the language
- Monitor student use of vocabulary
- Use positive, corrective feedback

# Practice

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Vocab-specific practice: Sorts, flashcards, games, etc.

- Independent, partner, small groups, whole class
- Monitor and provide guidance as needed
- Independent practice only when a high level of success demonstrated

# Practice

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(Smith & Stein, 2018)

1. Anticipate likely student responses,
2. Monitor student thinking while they work on the task,
3. Select particular students to present their work to the whole class,
4. Sequence student responses that will be displayed, and
5. Connect responses

# Assess

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Assessing vocab specifically makes sure that it is taught and learned, not assumed or left to chance.

- Vocab-specific quizzes
- Vocab questions on quizzes/tests
- Classwork and informal assessments



# Planning

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Think about the equations standards for your content/grade level. Using the resources provided, how could you:

- Identify key vocabulary
- Create definitions
- Provide examples
- Develop a vocabulary sort
- Assess

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