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Illustrative Math Alignments

Grade 8

1. Login to Exemplars Library: library.exemplars.com with your school e-mail and password

2. Select the Grade 8 Unit you are working on:
   - Unit 1: Rigid Transformations and Congruence
   - Unit 2: Dilations, Similarity, and Introducing Slope
   - Unit 3: Linear Relationships
   - Unit 4: Linear Equations and Linear Systems
   - Unit 5: Functions and Volume
   - Unit 6: Associations in Data
   - Unit 7: Exponents and Scientific Notation
   - Unit 8: Pythagorean Theorem and Irrational Numbers
   - Unit 9: Putting it All Together

3. Once you are in the correct Unit, click on the task name, which is directly linked to the Exemplars Library where you can download a printer-friendly PDF and lesson planning sheet for the corresponding task.

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Unit 1: Rigid Transformations and Congruence
Lessons 1-17

Rigid Transformations (Lessons 1-6) 8.G.A.1 8.G.A.3	Properties of Rigid Transformations (Lessons 7-10) 8.G.A.1	Congruence (Lessons 11-13) 8.G.A.1 8.G.A.2	Angles in a Triangle (Lessons 14-16) 8.G.A.1 8.G.A.5	Let's Put It to Work (Lesson 17) 8.G.A.1 8.G.A.2 8.G.A.5

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Unit 2: Dilations, Similarity, and Introducing Slope
Lessons 1-13

Dilations (Lessons 1-5)	Similarity (Lessons 6-9)	Slope (Lessons 10-12)	Let's Put It to Work (Lesson 13)
8.G.A.3	8.G.A.2 8.G.A.4 8.G.A.5	8.EE.B.6 8.G.A.5	8.G.A.4 8.G.A.5

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Unit 3: Linear Relationships
Lessons 1-14

Proportional Relationships (Lessons 1-4) 8.EE.B.5	Representing Linear Relationships (Lessons 5-8) 8.EE.B.5 8.EE.B.6	Finding Slopes (Lessons 9-11) 8.EE.B.6	Linear Equations (Lessons 12-13) 8.EE.C.8.a	Let's Put it to Work (Lesson 14) 8.EE.B.6 8.EE.C.8.a
	Race Day	Continue with task from Unit 3.		On Target
	Cafeteria Crew			
	Summative Assessment Task: Tree Growth			

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Unit 4: Linear Equations and Linear Systems
Lessons 1-16

Puzzle Problems (Lesson 1) 8.EE.C.7	Linear Equations in One Variable (Lesson 2-9) 8.EE.C.7	Systems of Linear Equations (Lesson 10-15) 8.EE.C.8	Let's Put It to Work (Lesson 16) 8.EE.C.8.c
Continue with tasks from Unit 3.	Sweet Somethings	Party Time	Continue with tasks from Unit 4.
	Kathryn's Capacity	Head Start	
	Super Savings	Dance-a-Thon DJ	
	So Much Coin	The Farmer's Wife	
	Summative Assessment Task: Icing on the Cake	Making Squares	
		Summative Assessment Task: T-Shirt Fundraiser	

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Unit 5: Functions and Volume
Lessons 1-10

Inputs and Outputs (Lessons 1-2) 8.F.A.1	Representing and Interpreting Functions (Lesson 3-7) 8.F.A.2 8.F.A.3 8.F.B.4 8.F.A.5	Linear Functions and Rates of Change (Lesson 8-10) 8.F.A.2 8.F.A.3 8.F.B.4 8.F.A.5
Continue with tasks from Unit 3 & 4	Running Late for School!	Speed-Reading Contest
	Possible Profits	Okay Zoomer
		Summative Assessment Task: The Tortoises' Hair
		Table Hopping
		Fashion Plus! Commission
		Bridges
		Perplexing Polygon Problem
		Aw, Nuts!
		Losing Charge
		Summative Assessment Task: Alien Creature Out of Control!

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Unit 5: Functions and Volume
Lessons 11-22

Cylinders and Cones (Lessons 11-16) 8.G.C.9	Dimenstions and Spheres (Lesson 17-21) 8.G.C.9	Let's Put It to Work (Lesson 22) 8.G.C.9
The Mystery of the Broken Cones	The Crow and the Pitcher	Continue with tasks from Unit 5
Growing Around in Circles	3 Little Pig Builders	
	April Fools' Day	
	Summative Assessment Task: Popcorn Sale	

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Unit 6: Associations in Data
Lessons 1-11

Does this Predict That? (Lessons 1-2) 8.SP.A.1	Associations in Numerical Data (Lessons 3-8) 8.SP.A.1 8.SP.A.2 8.SP.A.3	Associations in Categorical Data (Lessons 9-10) 8.SP.A.4	Let's Put It to Work (Lesson 11) 8.SP.A
Continue with tasks from Unit 5.	Scattered Scores	The Country Mouse and City Mouse	Fair Weather Fans
	Summative Assessment Task: Snow Cone Sales	Summative Assessment Task: Petunia's Party Plan	

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Unit 7: Exponents and Scientific Notation
Lessons 1-16

Exponent Review (Lesson 1) 8.EE.A.1	Exponent Rules (Lessons 2-8) 8.EE.A.1	Scientific Notation (Lessons 9-15) 8.EE.A.3 8.EE.A.4	Let's Put It to Work (Lesson 16) 8.EE.A.3 8.EE.A.4

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Unit 8: Pythagorean Theorem and Irrational Numbers
Lessons 1-16

Side Lengths and Areas of Squares (Lessons 1-5) 8.EE.A.2 8.NS.A.2	The Pythagorean Theorem (Lessons 6-11) 8.G.B.6 8.G.B.7 8.G.B.8	Side Lengths and Volumes of Cubes (Lessons 12-13) 8.EE.A.2 8.NS.A.2	Decimal Representation of Rational and Irrational Numbers (Lessons 14-15) 8.NS.A.1	Let's Put it to Work (Lesson 16) 8.G.B.7
	Proving Pythagoras	Continue with tasks from Unit 8		
	Thinking inside the Box			
	Square Farms			
	Across the Canyon			
	Anchors Away			
	The Sunny Side			
	Summative Assessment Task: Stage Presence			
	Oceans Away			
	If a Bear Walks Into the Woods			
	Summative Assessment Task: Scary Reunion			

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Unit 9: Putting It All Together
Lessons 1-6

Tessellations (Lessons 1-4) 8.G.A.5	The Weather (Lessons 4-6) 8.F.A.1 8.F.B 8.SP.A
	Continue with tasks from Unit 5 & 6