

Earl of March Secondary School
Foundations for College Mathematics, Grade 11, College Preparation (MBF3C)
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Course Description:

This course enables students to broaden their understanding of mathematics as a problem-solving tool in the real world. Students will extend their understanding of quadratic relations; investigate situations involving exponential growth; solve problems involving compound interest; solve financial problems connected with vehicle ownership; develop their ability to reason by collecting, analysing, and evaluating data involving one variable; connect probability and statistics; and solve problems in geometry and trigonometry. Students will consolidate their mathematical skills as they solve problems and communicate their thinking.

Prerequisite: Foundations of Mathematics, Grade 10, Applied

Curriculum: The major strands and the overall expectations for the course are summarized below.

To learn more about the curriculum follow this [link](#).

By the end of the course students will. . .

A. Mathematical Models

- make connections between the numeric, graphical, and algebraic representations of quadratic relations, and use the connections to solve problems;
- demonstrate an understanding of exponents, and make connections between the numeric, graphical, and algebraic representations of exponential relations;
- describe and represent exponential relations, and solve problems involving exponential relations arising from real-world applications.

B. Personal Finance

- compare simple and compound interest, relate compound interest to exponential growth, and solve problems involving compound interest;
- compare services available from financial institutions, and solve problems involving the cost of making purchases on credit;
- interpret information about owning and operating a vehicle, and solve problems involving the associated costs.

C. Geometry and Trigonometry

- represent, in a variety of ways, two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional figures arising from real-world applications, and solve design problems;
- solve problems involving trigonometry in acute triangles using the sine law and the cosine law, including problems arising from real-world applications.

D. Data Management

- solve problems involving one-variable data by collecting, organizing, analysing, and evaluating data;
- determine and represent probability, and identify and interpret its applications.

Earl of March Homework Policy - Helping Learning “Stick”

Learning requires a sincere commitment to work and study. Choosing to do homework is an essential part of a student’s educational development. Homework helps students improve their academic and study skills, and is critical in the reinforcement of ideas and concepts presented in class. Also, homework helps students develop responsibility, independence, perseverance, time management skills and curiosity. The Ontario Curriculum emphasizes that there is a direct relationship between effort and student achievement. Homework will be assigned to students based upon reasonable expectations, and with the understanding that many students are involved in a variety of worthwhile activities outside of the school setting.

Assessment Strategies

A variety of teaching/assessment strategies to address students' needs will be used during this course. Formative assessments will be ongoing throughout the academic year and students will receive descriptive feedback intended to help them improve their learning. The chart below outlines levels with their descriptors. Levels will be used when assigning marks in this course.

Level	Descriptors
R: not a passable level of achievement	Insufficient demonstration of understanding
1: much below the provincial standard	Limited understanding, weak, lacking purpose
2: approaching the provincial standard	Some understanding, simplistic, somewhat purposeful
3: the provincial standard	Considerable understanding, solid, standard, purposeful, effective
4: surpassing the provincial standard	Consistent, thorough understanding, in depth, insightful to a purpose, efficient

Evidence of Student Achievement

Students may demonstrate their understanding of the course material in a wide variety of ways. Evidence of student achievement may come from observations, conversations, and students products. Student products may include tests, assignments, performance tasks, and examinations. A balanced combination of a student's Knowledge and Understanding, Thinking, Communication, and Application will be assessed. These 4 categories will not be separately evaluated. Instead, they will be *"considered as interrelated, reflecting the wholeness and interconnectedness of learning."* – from the Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum documents.

Source of Evidence	Description	
Observations	The teacher may record evidence of student achievement observed as students work on investigations in class.	
Conversations	The teacher may record evidence of student achievement elicited during a conversation with a student	
P r o d u c t s	Tests	There will be major unit tests.
	Assignments	Students may complete in-class assignments.
	Tasks	Students may demonstrate their creativity, knowledge and understanding of the material through in-class performance tasks.
	Summative Task	Students will show evidence of their learning by performing a district-wide task in class that will include many overall expectations of the course.
	Final Examination	There is no final examination in this course.

How Can Parents Help?

First of all, don't panic if you have forgotten your high school math. You can support your children's learning without teaching them. Having a positive attitude towards learning in general and mathematics in particular can go a long way. Consider also that teenagers are often unaware that the pathway to "success" is rarely a straight line; sharing your own personal experiences of frustration and struggle, perseverance and accomplishment may help your child see his or her own experiences in a new way. Thirdly, why not take a look at some of the sites below and see what you think; the internet is full of resources!

1. This Ontario Ministry of Education [Student Success page](#) provides links for parents, students, teachers and employers.
2. [This PowerPoint presentation](#) is designed for parents of students of all ages. Many ideas, questions and links are provided although not all are focussed on secondary education.
3. A school in Ohio has produced some fun [videos](#) about math.
4. Starting to think about [careers](#)? Visit the link for career planning options.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.