

West Linn–Wilsonville School District

Mathematics – Course Statement

Course Title: Discrete Mathematics

Length of Course: Year
Number of Credits: 1
Grade Level: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisites: Advanced Algebra

Date of Description/Revision: 2013

Course Overview

This course is an advanced mathematics course designed to explore a variety of topics. Topics include, but are not limited to: optimization, probability, combinations, graph theory and discrete mathematics.

Essential Questions

Concepts providing focus for student learning

- How can you model the physical, political, social etc. world with discrete mathematics?
- How can you use the computer to model the world with a computer?
- What is graph theory and how do we use it to model the world?
- How is probability used to model events in the world?

Common Core Standards For Mathematical Practice

Students will develop the following practices throughout the course:

- Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
- Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
- Model with mathematics.
- Use appropriate tools strategically.
- Attend to precision
- Look for make use of structure.
- Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

Proficiency Statements

Upon completion of course, students will be able to:

- Represent problem situations using discrete structures such as finite graphs, matrices, sequences, and recurrence relations.
- Represent and analyze finite graphs using matrices.
- Develop and analyze algorithms.
- Solve enumeration and finite probability problems.
- Represent and solve problems using linear programming and difference equations.
- Investigate problem situations that arise in connection with computer validation and the application of algorithms.
- Use the computer to model various ideas such as traffic flow.
- Compete in the COMAP modeling contest.

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General Course Topics/Units & Timeframes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Election theory<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Group-ranking methods and algorithms- More group-ranking methods and paradoxes- Arrow's Conditions and approval voting- Weighted voting and voting power- Proportional representationB. Fair division<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Estate division- Apportionment algorithms- Fair division algorithms: the continuous case- Mathematical induction- Envy-free divisionC. Matrix operations and applications<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Addition and Subtraction of Matrices- Multiplication of Matrices- Population Growth: The Leslie Model 1D. Probability<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Multiplication Rule- Permutations and combinations with compound events- Calculate expected values- Evaluate outcomes of decisionsE. Graphs and their applications<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Critical paths- Vocabulary and representations of graphs- Euler circuits and paths- Hamiltonian circuits and paths- Graph coloring- Eulerizing graphs- Planarity and coloring- The Traveling Salesperson Problem- Shortest route problems- Trees and their properties- Minimum spanning trees- Binary trees, expression trees, and traversals- Steiner Trees- Counting and probability- Monte Carlo methods	
Resources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Text: <i>Thinking Mathematically, Fifth Edition</i>, Blitzer, Pearson Prentice Hall, 2010	