PIE Learning Pathways



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Missouri is leading the way to develop assessments that work better for teachers and students! The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) leads the Pathways for Instructionally Embedded (PIE) Assessment project in partnership with the Accessible Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Systems (ATLAS) at the University of Kansas.

As a research and development project, the goal of the PIE project is to:

- construct and evaluate a prototype assessment system built on cognitive models of student learning, known as learning pathways, aligned with grade-level academic expectations.
- deliver instructionally embedded assessments that can provide students the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and understandings **as they learn** while providing teachers with timely information about their students' learning progress.

Learning Pathways

Learning progressions are descriptions of "successively more sophisticated ways of reasoning within a content domain that follow one another as students learn"¹ and are useful tools that can improve assessments using research on student thinking and learning.

PIE learning pathways are based on research and show how students can move from the basic cognitive and early academic skills they currently have towards the knowledge, skills and understanding (KSUs) that they need to master the grade-level standards. The progressions of these skills are shown on maps and include many different and interrelated paths that students may take to get to those targeted skills. The maps help educators to understand how those skills might logically follow one another.

Each learning pathway includes three levels, Levels 1, 2, and 3. These pathway levels are vertical and are critical towards the KSUs that are required to master the skills needed at the content standard. Level 1 and Level 2 skills are the foundational skills. Level 3 skills represent the content standard. There are increases in cognitive complexity of the skills as they move from Level 1 to Level 3. Therefore, the pathways show how these skills vertically progress towards the learning targets at the standard level.

Development of the Learning Pathways

The Missouri DESE selected and prioritized 25 grade 5 mathematics content standards from the Priority Standards for Leveraging Learning in Mathematics for learning pathway development². The 25 prioritized mathematics content standards included (a) Number Sense and Operations in Fractions (NF; 14 standards from two clusters, 5.NF.A and 5.NF.B); (b) Relationships and Algebraic Thinking (RA; six

¹ Smith, C. L., Wiser, M., Anderson, C. W., & Krajcik, J. (2006). Implications of research on children's learning for standards and assessment: A proposed learning progression for matter and the atomic-molecular theory. *Measurement: Interdisciplinary Research & Perspectives*, *4*(1–2), 1–98. https://doi.org/10.1080/15366367.2006.9678570

² Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). (2021, April). *Priority standards for leveraging learning in mathematics: Grades K–12*. <u>https://sites.google.com/view/priority-standards-mo-dese/home/mathematics?authuser=0</u>



standards from two clusters, 5.RA.A and 5.RA.C); (c) Geometry and Measurement (GM; four standards from three clusters, 5.GM.A, 5.GM.B, 5.GM.C, and 5.GM.D); and (d) Data and Statistics (DS; one standard from one cluster, 5.DS.A).

The learning pathways were developed using the process below:



The first four steps were completed by math content experts and researchers at ATLAS. The fifth step, Expert Review, included Missouri educators. The expert review was completed in Columbia, Missouri in June 2023. Educators across the state, representing various districts, participated in the review.

Use of the Learning Pathways

Items on the PIE item field test were designed to measure the KSUs found in the learning pathways. We will use the information collected from the item field test to verify that the items are working as intended. The approved items will be used in a full pilot study of the PIE system (during the 2024-2025 academic year) which includes instructionally embedded assessments based on the learning pathways and assessment results that show which pathway levels students have mastered and not yet mastered.

Cognitive learning models, such as the PIE learning pathways, can help educators pinpoint where students are at in their current learning progress towards grade-level expectations (rather than focus on students' lack of mastery of grade-level skills) and facilitate instructional and learning activities according to students' needs.

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Mathematics Number Sense and Operations in Fractions (NF) Grade 5

This document provides (a) the target grade-level content standard; (b) three levels of a learning pathway aligned with the learning target; (c) the knowledge, skills, and understandings associated with each level; and (d) a map view of the full learning pathway.

Learning Target

5.NF.A. Understand the relationship between fractions and decimals (denominators that are factors of 100).

1. Understand that parts of a whole can be expressed as fractions and/or decimals.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.NF.A.1 Learning Pathway Map View

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PIE.5.NF.A.2

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Learning Target

5.NF.A. Understand the relationship between fractions and decimals (denominators that are factors of 100).

2. Convert decimals to fractions and fractions to decimals.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.NF.A.2 Learning Pathway Map View

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PIE.5.NF.A.3

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Learning Target

5.NF.A. Understand the relationship between fractions and decimals (denominators that are factors of 100).

3. Compare and order fractions and/or decimals to the thousandths place using the symbols >, = or <, and justify the solution.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.NF.A.3 Learning Pathway Map View

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PIE.5.NF.B.4

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Learning Target

5.NF.B. Perform operations and solve problems with fractions and decimals.

4. Estimate results of sums, differences and products with fractions and decimals to the thousandths.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.NF.B.4 Learning Pathway Map View

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PIE.5.NF.B.5a

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Learning Target

5.NF.B. Perform operations and solve problems with fractions and decimals.

5. Justify the reasonableness of a product when multiplying with fractions.

a) Estimate the size of the product based on the size of the two factors.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels

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PIE.5.NF.B.5a Learning Pathway Map View

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Learning Target

5.NF.B. Perform operations and solve problems with fractions and decimals.

5. Justify the reasonableness of a product when multiplying with fractions.

b) Explain why multiplying a given number by a fraction greater than 1 results in a product larger than the given number.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.NF.B.5b Learning Pathway Map View

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PIE.5.NF.B.5c

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Learning Target

5.NF.B. Perform operations and solve problems with fractions and decimals.

5. Justify the reasonableness of a product when multiplying with fractions.

c) Explain why multiplying a given number by a fraction less than 1 results in a product smaller than the given number.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.NF.B.5c Learning Pathway Map View

PIE.5.NF.B.5d

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Learning Target

5.NF.B. Perform operations and solve problems with fractions and decimals.

5. Justify the reasonableness of a product when multiplying with fractions.

d) Explain why multiplying the numerator and denominator by the same number is equivalent to multiplying the fraction by 1.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.NF.B.5d Learning Pathway Map View

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PIE.5.NF.B.6

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Learning Target

5.NF.B. Perform operations and solve problems with fractions and decimals.

6. Solve problems involving addition and subtraction of fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators, and justify the solution.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.NF.B.6 Learning Pathway Map View

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PIE.5.NF.B.7a

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Learning Target

5.NF.B. Perform operations and solve problems with fractions and decimals.

7. Extend the concept of multiplication to multiply a fraction or whole number by a fraction.

a) Recognize the relationship between multiplying fractions and finding the areas of rectangles with fractional side lengths.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.NF.B.7a Learning Pathway Map View

PIE.5.NF.B.7b

Mathematics Number Sense and Operations in Fractions (NF) Grade 5

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Learning Target

5.NF.B. Perform operations and solve problems with fractions and decimals.

7. Extend the concept of multiplication to multiply a fraction or whole number by a fraction.

b) Calculate and interpret the product of a fraction by a whole number and a whole number by a fraction.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.NF.B.7b Learning Pathway Map View

PIE.5.NF.B.7c

Mathematics Number Sense and Operations in Fractions (NF) Grade 5

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Learning Target

5.NF.B. Perform operations and solve problems with fractions and decimals.

7. Extend the concept of multiplication to multiply a fraction or whole number by a fraction.

c) Calculate and interpret the product of two fractions less than one.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.NF.B.7c Learning Pathway Map View

PIE.5.NF.B.8a

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Learning Target

5.NF.B. Perform operations and solve problems with fractions and decimals.

8. Extend the concept of division to divide unit fractions and whole numbers by using visual fraction models and equations.

a) Calculate and interpret the quotient of a unit fraction by a non-zero whole number.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.NF.B.8a Learning Pathway Map View

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PIE.5.NF.B.8b

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Learning Target

5.NF.B. Perform operations and solve problems with fractions and decimals.

8. Extend the concept of division to divide unit fractions and whole numbers by using visual fraction models and equations.

b) Calculate and interpret the quotient of a whole number by a unit fraction.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.NF.B.8b Learning Pathway Map View

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PIE.5.RA.A.1a

Mathematics Relationships and Algebraic Thinking (RA) Grade 5

This document provides (a) the target grade-level content standard; (b) three levels of a learning pathway aligned with the learning target; (c) the knowledge, skills, and understandings associated with each level; and (d) a map view of the full learning pathway.

Learning Target

- **5.RA.A.** Represent and analyze patterns and relationships.
 - **1.** Investigate the relationship between two numeric patterns.
 - a) Generate two numeric patterns given two rules.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.RA.A.1a Learning Pathway Map View

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PIE.5.RA.A.1b

Mathematics Relationships and Algebraic Thinking (RA) Grade 5

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Learning Target

- **5.RA.A.** Represent and analyze patterns and relationships.
 - **1.** Investigate the relationship between two numeric patterns.
 - **b)** Translate two numeric patterns into two sets of ordered pairs.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.RA.A.1b Learning Pathway Map View

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PIE.5.RA.A.1c

Mathematics Relationships and Algebraic Thinking (RA) Grade 5

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Learning Target

5.RA.A. Represent and analyze patterns and relationships.

1. Investigate the relationship between two numeric patterns.

c) Graph numeric patterns on the Cartesian coordinate plane.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.RA.A.1c Learning Pathway Map View

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PIE.RA.A.1d

Mathematics Relationships and Algebraic Thinking (RA) Grade 5

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Learning Target

5.RA.A. Represent and analyze patterns and relationships.

1. Investigate the relationship between two numeric patterns.

d) Identify the relationship between two numeric patterns.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.RA.A.1d Learning Pathway Map View

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PIE.5.RA.A.2

Mathematics Relationships and Algebraic Thinking (RA) Grade 5

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Learning Target

5.RA.A. Represent and analyze patterns and relationships.2. Write a rule to describe or explain a given numeric pattern.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.RA.A.2 Learning Pathway Map View

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PIE.5.RA.C.5

Mathematics Relationships and Algebraic Thinking (RA) Grade 5

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Learning Target

5.RA.C. Use the four operations to represent and solve problems.

5. Solve and justify multi-step problems involving variables, whole numbers, fractions and decimals.

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PIE.5.RA.C.5 Learning Pathway Map View

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PIE.5.GM.A.2

Mathematics Geometry and Measurement (GM) Grade 5

This document provides (a) the target grade-level content standard; (b) three levels of a learning pathway aligned with the learning target; (c) the knowledge, skills, and understandings associated with each level; and (d) a map view of the full learning pathway.

Learning Target

5.GM.A. Classify two- and three-dimensional geometric shapes.

2. Classify figures in a hierarchy based on properties.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.GM.A.2 Learning Pathway Map View

L1

L2

PIE.5.GM.B.4a

Mathematics Geometry and Measurement (GM) Grade 5

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Learning Target

5.GM.B. Understand and compute volume.

4. Understand the concept of volume and recognize that volume is measured in cubic units.

a) Describe a cube with edge length 1 unit as a "unit cube" and is said to have "one cubic unit" of volume and can be used to measure volume.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.GM.B.4a Learning Pathway Map View

PIE.5.GM.B.4b

Mathematics Geometry and Measurement (GM) Grade 5

This document provides (a) the target grade-level content standard; (b) three levels of a learning pathway aligned with the learning target; (c) the knowledge, skills, and understandings associated with each level; and (d) a map view of the full learning pathway.

Learning Target

5.GM.B. Understand and compute volume.

4. Understand the concept of volume and recognize that volume is measured in cubic units.

b) Understand that the volume of a right rectangular prism can be found by stacking multiple layers of the base.

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PIE.5.GM.B.4b Learning Pathway Map View

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PIE.5.GM.C.6a

Mathematics Geometry and Measurement (GM) Grade 5

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Learning Target

5.GM.C. Graph points on the Cartesian coordinate plane within the first quadrant to solve problems.

6. Define a first quadrant Cartesian coordinate system.a) Represent the axes as scaled perpendicular number lines that both intersect at 0, the origin.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.GM.C.6a Learning Pathway Map View

L1

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PIE.5.DS.A.2 Mathematics Data and Statistics (DS) Grade 5

This document provides (a) the target grade-level content standard; (b) three levels of a learning pathway aligned with the learning target; (c) the knowledge, skills, and understandings associated with each level; and (d) a map view of the full learning pathway.

Learning Target

5.DS.A. Represent and analyze data.

2. Create a line plot to represent a given or generated data set, and analyze the data to answer questions and solve problems, recognizing the outliers and generating the median.

Learning Pathway in Three Levels





PIE.5.DS.A.2 Learning Pathway Map View

L1

L2