Pre-AP Algebra 2 and Florida’s Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking Standards for Mathematics: Algebra 2: Alignment Summary

Pre-AP courses focus deeply on a limited number of concepts and skills with the broadest relevance for high school coursework and college and career success. The course framework serves as the foundation of the course and defines these prioritized concepts and skills.

When teaching a Pre-AP course, teachers have purposeful time and space to bring their own voice and lessons into each unit to best meet the needs of their students and address the full range of state standards. This alignment summary demonstrates the deep connections between the Pre-AP Algebra 2 Course Framework and Florida’s Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards for Mathematics: Algebra 2 to support teachers and schools in their planning. Along with the corresponding standards crosswalk, teachers and schools can use this alignment summary when planning and preparing to implement Pre-AP Algebra 2.

Alignment at a Glance: Very Strong

Florida’s B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics: Algebra 2:

- Data Analysis and Probability
- Functions
- Financial Literacy
- Number Sense and Operations
- Functions

Overall, the alignment between the Pre-AP Algebra 2 Course Framework and Florida’s B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics: Algebra 2 is very strong.

Across all five strands of Florida’s B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics: Algebra 2, the majority of the standards are covered in full or in part by the Pre-AP Algebra 2 Course Framework.

Florida’s B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics: Algebra 2 and the Pre-AP Algebra 2 Course Framework share the deepest alignment in the Data Analysis and Probability and Functions strands.

Alignment between the Pre-AP Algebra 2 Course Framework and Florida’s B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics: Algebra 2 is described as very strong or partial. A very strong alignment is one in which the majority of standards are fully addressed by the mapped Pre-AP Learning Objectives (LOs). A partial alignment is one in which the standards are partially addressed by the corresponding Pre-AP Learning Objectives. Partial alignment can occur when one framework includes greater specificity or extends beyond the scope of the other framework. Given the focused nature of the Pre-AP course framework, some partial alignments are to be expected.
Alignment at a Glance: Partial

Florida’s B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics: Algebra 2:

• Algebraic Reasoning

Discipline Highlights

- While the overall alignment between Florida’s B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics: Algebra 2 and the Pre-AP Algebra 2 Course Framework is very strong, there are a few areas of partial alignment due to the more granular nature of some of Florida’s B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics: Algebra 2.

- The Pre-AP Algebra 2 Course Framework has a more intentionally narrow focus on a prioritized set of concepts, so certain topics are considered outside the scope of the Pre-AP course. For example, systems of linear equations and inequalities is a topic that is typically covered in detail in Algebra 1 courses, so it is not addressed in Pre-AP Algebra 2.

- Though not addressed in Pre-AP Algebra 2, systems of nonlinear equations are covered in depth in Pre-AP Algebra 1 (linear/quadratic and quadratic/quadratic) and in Pre-AP Geometry with Statistics (linear/circles).

Summary

Beyond alignments to the course framework, it is also important for educators to turn to the Pre-AP Shared Principles and Pre-AP Mathematics Areas of Focus to understand the full picture of alignment between Pre-AP Algebra 2 and Florida’s B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics: Algebra 2. The shared principles and areas of focus represent the Pre-AP approach to teaching and learning, and these principles deeply address skill development and disciplinary practices that cannot be easily captured within a standards crosswalk. In summary, there are ample opportunities for teachers to address Florida’s B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics: Algebra 2 with confidence throughout this course.

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