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ABSTRACT

A project provided teachers and other school personnel with a set of practical instruments for assessing students' generalizable mathematics skills in the secondary vocational training programs in Illinois. The major accomplishments of the project were advisory committee identification and selection; population and sample identification and selection; coordination of project activities with the "Change Skills" project activities; development of the set of student self-ratings, teacher ratings, and performance test mathematics assessment instruments; field testing of instruments; development of strategies for using the instruments; and production of a user manual, resource directory, and final report. The instruments were found to possess content and face validity relative to the mathematics skills required in vocational programs and occupations and were highly reliable in terms of internal consistency reliability and test-retest reliability. Following the 25-page narrative, these appendixes are provided: project correspondence, a chart of generalizable mathematics skills, and the instruments (student self-ratings, teacher ratings, and performance test). (Author/YLB)

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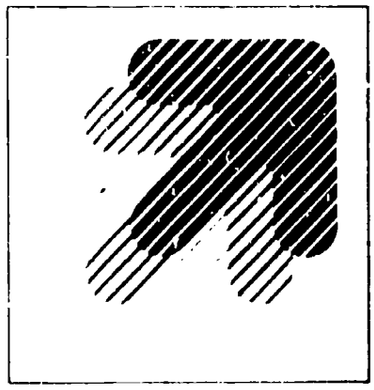

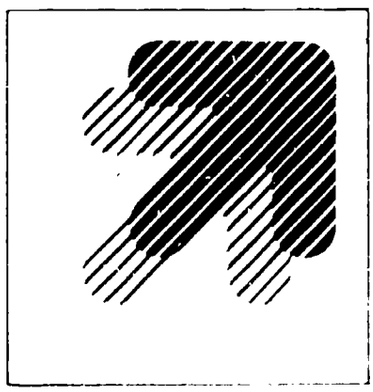

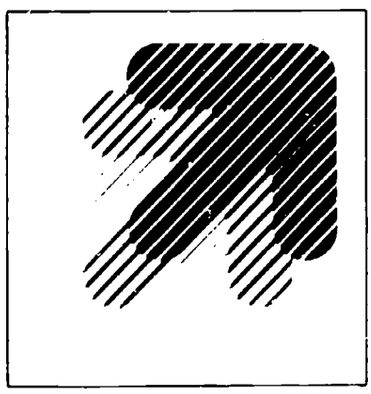

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E. Location of Funded Agency: Champaign, Illinois 61820

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Final Report Abstract

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Major Accomplishments of the Project:

1. Identified and selected the project advisory committee.
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3. Coordinated the "Generalizable Skills" project activities with the "Change Skills" project activities.
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Potential Impact on Vocational Education:

This project provided teachers and other school personnel with a set of practical instruments for assessing students' generalizable mathematics skills in the secondary vocational training programs in the State of Illinois. The instruments may be used for identifying the functional learning abilities and problems of students having difficulty in successfully completing their programs. Further, upon identifying students' mathematics skill levels, a basis may be provided on which to prescribe and deliver the instructional, remedial, and support services necessary for students to succeed in their chosen vocational programs. In addition, the concept of generalizable mathematics skills could then be applied to planning, assessment, curriculum, instruction, and evaluation in students' individualized education programs. This project also contributed and impacted upon the program improvement programmatic emphasis concerning the "new basics" in vocational education.

Products Delivered: (Indicate titles, types, quantity, recipients and date of delivery)

1. Two (2) copies of Quarterly Progress Reports (October 1, 1983; January 1, 1984; and April 1, 1984).
2. Fifty (50) copies of the Generalizable Mathematics Skills User Manual delivered to DAVTE by June 30, 1984.
3. Fifty (50) copies of the Generalizable Mathematics Skills Resource Directory delivered to DAVTE by June 30, 1984.
4. Twenty (20) copies of the final report delivered to DAVTE by June 30, 1984.

H. Expenditure of Funds:

A budget revision was requested and approved during the month of January. The budget revision included a decrease from $26,125 and $3,152 to $23,224 and $2,912 in the salary and benefits of the principal investigator. The funds were used to create the research assistant position ($2,904 salary; $12 benefits), and increase the salary ($1,620 to $1,741) and benefits ($196 to $218) of the Clerk Typist III. In addition, due to the reprinting of the Executive Summary, the printing line-item was increased from $1,200 to $2,300. This modification represented an increase from the original amount requested from DAVTE. Other than the requested and approved budget revision, there were no discrepancies between the Illinois State Board of Education/Department of Adult, Vocational and Technical Education Funding Agreement amount and actual expenditures claimed.

I. Paid Participants in Activity:

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Office of Career Development for Special Populations
University of Illinois

James P. Greenan is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Vocational and Technical Education at the University of Illinois. For the past five years he has been the research and development coordinator of the Office of Career Development for Special Populations. During 1983-84 Dr. Greenan served as the associate project director and principal investigator of the 'Generalizable Skills' project. He was responsible for all planning, administrative, operational, and evaluation activities of the project.

Dr. Greenan has extensive teaching, research, and service experiences at the local, state, regional, and federal levels. He has conducted several research studies, published numerous articles and reports, and given several presentations at professional conferences. His occupational work experiences, education and training, and research activities have focused on vocational/industrial education, career education, research, and special needs. Presently, Dr. Greenan is actively involved in several professional associations, such as, the American Vocational Association and the Council for Exceptional Children. He is currently president-elect of the Illinois Association of Vocational Education Special Needs Personnel.

Jo Ann Powell
Research Assistant
Department of Vocational and Technical Education
Office of Career Development for Special Populations
University of Illinois

Jo Powell was appointed 50% time in the 'Generalizable Skills' project from January 21 - June 30, 1984. Ms. Powell is a full-time doctoral student in the College of Education. Her responsibilities included assisting on several project activities, and specifically, planning, organizing, and producing the Generalizable Mathematics Skills Resource Directory.

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   ____ Career Education
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K. Conference/Workshop Summary(ies)

The provisions of this contract did not specifically call for the project to develop and conduct conferences or workshops. Listed below are the conferences, workshops, and meetings attended by the project staff members. While attending these conferences the 'Generalizable Skills' project was discussed with other participants. The project abstract, general information, manuscripts, publications, and draft materials were exchanged. Staff attendance at these conferences provided excellent opportunities to obtain input, suggestions, and recommendations from researchers and practitioners regarding present and future project activities. Regular staff meetings and individual meetings with staff, project advisory committee members, ISBE personnel, and other resources have all been detailed in previous quarterly progress reports. The conferences, workshops, and meetings attended by the staff include:

May 18, 1983	Dr. Peter Seidman, Contract Administrator ISBE/DAVTE Springfield, Illinois
July 27, 1983	DAVTE Project Directors' Conference Sangamon State University Springfield, Illinois
July 1, 1983 - June 30, 1984	Met individually with project advisory committee members several times
August 15-19, 1983	IVA Conference Springfield, Illinois
September 22, 1983	'Generalizable Skills' and 'Change Skills' project staff and DAVTE personnel meeting, Springfield, Illinois
October 4-5, 1983	Illinois High Technology Conference Springfield, Illinois
October 19-22, 1983	Division on Career Development International Conference, PAC meeting, and CEC/DCD Executive Board meeting Chicago, Illinois

November 7, 1983	PAC meeting Champaign, Illinois
November 9-10, 1983	Mississippi Valley Industrial Education Conference Chicago, Illinois
December 2-6, 1983	American Vocational Association Conference Anaheim, California
February 24, 1984	'Generalizable Skills' and 'Change Skills' and DAVTE personnel meeting Springfield, Illinois
March 8-9, 1984	Meeting of the BIG 10 University Consortium on Career Development for Special Populations University of Minnesota St. Paul, Minnesota
March 15, 1984	IVA/DAVTE Workshop Triton College Chicago, Illinois
March 27-28, 1984	National Network Conference Denver, Colorado
April 3-4, 1984	Teacher Education Conference Springfield, Illinois
April 3, 1984	'Generalizable Skills' and 'Change Skills' and DAVTE personnel meeting Springfield, Illinois
April 6, 1984	IDCD-ILAVESNP Conference Chicago, Illinois
April 23-24, 1984	National Network Conference Washington, D.C.
April 23-27, 1984	Council for Exceptional Children Conference, CEC/DCD Executive Board meeting, CEC annual business meeting, NAC meeting and CEC Research Committee meeting Washington, D.C.
April 30-May 1, 1984	Rupert N. Evans Symposium Allerton, Illinois
May 21, 1984	Met with Bloomington AVC personnel Bloomington, Illinois
June 6, 1984	Conduct inservice training on teaching generalizable skills Chicago, Illinois
June 22, 1984	Meet with DAVTE personnel

L. Resource Listing:

The resources obtained through this project have been added to the library of the Department of Vocational and Technical Education. Several of the resources (publications and instructional materials) were obtained at no cost. A special section of the library related to generalizable skills has been established as a result of this project. This section of the library is used by undergraduates and graduate students in the Department of Vocational and Technical Education, and by several faculty members from the Department and College of Education. The specific instructional materials used in the undergraduate programs are placed in a special section of the library.

M. Accomplishments, Including Significant Findings:

The major accomplishments of the project include the following:

1. Identified and selected the project advisory committee.
2. Identified and selected the population and sample.
3. Coordinated the 'Generalizable Skills' project activities with the 'Change Skills' project activities.
4. Developed the set of student self-ratings, teacher ratings, and performance test mathematics assessment instruments.
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The staff has been invited to describe the project activities in several classes, professional conferences, and meetings. Technical

assistance requests were received (and fulfilled) from local, state, and national levels regarding research and practice in the area of generalizable skills. Descriptions of conference presentations, journal articles and research reports, and technical assistance/service activities have been included in each of the previous quarterly progress reports.

N. Major Activities and Events:

This section lists the major activities of the 'Generalizable Skills' project during 1983-84 that include:

Task 1: Identify and select the Project Advisory Committee

1.1 Identify additional potential (PAC) members.

1.2 Select and telephone call each prospective PAC member informing him/her of the project, activities, and requesting their participation.

1.3 Send a follow-up letter to each PAC member (See Appendix A) expressing appreciation for serving on the committee, a list of PAC member activities, and a project proposal.

Task 2: Identify and select the population and sample

2.1 Select from the 32 secondary area vocational centers (AVC) a purposive (or representative) sample of 3 AVCs in the State of Illinois: (a) Danville VOTEC, (b) Decatur Area Vocational Center, (c) Sauk Area Career Center. The final selection was based on the number of students, number of teachers, and number and variety of programs.

2.2 Telephone call each prospective AVC director participant informing him of the project, activities, requesting his

AVCs participation, and establishing tentative dates for field testing.

2.3 Send a follow-up letter (See Appendix B) to each AVC director expressing appreciation for his willingness to participate in the project, and providing a tentative schedule of activities.

2.4 Attend DAVTE Project Director Meeting.

2.5 Attend Illinois Vocational Association Conference.

Task 3: Coordinate "Generalizable Skills" project activities with "Change Skills" project staff activities

3.1 Attend first meeting with the "Change Skills" project staff and DAVTE personnel.

3.2 Write quarterly progress report #1.

3.21 Attend and present at Illinois High Technology Conference.

3.22 Attend and present at DCD Conference and Executive Board meeting.

3.23 Attend Mississippi Valley Conference.

3.24 Attend and present at the American Vocational Association Conference.

3.3 Attend second meeting with the 'Change Skills' project staff and DAVTE personnel.

3.4 Write quarterly progress report #2.

3.5 Attend third meeting with the 'Change Skills' project staff and DAVTE personnel.

3.6 Write quarterly progress report #3.

3.61 Attend and present at BIG 10 Research Consortium Meeting.

3.62 Attend and present at IVA/DAVTE workshop.

3.63 Attend and present at National Network Conference.

3.64 Attend and present at Illinois Teacher Education Conference.

3.65 Attend IDCD-ILAVESNP Conference.

3.66 Attend and present at National Network Conference.

3.67 Attend CEC, CEC/DCD Executive Board meeting, DCD annual business meeting, NAC meeting and CEC Research Committee meeting.

3.68 Attend Evans Symposium.

3.69 Meet with Bloomington Area Vocational Center personnel.

3.70 Conduct inservice training on teaching generalizable skills in Chicago.

3.71 Meet with DAVTE personnel.

Task 4: Develop a set of student self-ratings, teacher ratings, and performance test assessment instruments designed to measure the generalizable mathematics skills of students in secondary vocational programs.

4.1 Identify and select the list of generalizable mathematics skills developed by Greenan (1983) as a basis for developing the assessment instruments (See Appendix C).

4.2 Conduct a review of literature regarding instrument design and theory of student self-ratings, teacher ratings, and performance tests in the area of mathematics. The review concerned existing theory on variables related specifically to the instrument development phase of the study.

4.3 Develop a draft set of student self-ratings, teacher ratings, and performance test mathematics assessment instruments.

4.4 Send the draft instruments to the PAC members for review and critique.

4.5 Revise the assessment instruments according to PAC members' comments, additions, and/or deletions in terms of content, meaning, clarity, and readability.

4.6 Send the revised instruments to the PAC members for review and critique.

4.61 Convene PAC meeting.

4.7 Revise the assessment instruments according to the PAC members' comments, additions, and/or deletions in terms of content, meaning, clarity, and readability.

4.8 Send the revised assessment instruments to the PAC members for review and critique and pilot test the assessment instruments on a random sample of students and teachers in selected secondary area vocational centers.

4.9 Produce the final versions of the student self-ratings, teacher ratings, and performance test of generalizable mathematics skills (See Appendix D).

4.10 Print the appropriate number of assessment instruments.

Task 5: Field test the assessment instruments

5.1 Contact each participating AVC (Danville VOTEC, Decatur AVC, Sauk ACC) and confirm the field test schedules. Call each AVC to obtain lists of students/programs.

5.2 Make all necessary arrangements for field testing activities.

5.3 Field test instruments in Danville VOTEC.

5.4 Field test instruments in Decatur Area Vocational Center.

5.5 Field test instruments in Sauk Area Career Center.

5.6 Send a follow-up letter to each AVC expressing appreciation for participating in the field testing (See Appendix E).

Task 6: Determine the reliability and validity of the mathematics skills assessment instruments

6.1 Develop and write SPSS computer programs (internal consistency reliability, test-retest reliability, item analysis, and correlations) for analyzing the data provided by the student self-ratings, teacher ratings, and performance test according to the control variables (type of vocational program, gender, and level of mathematics aptitude) (See Appendix F).

6.2 Process instruments by entering and verifying data on tape.

6.3 Run computer programs and revise as necessary.

6.4 Compile all computer output on the assessment instruments (See Appendix G).

6.5 Analyze data and construct data tables (See Appendix H).

Task 7: Formulate strategies and procedures for using the generalizable mathematics skills assessment instruments

7.1 Conduct a survey and follow-up (See Appendix I) to determine the AVCs present capabilities and procedures for identifying, assessing, and/or teaching mathematics skills.

7.2 Conduct a review of literature regarding strategies and procedures for identifying, assessing, and/or teaching mathematics skills.

7.3 Collect data through interviews and observations during the field testing to determine alternative procedures for identifying, assessing, and/or teaching mathematics skills.

7.4 Synthesize all data and information and develop strategies and procedures for identifying, assessing, and/or teaching mathematics skills.

Task 8: Produce the product and final report

8.1 Develop the draft product (Mathematics Skills User Manual) and final report.

8.2 Send the draft User Manual and final report to the PAC members and DAVTE personnel for their review, critique, and pilot testing.

8.3 Produce and disseminate the User Manual and final report according to the PAC members' and DAVTE personnel comments, additions, and/or deletions; and pilot test information.

O. Problems:

There were no major problems relative to the progress made on the 'Generalizable Skills' project this year.

P. Publicity:

The 'Generalizable Skills' project received direct publicity primarily through class presentations, presentations at professional conferences and meetings, publications, and technical assistance to LEAs, SEAs, and national level agencies and persons. Dr. Greenan's involvement in professional associations in leadership capacities has further publicized the project activities. His past and current publication record also reflects the present program of research in generalizable skills. In summary, Dr. Greenan's several instructional, research, and service activities have all contributed to receiving publicity for the generalizable skills project and its products.

Q. Resource Persons:

The principal resource persons for the 'Generalizable Skills' project were the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) members. The PAC members included:

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Several faculty, staff, and graduate students from various departments (Educational Psychology) and units (Office of Career Development for Special Populations) in the College of Education at the University of Illinois also provided helpful suggestions and recommendations regarding project activities. The area vocational center directors and several teachers and students also provided input especially in the review of procedures, instruments, materials, and

products. Numerous teacher educators, researchers, state education agency personnel, and local education agency personnel from other states provided feedback and suggestions regarding project activities at professional conferences and meetings.

The contributions of these individuals varied according to their individual expertise and needs of specific project activities. For example, some persons provided suggestions and recommendations with respect to instrumentation and research design, while other persons reviewed and critiqued materials and products. The collective input from all individuals was extremely valuable to the success of the project.

R. Summations of Evaluation Data Collected:

The principal evaluation data collected through this project were formative evaluation data for each of the major tasks. Formative evaluation included: (a) immediate participant (i.e., area vocational center directors, consultants, teachers, and PAC members' evaluation and feedback), (b) PAC review, and (c) adherence to timelines. The results of these formative evaluations were communicated in the quarterly progress reports for each task to DAVTE personnel and PAC members. Listed below are the results of the evaluation data collected:

Task 1: Based on the outline in the procedures section and input from project staff and DAVTE personnel, the project advisory committee will be identified and selected.

Task 2: Based on the outline in the procedures section and input from project staff, PAC members, and DAVTE personnel, the population and sample for the study will be identified and selected.

Task 3: The 'Generalizable Skills' project and the 'Change Skills' project activities will be considered coordinated based on the outcomes of the quarterly meetings.

Task 4: The student self-ratings, teacher ratings, and performance test of generalizable mathematics skills will be developed and considered adequate according to project staff fulfillment of sub-tasks, consultant review, and input from the PAC members, AVC directors, teachers, students, and DAVTE personnel.

Task 5: The mathematics skills assessment instruments will be adequately field tested according to the outline provided in the procedures section, and input from PAC members, AVC directors, teachers, students, and DAVTE personnel.

Task 6: Based on the procedural outline, review and critique by PAC members, DAVTE personnel, and consultants, the student self-ratings, teacher ratings, and performance test will be considered sufficient and adequate in terms of reliability and validity.

Task 7: Strategies and Procedures for using the generalizable mathematics skills assessment instruments will be formulated and considered adequate according to project staff adherence to the completion of sub-tasks, and review and critique by the PAC members, DAVTE personnel, and school personnel.

Task 8: The PAC members, DAVTE personnel, consultants, and school personnel will review and critique the comprehensiveness and quality of the product (Mathematics Skills User Manual) and final report.

S. Statement of Impact:

The dissemination plan included the delivery of 50 copies of the Generalizable Mathematics Skills User Manual and Generalizable Mathematics Skills Resource Directory and 20 copies of the final report to the ISBE/DAVTE. In addition, copies of each report were sent to the PAC members. The remaining copies will be disseminated upon individual requests while the supply lasts to at least the following target groups: LEA and SEA personnel, state and local advisory councils, teacher educators, researchers, and national research and development centers. The reports will also be submitted to the ERIC Clearinghouse.

The results and products of this project are expected to have short-range and long-range impact. However, the impact of the

dissemination is difficult to determine presently because dissemination is just beginning to occur at the end of the project period. Dissemination impact will be more easily assessed after the project reports, products, and information have been widely circulated.

T. Conclusions and Recommendations:

The conclusions of this study are based on the data presented for each of the two objectives and include:

1. The generalizable mathematics student self-ratings, teacher ratings, and performance test assessment instruments possess content and face validity relative to the mathematics skills required in vocational programs and occupations.
2. The assessment instruments are highly reliable in terms of internal consistency reliability and test-retest reliability for students in different vocational programs, males and females, and students who have high, medium, and low mathematics aptitude.
3. The student self-ratings and teacher ratings relate or agree moderately with students' scores as measured by the performance test.
4. The items contained in the performance test assessment instrument are moderately easy or difficult and discriminate well between those students who score high and those students who score low.
5. The generalizable mathematics skills assessment User Manual and Resource Directory are considered to possess an adequate degree of reliability and validity and are potentially useful in secondary vocational programs.

6. The 'Generalizable Skills' project and 'Change Skills' project activities were coordinated as evidenced by quarterly meetings, joint conference/workshop presentations, and other activities.

Based on the research methods, findings, and conclusions of this study, several recommendations can be made for practice and future research. The recommendations include:

1. Future field testing of the generalizable mathematics skills assessment instruments (student self-ratings, teacher ratings, performance test) should include other populations at the secondary, post-secondary, and/or adult levels. The more general vocational programs including industrial arts, consumer homemaking, and general business could be investigated. The rationale, instruments, and procedures used in this study should be equally applicable to other populations/samples. Future studies should use populations where special populations (handicapped, disadvantaged, and limited-English proficient) as well as non-special populations are known to exist.
2. Students and school personnel including teachers, counselors, administrators, paraprofessionals should begin to use the generalizable mathematics skills student self-ratings, teacher ratings, and performance test assessment instruments for assessment, planning, curriculum development, instructional methods and delivery, and evaluation.
3. School personnel need to begin teaching and/or coordinate their teaching of generalizable mathematics skills as they relate to individual vocational programs.
4. School personnel need to work more closely with "academic" teachers (e.g. mathematics, English, reading), remedial teachers

and support service providers, and special needs teachers to effectively provide the necessary instruction and related services to students known to lack generalizable mathematics skills.

5. Pertaining to generalizable mathematics skills, vocational educators need to evaluate their instructional/support service delivery systems regarding the services provided, persons involved in delivering services, when services are provided, how services are provided, where services are provided, and the procedures used to evaluate the adequacy, quality, and effect of services provided to students.

6. Program evaluations need to formulate and convey the necessary instructional procedures personnel will use to increase students' generalizable mathematics skills.

U. Staff Development:

The staff development activities for the project staff consisted primarily of participation in several professional conferences, workshops, and meetings. These are listed in the "Conference/Workshop Summary(ies)" section. Interaction with the Project Advisory Committee members and other resource persons provided additional staff development.

V. Other Activities:

Several additional activities were undertaken by the project staff beyond those described in the proposal. For example, the staff delivered several presentations at national, state, regional, and local conferences. The presentations are listed in the "Conference/Workshop Summary(ies)" section. The Generalizable Mathematics Skills Resource Directory is an additional product produced by the staff.

Various dissemination and technical assistance activities were also carried out by the project staff.

W. Materials Developed:

The following major materials and products were developed by the 'Generalizable Skills' project staff during 1983-84:

1. Quarterly Progress Reports (October 1, 1983; January 1, 1984; April 1, 1984).
2. Generalizable Mathematics Skills User Manual, June, 1984.
3. Generalizable Mathematics Skills Resource Directory, June, 1984.

Appendices

Appendix A

Project Advisory Committee Letter

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

College of Education
Department of Vocational
and Technical Education
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July 14, 1983

Dr. Frank Pratzner
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in Vocational Education
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1960 Kenny Road
Columbus, OH 43210

Dear Dr. Pratzner:

I would like to thank you for your willingness to serve on the advisory committee for the project entitled: "The Development of Strategies and Procedures for Assessing the Generalizable Skills of Students in Secondary Vocational Programs: Generalizable Mathematics Skills." The project is being funded by the Illinois State Board of Education/Department of Adult, Vocational, and Technical Education. Your interest, expertise and involvement will provide an invaluable contribution to the project.

The major focus of the project advisory committee (PAC) activities will be to provide input and feedback on concepts generated, instruments produced, data analysis, products developed, and other activities for the duration of the project. In addition, if possible, the entire PAC will meet at least once during the next twelve months.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the project proposal and abstract for your review. The proposal contains all phases of project operation. In particular, you will want to focus on the objectives, procedures, and evaluation sections since they specify the major project activities. Upon reading the procedures section you will have an idea of the scope of activities involving the PAC during the project.

Again, I would like to thank you for your participation on the PAC and look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

James P. Greenan

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Enclosure: Project proposal and abstract

Appendix B

Area Vocational Center Director Follow-up Letter

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July 14, 1983

Mr. T. James Oettel, Director
Decatur Area Vocational Center
300 East Eldorado Street
Decatur, Illinois 62523

Dear Mr. Oettel:

I enjoyed talking with you on the telephone today, and thank you for the information you provided to me regarding your AVC's types of programs, numbers of teachers, and projected student enrollments for the 1983-84 school year. The information will be helpful in planning future project activities for the Illinois State Board of Education/Department of Adult, Vocational, and Technical Educaton (DAVTE) funded project entitled, "The Development of Strategies and Procedures for Assessing the Generalizable Skills of Students in Secondary Vocational Programs: Generalizable Mathematics Skills." Last year mathematics skills were identified which are basic to, necessary for success in, and transferable within and among secondary vocational training programs. The expectation of the project is that practical instruments and procedures will be developed that are capable of assessing students' mathematics skills, and suggesting areas in which students need instruction and/or support services.

The "Generalizable Skills" project staff and DAVTE personnel wish to thank you for your AVC's interest and willingness to participate in the project. As I discussed during our conversation, the project staff would like to possibly include several of your teachers and students in the field testing of a set of instruments and procedures designed to measure the generalizable mathematics skills of students in secondary vocational training programs. I anticipate the field testing will occur over 1-2 days during this Fall or early Winter. Your leadership and your teachers' and students' participation will greatly help us in the task of developing and validating the instruments and procedures intended to eventually assist students to succeed in their vocational programs.

I will contact you in the next several weeks to discuss specific scheduling, plans and activities regarding the field testing. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance and I look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

James P. Greenan
Principal Investigator

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Appendix C

Generalizable Mathematics Skills

KEY

- High Generalizability ($\bar{x}$ = 5.01 - 7.00)
- Medium Generalizability ($\bar{x}$ = 3.00 - 5.00)
- Low Generalizability ($\bar{x}$ = 1.00 - 2.99)

Mathematics Skills

Whole Numbers

1. Read, write, and count single and multiple digit whole numbers
2. Add and subtract single and multiple digit whole numbers
3. Multiply and divide single and multiple digit whole numbers
4. Use addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to solve word problems with single and multiple digit whole numbers
5. Round off single and multiple digit whole numbers

Fractions

6. Read and write common fractions
7. Add and subtract common fractions
8. Multiply and divide common fractions
9. Solve word problems with common fractions

Decimals

10. Carry out arithmetic computations involving dollars and cents
11. Read and write decimals in one and more places
12. Round off decimals to one or more places
13. Multiply and divide decimals in one or more places
14. Add and subtract decimals in one or more places
15. Solve word problems with decimals in one or more places

Percent

16. Read and write percents
17. Compute percents

Vocational Training Areas and Programs

Agricultural Occs.	Agricultural Mechanics
	Ornamental Horticulture
	Agricultural Cooperative Education
	Conservation
	Cooperative Work Training (CWT)
	All Agricultural Occupations Programs
Business, Marketing and Management Occs.	Advertising Services
	General Merchandise (Sales)
	Personal Services (Sales)
	Marketing Cooperative (D.E.)
	Accounting and Computing Occupations
	Business Data Processing Systems
	Computer Programming
	Filing, Office Machines
	General Office Clerking
	Executive Secretary Science
	Secretarial
	Office Occupations Cooperative Education
	Cooperative Work Training (CWT)
	Word Processing
	Hospitality (Travel and Travel Service)
	Clerical Occupations
	Office Occupations
	All Bus., Market., and Mgmt. Occupations Programs
Health Occupations	Dental Assisting
	Practical Nursing
	Nurse Aide
	Health Care Aide
	Medical Assisting
	Health Aide
	Medical Records
	Health Occupations Cooperative Education
	Cooperative Work Training (CWT)
	Health Occupations
	All Health Occupations Programs
Home Economics Occs.	Child Care
	Clothing Management, Production, and Service
	Food Management, Production, and Service
	Home Economics Cooperative Education
	Interior Decorating
	Child Development
	Cooperative Work Training (CWT)
	All Home Economics Occupations Programs
Industrial Occupations	Air Conditioning
	Heating
	Appliance Repair
	Automotive Services
	Body and Fender Repair
	Auto Mechanics
	Aircraft Maintenance
	Commercial Art
	Construction and Building Trades
	Carpentry
	Industrial Maintenance
	Diesel Mechanic
	Drafting
	Electrical Occupations
	Industrial Electrician
	Electronic Occupations
	Radio/Television Repair
	Graphic Arts
	Machine Shop
	Combine Metal Trades
	Welding
	Tool and Die Making
	Cosmetology
	Refrigeration
	Small Engine Repair
	Millwork and Cabinet Making
	Industrial Cooperative Education
	Cooperative Work Training (CWT)
	Truck Driving
	Warehousing
	Home Remodeling and Renovation
	Custodial Maintenance
	Communications and Media Specialist
	All Industrial Occupations Programs
	ALL VOCATIONAL TRAINING AREAS AND PROGRAMS

KEY

- High Generalizability ($\bar{x}$ = 5.01 - 7.00)
- Medium Generalizability ($\bar{x}$ = 3.00 - 5.00)
- Low Generalizability ($\bar{x}$ = 1.00 - 2.99)

Mixed Operations

18. Convert fractions to decimals, percents to fractions, fractions to percents, percents to decimals, decimals to percents, common fractions or mixed numbers to decimal fractions, and decimal fractions to common fractions or mixed numbers
19. Solve word problems by selecting and using correct order of operations
20. Perform written calculations quickly
21. Compute averages

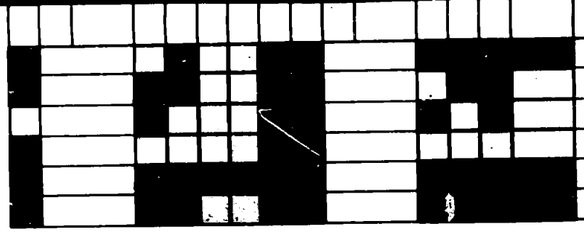
Measurement and Calculation

22. Read numbers or symbols from time, weight, distance, and volume measuring scales
23. Use a measuring device to determine an object's weight, distance, or volume in standard (English) units
24. Use a measuring device to determine an object's weight, distance, or volume in metric units
25. Perform basic metric conversions involving weight, distance, and volume
26. Solve problems involving time, weight, distance, and volume
27. Use a calculator to perform basic arithmetic operations to solve problems

Estimation

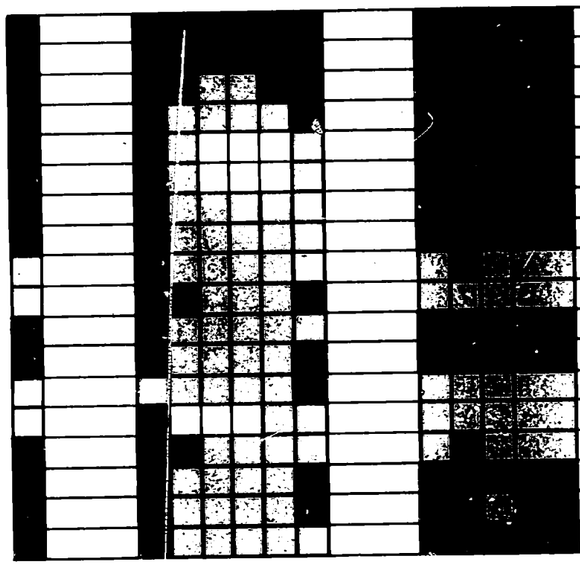
28. Determine if a solution to a mathematical problem is reasonable

Vocational Training Areas and Programs



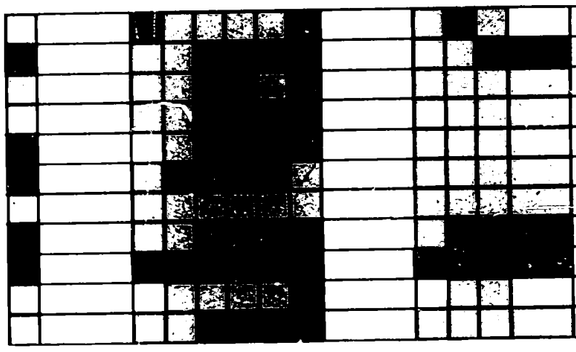
Agricultural Occs.

- Agricultural Mechanics
- Ornamental Horticulture
- Agricultural Cooperative Education
- Conservation
- Cooperative Work Training (CWT)
- **All Agricultural Occupations Programs**



Business, Marketing and Management Occs.

- Advertising Services
- General Merchandise (Sales)
- Personal Services (Sales)
- Marketing Cooperative (D.E.)
- Accounting and Computing Occupations
- Business Data Processing Systems
- Computer Programming
- Filing, Office Machines
- General Office Clerking
- Executive Secretary Science
- Secretarial
- Office Occupations Cooperative Education
- Cooperative Work Training (CWT)
- Word Processing
- Hospitality (Travel and Travel Service)
- Clerical Occupations
- Office Occupations
- **All Bus., Market., and Mgmt. Occupations Programs**



Health Occupations

- Dental Assisting
- Practical Nursing
- Nurse Aide
- Health Care Aide
- Medical Assisting
- Health Aide
- Medical Records
- Health Occupations Cooperative Education
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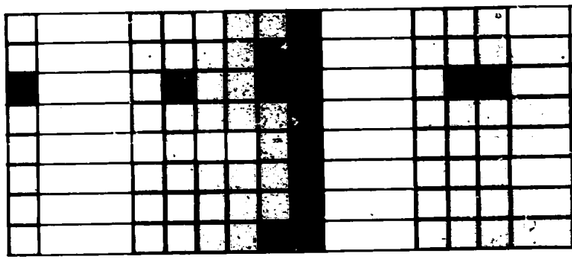
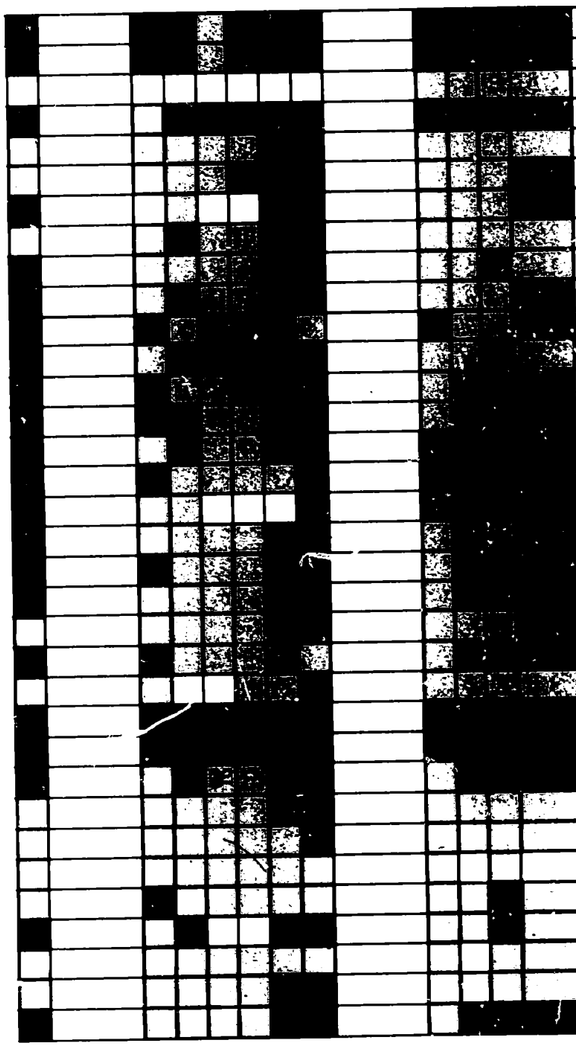
- Health Occupations
- **All Health Occupations Programs**



Home Economics Occs.

- Child Care
- Clothing Management, Production, and Service
- Food Management, Production, and Service
- Home Economics Cooperative Education
- Interior Decorating
- Child Development
- Cooperative Work Training (CWT)
- **All Home Economics Occupations Programs**



Industrial Occupations

- Air Conditioning
- Heating
- Appliance Repair
- Automotive Services
- Body and Fender Repair
- Auto Mechanics
- Aircraft Maintenance
- Commercial Art
- Construction and Building Trades
- Carpentry
- Industrial Maintenance
- Diesel Mechanic
- Drafting
- Electrical Occupations
- Industrial Electrician
- Electronic Occupations
- Radio/Television Repair
- Graphic Arts
- Machine Shop
- Combine Metal Trades
- Welding
- Tool and Die Making
- Cosmetology
- Refrigeration
- Small Engine Repair
- Millwork and Cabinet Making
- Industrial Cooperative Education
- Cooperative Work Training (CWT)
- Truck Driving
- Warehousing
- Home Remodeling and Renovation
- Custodial Maintenance
- Communications and Media Specialist
- **All Industrial Occupations Programs**

ALL VOCATIONAL TRAINING AREAS AND PROGRAMS

Appendix D

Student Self-Ratings, Teacher Ratings, and Performance Test

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Instrument No.: _____

GENERALIZABLE VOCATIONAL MATHEMATICS SKILLS ASSESSMENT

Student Self-Ratings

Directions: In the spaces provided, write your name, check (✓) your sex, write your teacher's name, check (✓) your area vocational center, and check (✓) your vocational training program.

Student Name: _____ 1-3

Student Sex: ____ Male . . . . 1 ____ Female 2 4

Teacher Name: _____ 5-6

Area Vocational Center:

___Danville VOTEC 1

___Decatur Area Vocational Center 2

___Sauk Area Career Center 3 7

___Other (please specify)_____ 4

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Vocational Program Area/Training Program:

Agricultural Occupations	1
___Conservation	01
___Agricultural Mechanics	02
___Ornamental Horticulture	03
___Other (please specify)_____	04
Business, Marketing, and Management Occupations	2
___Secretarial	01
___Business Data Processing Systems	02
___Computer Programming	03
___Other (please specify)_____	04
Health Occupations	3
___Nurse Aide	01
___Practical Nursing	02
___Health Occupations Cooperative Education	03
___Other (please specify)_____	04
Home Economics Occupations	4
___Food Management, Production, and Service	01
___Child Care	02
___Child Development	03
___Other (please specify)_____	04
Industrial Occupations	5
___Construction and Building Trades	01
___Electronics	02
___Machine Shop	03
___Other (please specify)_____	04

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Directions: Indicate, by circling the number, how well you believe you can do <u>each</u> of the following mathematics skills.

Example:

Mathematics Skill	Degree of Skill: Cannot Do	Cannot Do Too Well	Can Do Fairly Well	Can Do Well
Read and write common fractions	1	2	(3)	4

Mathematics Skills	Degree of Skill: Cannot Do	Cannot Do Too Well	Can Do Fairly Well	Can Do Well	
WHOLE NUMBERS					
1. Read, write, and count whole numbers examples: 6, six 54, fifty-four 375, three hundred seventy-five 4,128; four thousand one hundred twenty-eight	1	2	3	4	11
2. Add and subtract whole numbers examples: Add: 8 +3 15,821 + 3,147 + 195 Subtract: 76 -23 12,872 - 983	1	2	3	4	12

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Mathematics Skills	Degree of Skill				
	Cannot Do	Cannot Do Too Well	Can Do Fairly Well	Can Do Well	
3. Multiply and divide whole numbers examples: Multiply: 80 × 3; 543 × 81 Divide: 7/147; 125/34,318	1	2	3	4	13
4. Add, subtract, multiply, and divide whole numbers to solve word problems	1	2	3	4	14
5. Round off whole numbers	1	2	3	4	15

FRACTIONS

6. Read and write common fractions examples: $\frac{1}{8}$, one-eighth $\frac{5}{4}$, five-fourths $3\frac{6}{7}$, three and six-sevenths	1	2	3	4	16

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Mathematics Skills	Degree of Skill				
	Cannot Do	Cannot Do Too Well	Can Do Fairly Well	Can Do Well	

7. Add and subtract common fractions

examples:

Add: $\frac{2}{5}$ $\frac{5}{8}$ $10\frac{1}{2}$ $+\frac{1}{5}$ $+\frac{1}{3}$ $+ 4\frac{1}{4}$

Subtract: $\frac{6}{7}$ $\frac{5}{9}$ $18\frac{2}{3}$ $-\frac{3}{7}$ $-\frac{1}{3}$ $-15\frac{1}{6}$

1 2 3 4 17

8. Multiply and divide common fractions

examples:

Multiply: $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{5}{9} \times \frac{3}{15}$ $12 \times 4\frac{3}{5}$

Divide: $\frac{3}{8} \div \frac{9}{10}$ $\frac{2}{3} \div 4$ $9\frac{7}{15} \div 4\frac{2}{5}$

1 2 3 4 18

9. Add, subtract, multiply, and divide common fractions to solve word problems

1 2 3 4 19

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Mathematics Skills	Degree of Skill				
	Cannot Do	Cannot Do Too Well	Can Do Fairly Well	Can Do Well	
DECIMALS					
10. Read and write decimals examples: .2, two-tenths .43, forty-three hundredths .875, eight hundred seventy-five thousandths .0964, nine hundred sixty-four ten thousandths	1	2	3	4	20
11. Add and subtract decimals examples: Add: .3 + .1 + .2 = 125.2 + 38.3 + 16.8 .00789 + .00023 Subtract: .7 - .2 = 320.8 - 18.6 124 - .009	1	2	3	4	21

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Mathematics Skills	Degree of Skill: Cannot Do	Cannot Do Too Well	Can Do Fairly Well	Can Do Well	
12. Multiply and divide decimals examples: Multiply: .6 × 3; 110 × .854; 1,425 × 7.63 Divide: 15/8.70; 75.2/128.764; 8 ÷ .004	1	2	3	4	22
13. Add, subtract, multiply, and divide common decimals to solve word problems	1	2	3	4	23
14. Solve problems involving dollars and cents	1	2	3	4	24
15. Round off decimals	1	2	3	4	25

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Mathematics Skills	Degree of Skill				
	Cannot Do	Cannot Do Too Well	Can Do Fairly Well	Can Do Well	
PERCENT					
16. Read and write percents examples: 32%, thirty-two percent $8\frac{1}{3}\%$, eight and one-third percent 115.6%, one hundred fifteen and six-tenths percent	1	2	3	4	26
17. Solve problems involving percents	1	2	3	4	27
MIXED OPERATIONS					
18. Change fractions to decimals, percents to fractions, fractions to percents, percents to decimals, decimals to percents, fractions or mixed numbers to decimal fractions, decimal fractions to fractions or mixed numbers	1	2	3	4	28
19. Solve word problems by selecting and using the correct order of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division for whole numbers, fractions, decimals, and percents	1	2	3	4	29

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Mathematics Skills	Degree of Skill				
	Cannot Do	Cannot Do Too Well	Can Do Fairly Well	Can Do Well	
20. Find averages (means)	1	2	3	4	30
21. Do written calculations quickly	1	2	3	4	31
MEASUREMENT AND CALCULATION					
22. Read numbers or symbols from time, weight, distance, and volume measuring scales	1	2	3	4	32
23. Use measuring scales to determine an object's weight, distance, and volume in standard (English) units	1	2	3	4	33
24. Use measuring scales to determine an object's weight, distance, and volume in metric units	1	2	3	4	34
25. Do basic metric conversions involving weight, distance, and volume	1	2	3	4	35
26. Solve problems involving time, weight, distance, and volume	1	2	3	4	36
27. Use a calculator to solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division	1	2	3	4	37

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Mathematics Skills	Degree of Skill				
	Cannot Do	Cannot Do Too Well	Can Do Fairly Well	Can Do Well	
ESTIMATION					
28. Determine if a solution or answer to a mathematics problem is reasonable	1	2	3	4	38

STOP, YOU ARE FINISHED

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Instrument No.: _____

GENERALIZABLE VOCATIONAL MATHEMATICS SKILLS ASSESSMENT

Teacher Ratings

Directions: In the spaces provided, write the name of the student whom you are rating, check (✓) the student's sex, write your name, check (✓) your area vocational center, and check (✓) the vocational training program in which you teach.

Student Name: _____ 1-3

Student Sex: ____ Male . . . . 1 ____ Female 2 4

Teacher Name: _____ 5-6

Area Vocational Center:

___Danville VOTEC 1

___Decatur Area Vocational Center 2

___Sauk Area Career Center 3 7

___Other (please specify)_____ 4

Vocational Program Area/Training Program:

Agricultural Occupations 1

___Conservation 01
___Agricultural Mechanics 02
___Ornamental Horticulture 03
___Other (please specify)_____ 04

Business, Marketing, and Management Occupations 2

___Secretarial 01
___Business Data Processing Systems 02
___Computer Programming 03
___Other (please specify)_____ 04

Health Occupations 3

___Nurse Aide 01
___Practical Nursing 02
___Health Occupations Cooperative Education 03
___Other (please specify)_____ 04

Home Economics Occupations 4

___Food Management, Production, and Service 01
___Child Care 02
___Child Development 03
___Other (please specify)_____ 04

Industrial Occupations 5

___Construction and Building Trades 01
___Electronics 02
___Machine Shop 03
___Other (please specify)_____ 04

Directions: Indicate, by circling the number, how well you believe the student named on the cover sheet can do each of the following mathematics skills.

Example:

Mathematics Skill	Degree of Skill			
	Cannot Do	Cannot Do Too Well	Can Do Fairly Well	Can Do Well
Read and write common fractions	1	2	(3)	4

Mathematics Skills	Degree of Skill			
	Cannot Do	Cannot Do Too Well	Can Do Fairly Well	Can Do Well
WHOLE NUMBERS				
1. Read, write, and count whole numbers examples: 6, six 54, fifty-four 375, three hundred seventy-five 4,128; four thousand one hundred twenty-eight	1	2	3	4
2. Add and subtract whole numbers examples: Add: 8 + 3 + 15,821 + 3,147 + 195 Subtract: 76 - 23; 12,872 - 983	1	2	3	4

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Mathematics Skills	Degree of Skill				
	Cannot Do	Cannot Do Too Well	Can Do Fairly Well	Can Do Well	
3. Multiply and divide whole numbers examples: Multiply: $\begin{array}{r} 80 \\ \times\ 3 \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r} 543 \\ \times\ 81 \end{array}$ Divide: $7\overline{)147}$ $125\overline{)34{,}318}$	1	2	3	4	13
4. Add, subtract, multiply, and divide whole numbers to solve word problems	1	2	3	4	14
5. Round off whole numbers	1	2	3	4	15

FRACTIONS

6. Read and write common fractions examples: $\frac{1}{8}$, one-eighth $\frac{5}{4}$, five-fourths $3\frac{6}{7}$, three and six-sevenths	1	2	3	4	16

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Mathematics Skills	Degree of Skill				
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7. Add and subtract common fractions examples: Add: $\frac{2}{5}$ $\frac{5}{8}$ $10\frac{1}{2}$ $+\frac{1}{5}$ $+\frac{1}{3}$ $+4\frac{1}{4}$ Subtract: $\frac{6}{7}$ $\frac{5}{9}$ $18\frac{2}{3}$ $-\frac{3}{7}$ $-\frac{1}{3}$ $-15\frac{1}{6}$	1	2	3	4	17
8. Multiply and divide common fractions examples: Multiply: $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{5}{9} \times \frac{3}{15}$ $12 \times 4\frac{3}{5}$ Divide: $\frac{3}{8} \div \frac{9}{10}$ $\frac{2}{3} \div 4$ $9\frac{7}{15} = 4\frac{2}{5}$	1	2	3	4	18
9. Add, subtract, multiply, and divide common fractions to solve word problems	1	2	3	4	19

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Mathematics Skills	Degree of Skill				
	Cannot Do	Cannot Do Too Well	Can Do Fairly Well	Can Do Well	
DECIMALS					
10. Read and write decimals					
examples:					
.2, two-tenths					
.43, forty-three hundredths					
.875, eight hundred seventy-five thousandths					
.0964, nine hundred sixty-four ten thousandths	1	2	3	4	20
11. Add and subtract decimals					
examples:					
Add: .3 + .1 + .2					
125.2 + 38.3 + 16.8					
.00789 + .00023					
Subtract: .7 - .2					
320.8 - 18.6					
124 - .009	1	2	3	4	21

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Mathematics Skills	Degree of Skill				
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12. Multiply and divide decimals examples: Multiply: .6 x 3 110 x .854 1,425 x 7.63 Divide: 15/8.70 75.2/128.764 8 ÷ .004	1	2	3	4	22
13. Add, subtract, multiply, and divide common decimals to solve word problems	1	2	3	4	23
14. Solve problems involving dollars and cents	1	2	3	4	24
15. Round off decimals	1	2	3	4	25

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Mathematics Skills	Degree of Skill				
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PERCENT					
16. Read and write percents examples: 32%, thirty-two percent $8\frac{1}{3}\%$, eight and one-third percent 115.6%, one hundred fifteen and six-tenths percent	1	2	3	4	26
17. Solve problems involving percents	1	2	3	4	27
MIXED OPERATIONS					
18. Change fractions to decimals, percents to fractions, fractions to percents, percents to decimals, decimals to percents, fractions or mixed numbers to decimal fractions, decimal fractions to fractions or mixed numbers	1	2	3	4	28
19. Solve word problems by selecting and using the correct order of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division for whole numbers, fractions, decimals, and percents	1	2	3	4	29

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Mathematics Skills	Degree of Skill				
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20. Find averages (means)	1	2	3	4	30
21. Do written calculations quickly	1	2	3	4	31

MEASUREMENT AND CALCULATION

22. Read numbers or symbols from time, weight, distance, and volume measuring scales	1	2	3	4	32
23. Use measuring scales to determine an object's weight, distance, and volume in standard (English) units	1	2	3	4	33
24. Use measuring scales to determine an object's weight, distance, and volume in metric units	1	2	3	4	34
25. Do basic metric conversions involving weight, distance, and volume	1	2	3	4	35
26. Solve problems involving time, weight, distance, and volum	1	2	3	4	36
27. Use a calculator to solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division	1	2	3	4	37

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Mathematics Skills	Degree of Skill				
	Cannot Do	Cannot Do Too Well	Can Do Fairly Well	Can Do Well	
ESTIMATION					
28. Determine if a solution or answer to a mathematics problem is reasonable	1	2	3	4	38

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GENERALIZABLE VOCATIONAL MATHEMATICS SKILLS ASSESSMENT

Performance Test

Directions: In the spaces provided, write your name, check (_✓_) your sex, write your teacher's name, check (_✓_) your area vocational center, and check (_✓_) your vocational training program.

Student Name: _____ 1-3

Student Sex: ____ Male . . . . 1 ____ Female 2 4

Teacher Name: _____ 5-6

Area Vocational Center:

___Danville VOTEC 1

___Decatur Area Vocational Center 2

___Sauk Area Career Center 3 7

___Other (please specify)_____ 4

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Vocational Program Area/Training Program:

Agricultural Occupations 1
___Conservation 01
___Agricultural Mechanics 02
___Ornamental Horticulture 03
___Other (please specify)_____ 04

Business, Marketing, and Management Occupations 2

___Secretarial 01
___Business Data Processing Systems 02
___Computer Programming 03
___Other (please specify)_____ 04

Health Occupations 3

___Nurse Aide 01
___Practical Nursing 02
___Health Occupations Cooperative Education 03 8-10
___Other (please specify)_____ 04

Home Economics Occupations 4

___Food Management, Production, and Service 01
___Child Care 02
___Child Development 03
___Other (please specify)_____ _____ 04

Industrial Occupations 5

___Construction and Building Trades 01
___Electronics 02
___Machine Shop 03
___Other (please specify)_____ 04

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Directions: Do <u>each</u> of the following problems by circling the correct answer. Please use the scratch paper provided to work out your answers.

Example:

Add: $\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ +7 \\ \hline \end{array}$

(a) 6 (b) 25 (c) 15 (d) 5

WHOLE NUMBERS

1. 97 is written as:

   (a) nine hundred seven

   (b) nine thousand seventy

   (c) ninety-seven

   (d) seventy-nine 11

2. 4,132 is written as:

   (a) four thousand one hundred thirty-two

   (b) forty-one thousand thirty-two

   (c) forty-one hundred thirty

   (d) four hundred thirty-two 12

3. Eight is represented by which number?

(a) 8 (b) 6 (c) 800 (d) 80 13

4. Five thousand nine hundred nineteen is represented by which number?

(a) 519 (b) 59 (c) 591 (d) 5,919 14

5. How many dots are there in the following diagram?

.....
.....

(a) 10 (b) 30 (c) 8 (d) 5 15

6. How many lines are there in the following diagram?

(a) 13 (b) 22 (c) 15 (d) 32 16

7. Add:

$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ +7 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(a) 26 (b) 2 (c) 16 (d) 17 17

8. Add:

$$\begin{array}{r} 302 \\ 431 \\ +\ 58 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(a) 791 (b) 792 (c) 691 (d) none of these 18

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9. Add:
$$\begin{array}{r} 12{,}031 \\ 1{,}224 \\ 8{,}341 \\ +\ \ 489 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(a) 22,985 (b) 22,085 (c) 21,085 (d) 22,075 19

10. Subtract:
$$\begin{array}{r} 98 \\ -27 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(a) 61 (b) 81 (c) 125 (d) 71 20

11. Subtract:
$$\begin{array}{r} 926 \\ -336 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(a) 590 (b) 690 (c) 592 (d) 692 21

12. Subtract:
$$\begin{array}{r} 13{,}104 \\ -\ \ 785 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(a) 13,319 (b) 13,621 (c) 12,329 (d) none of these 22

13. Multiply:
$$\begin{array}{r} 37 \\ \times\ 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(a) 276 (b) 296 (c) 306 (d) 302 23

14. Multiply:
$$\begin{array}{r} 40 \\ \times 29 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(a) 1,160 (b) 1,189 (c) 1,260 (d) 1,060 24

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15. Multiply: 789
x 46

(a) 35,294 (b) 37,284 (c) 7,890 (d) 36,294 25

16. Divide:

$8\overline{)224}$

(a) 30 (b) 26 (c) 28 (d) 27 26

17. Divide:

$27\overline{)3,321}$

(a) 13 (b) 132 (c) 1,230 (d) none of these 27

18. Divide:

$326\overline{)44,018}$

(a) 135 (c) 105 R=148

(b) 135 R=8 (d) 135 R=80 28

19. Mr. Jones has 9 acres of farm land. He intends to buy 6 acres in the spring, 15 in the summer and 48 in the fall. How many acres will he have at the beginning of next Winter?

(a) 30 (b) 68 (c) 58 (d) 78 29

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20. Ms. Smith typed 126 pages on Wednesday. On Thursday she typed 58 pages. How many more pages did Ms. Smith type on Wednesday than on Thursday?

(a) 68 (b) 184 (c) 78 (d) 168 30

21. Sixteen ounces of flour were called for in a recipe. If the recipe were doubled, how many ounces of flour would be needed?

(a) 16 (b) 28 (c) 32 (d) none of these 31

22. How many 3-feet square sections can be cut from a piece of sheet metal 3-feet wide by 30 feet long?

(a) 90 (b) 10 (c) 33 (d) 8 32

23. 64 rounded off to the nearest tens place is:

(a) 60 (b) 70 (c) 65 (d) 80 33

24. 1,553 rounded off to the nearest hundreds place is:

(a) 1,500 (b) 1,550 (c) 1,600 (d) 2,000 34

25. 23,974 rounded off the to the nearest thousands place is:

(a) 23,900 (b) 23,000 (c) 24,900 (d) 24,000 35

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FRACTIONS

26. $\frac{1}{4}$ is written as:

(a) one-eighth
(c) one-fourteenth
(b) one-fourth
(d) one-fortieth

36

27. $\frac{7}{3}$ is written as:

(a) three-seventieths
(c) three-sevenths
(b) seventy-thirds
(d) seven-thirds

37

28. $2\frac{5}{8}$ is written as:

(a) twenty-five eighths
(c) two and five-eighths
(b) two and eight-fifths
(d) twenty-eight fifths

38

29. Four-fifths is written as:

(a) $\frac{4}{5}$ (b) $\frac{4}{50}$ (c) $\frac{5}{4}$ (d) none of these

39

30. Nine-sixths is written as:

(a) $\frac{6}{9}$ (b) $\frac{9}{6}$ (c) $\frac{90}{6}$ (d) $\frac{96}{6}$

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31. Four and eleven-eighteenths is written as:

(a) $\frac{411}{18}$ (b) $\frac{4}{1118}$ (c) $4\frac{11}{18}$ (d) $4\frac{11}{8}$ 41

32. Add:
$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{5}{8} \\ +\frac{2}{8} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(a) $\frac{3}{8}$ (b) $\frac{5}{8}$ (c) $\frac{7}{8}$ (d) $\frac{7}{16}$ 42

33. Add:
$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{4}{6} \\ +\frac{2}{6} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(a) $\frac{1}{3}$ (b) $\frac{1}{2}$ (c) 6 (d) 1 43

34. Add:
$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{3}{4} \\ +\frac{1}{8} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(a) $\frac{7}{8}$ (b) $\frac{1}{2}$ (c) $\frac{3}{8}$ (d) $\frac{1}{3}$ 44

35. Add:
$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{1}{15} \\ +\frac{5}{6} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(a) $\frac{7}{10}$ (b) $\frac{29}{30}$ (c) $\frac{23}{30}$ (d) none of these 45

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36. Add: $\begin{array}{r} \frac{9}{10} \\ +\frac{7}{25} \\ \hline \end{array}$

(a) $\frac{19}{50}$ (b) $1\frac{9}{50}$ (c) $\frac{9}{50}$ (d) $\frac{16}{35}$ 46

37. Add: $\begin{array}{r} 12\frac{7}{8} \\ +\ 5\frac{1}{6} \\ \hline \end{array}$

(a) $17\frac{3}{24}$ (b) $17\frac{1}{24}$ (c) $18\frac{1}{24}$ (d) $17\frac{5}{24}$ 47

38. Subtract: $\begin{array}{r} \frac{8}{9} \\ -\frac{3}{9} \\ \hline \end{array}$

(a) 5 (b) $\frac{11}{9}$ (c) $\frac{4}{9}$ (d) $\frac{5}{9}$ 48

39. Subtract: $\begin{array}{r} \frac{5}{6} \\ -\frac{3}{6} \\ \hline \end{array}$

(a) 2 (b) $\frac{1}{3}$ (c) $\frac{11}{6}$ (d) $\frac{1}{6}$ 49

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40. Subtract: $\begin{array}{r} \frac{8}{9} \\ -\frac{2}{3} \\ \hline \end{array}$

(a) $\frac{4}{9}$ (b) $\frac{1}{3}$ (c) $\frac{2}{9}$ (d) 6 50

41. Subtract: $\begin{array}{r} 10\frac{1}{12} \\ -\ 4 \\ \hline \end{array}$

(a) $5\frac{11}{12}$ (b) 6 (c) $5\frac{1}{2}$ (d) $6\frac{1}{12}$ 51

42. Subtract: $\begin{array}{r} 16\frac{7}{10} \\ -12\frac{2}{9} \\ \hline \end{array}$

(a) $4\frac{1}{2}$ (b) $4\frac{43}{90}$ (c) $4\frac{44}{90}$ (d) none of these 52

43. Subtract: $\begin{array}{r} 34\frac{1}{10} \\ -12\frac{4}{15} \\ \hline \end{array}$

(a) $21\frac{5}{6}$ (b) $20\frac{5}{6}$ (c) $20\frac{1}{6}$ (d) $21\frac{1}{6}$ 53

44. Multiply: $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{8}$

(a) $\frac{1}{22}$ (b) $\frac{1}{12}$ (c) $\frac{1}{32}$ (d) $1\frac{1}{2}$ 54

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45. Multiply: $\frac{2}{5} \times \frac{4}{7}$

(a) $\frac{1}{2}$ (b) $\frac{6}{35}$ (c) $\frac{6}{7}$ (d) $\frac{8}{35}$ 55

46. Multiply: $\frac{5}{21} \times \frac{3}{35}$

(a) $\frac{1}{7}$ (b) $\frac{8}{56}$ (c) $\frac{1}{49}$ (d) none of these 56

47. Multiply: $8\frac{1}{6} \times 4\frac{2}{7}$

(a) $32\frac{1}{21}$ (b) 35 (c) $5\frac{5}{6}$ (d) $4\frac{2}{7}$ 57

48. Multiply: $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{4}{9} \times \frac{6}{7}$

(a) $\frac{2}{7}$ (b) $\frac{13}{20}$ (c) $\frac{3}{14}$ (d) $\frac{1}{14}$ 58

49. Multiply: $48 \times 3\frac{3}{4}$

(a) $1,443\frac{3}{4}$ (b) 144 (c) 180 (d) $144\frac{3}{4}$ 59

50. Divide: $\frac{5}{8} \div \frac{1}{4}$

(a) $\frac{2}{5}$ (b) $2\frac{1}{2}$ (c) $\frac{5}{32}$ (d) $5\frac{3}{5}$ 60

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51. Divide: $\frac{3}{5} \div \frac{1}{10}$

(a) 6 (b) $\frac{3}{50}$ (c) $\frac{1}{3}$ (d) none of these 61

52. Divide: $\frac{5}{6} \div 2$

(a) $1\frac{2}{3}$ (b) $\frac{3}{5}$ (c) $2\frac{5}{6}$ (d) $\frac{5}{12}$ 62

53. Divide: $3\frac{1}{3} \div 2\frac{1}{2}$

(a) $8\frac{1}{3}$ (b) $1\frac{1}{3}$ (c) $6\frac{1}{6}$ (d) $5\frac{2}{5}$ 63

54. Divide: $\frac{\frac{3}{10}}{\frac{9}{10}}$

(a) $\frac{1}{9}$ (b) 9 (c) $\frac{9}{100}$ (d) $\frac{1}{3}$ 64

55. Divide: $\frac{5\frac{1}{7}}{2\frac{1}{4}}$

(a) $2\frac{2}{7}$ (b) $11\frac{4}{7}$ (c) $10\frac{4}{7}$ (d) $7\frac{11}{28}$ 65

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56. A farmer removed 1/2 of all the corn in a silo and a week later removed 1/4 of the original amount of corn. What fractional part of the corn was removed from the silo?

(a) $\frac{1}{8}$ (b) $\frac{3}{4}$ (c) $\frac{1}{2}$ (d) $\frac{1}{4}$ 66

57. A secretary typed an entire report on 5 3/4 pages. However, he/she was supposed to type the report on no more than 4 1/2 pages. How many extra pages did the secretary type?

(a) $2\frac{1}{2}$ (b) 1 (c) $10\frac{1}{4}$ (d) $1\frac{1}{4}$ 67

58. A dress needing repair was sewn 3/4" up a seam. However, the repair should have been made 3 times that length. How many inches should the repair have been made?

(a) $2\frac{1}{4}$ (b) $\frac{1}{4}$ (c) 2 (d) 4 68

59. A worker has two pieces of sheet metal. How many quarters will he/she have if each piece is cut into equal sizes?

(a) 2 (b) 4 (c) 8 (d) 12 69

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DECIMALS

60. .26 is written as:

(a) twenty-six tenths

(b) twenty-six hundredths

(c) twenty-six thousandths

(d) twenty-six 70

61. .0048 is written as:

(a) forty-eight thousandths

(b) forty-eight hundredths

(c) forty-eight ten thousandths

(d) four hundred and eighty 71

62. Seven-tenths is represented by which number?

(a) .7 (b) .07 (c) .007 (d) 7 72

63. Ten ten thousandths is represented by which number?

(a) 10,000 (b) .010 (c) .0001 (d) .0010 73

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64. Add: .2
.3
+.4

(a) .09 (b) .9 (c) 9 (d) .009 74

65. Add: .4
.6
+.9

(a) 1.9 (b) 19 (c) .19 (d) .019 75

66. Add: 8.7
5.2
+2.4

(a) 15.13 (b) .163 (c) 1.63 (d) none of these 76

67. Add: 24 + 3.5 + .28

(a) 27.78 (b) 24.378 (c) 28 (d) 2.778 77

68. Add: 136.2 + 4.362 + 1.4 + .054

(a) 142.1016 (c) 142.016

(b) .00142016 (d) 136.8302 78

79-80/01
1-4 dup

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69. Add: .00826 + .001931

(a) .0010191 (c) .02757

(b) .010191 (d) .002757

5

70. Subtract: .8
-.3

(a) .5 (b) .05 (c) 5 (d) .24

6

71. Subtract: 9.2
-6.4

(a) 3.8 (b) 38 (c) 2.8 (d) .28

7

72. Subtract: 45.032
- 7.63

(a) 38.662 (b) 37.662 (c) 38.402 (d) 37.402

8

73. Subtract: 26 - 4.82

(a) 22.18 (b) 21.18 (c) 21.82 (d) none of these

9

74. Subtract: 498.3 - 4.983

(a) 0 (b) 492.317 (c) 493.317 (d) 493.1283

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75. Subtract: 252 - .004

(a) 248 (b) 242.006 (c) 252.004 (d) 251.996 11

76. Multiply: .8
× 3

(a) 2.4 (b) .24 (c) 24 (d) .024 12

77. Multiply: 34.5
× .26

(a) .897 (b) 897 (c) 89.7 (d) 8.97 13

78. Multiply: 100
×.432

(a) .432 (b) 43.2 (c) 4.32 (d) .00432 14

79. Multiply: .25 × .25

(a) .0625 (b) .625 (c) 6.25 (d) none of these 15

80. Multiply: 18.2 × 3.64

(a) 662.48 (b) 6624.8 (c) 66.248 (d) .66248 16

81. Multiply: 1500 × 6.75

(a) 101.25 (b) .10125 (c) 10.125 (d) 10,125 17

82. Divide: $14\overline{)7.28}$

(a) 5.2 (b) 52 (c) .52 (d) .052 18

83. Divide: $4\overline{).0024}$

(a) 6 (b) .006 (c) .6 (d) .0006 19

84. Divide: $6\overline{)3}$

(a) .5 (b) 50 (c) .05 (d) 5 20

85. Divide: $.25\overline{)1.6125}$

(a) 645 (b) 6.45 (c) .0645 (d) .00645 21

86. Divide: $86.8\overline{)140.616}$

(a) 1.62 (b) .162 (c) 16.2 (d) none of these 22

87. Divide: $.022 \div 4$

(a) .5 (b) .005 (c) .0055 (d) .05 23

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88. Joe removed .5 of all the flowers from a box and Cindy removed .3 of the original number of flowers. What decimal part of the flowers was removed from the box?

(a) .2 (b) 8 (c) .8 (d) .08 24

89. Mr. Best sold .24 of the suits he wanted to sell at his clothing store one day. What decimal part of his suits still need to be sold?

(a) 76 (b) .76 (c) 7.6 (d) 24 25

90. A patient needs to take 2.75 ounces of medicine per day. After 5 days, how many ounces of medicine will the patient have taken?

(a) 13.75 (b) 1.375 (c) .1375 (d) 137.5 26

91. A carpenter has 1 board of lumber. If he/she cuts the board into 10 equal pieces, what decimal part would one piece be?

(a) .01 (b) 10 (c) 1 (d) .1 27

92. Add:

$$\begin{array}{r} \$14.26 \\ \$\ 3.3 \\ \$\ \ .98 \\ +\$\ \ .07 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(a) $7.62 (b) $8.62 (c) $17.62 (d) $18.62 28

93. Celery seeds cost $.59 per pack, lettuce seeds cost $.54 per pack, and carrot seeds cost $.48 per pack. What is the cost if one of each pack of seeds is bought?

(a) $1.61 (b) $16.10 (c) $.16 (d) $2.61 29

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94. Subtract: $24.31
- $ 5.42

(a) $29.73 (b) $18.89 (c) $28.89 (d) $19.73 30

95. Mrs. Perez paid for $15.26 worth of groceries with a twenty dollar bill. How much change should she receive?

(a) $5.74 (b) $5.84 (c) $4.74 (d) $4.84 31

96. Multiply: $24.99
× 3

(a) $74.97 (b) $749.07 (c) $.74 (d) $7.49 32

97. If paint costs $12.49 per gallon, how much would fourteen gallons cost?

(a) $124.90 (b) $17.48 (c) $49.96 (d) $174.86 33

98. Divide: 25/$2.00

(a) $80 (b) $8 (c) $.08 (d) $.80 34

99. Ten pounds of nails cost $12.40. How much would one pound cost?

(a) $1.24 (b) $.12 (c) $.24 (d) $22.40 35

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100. .84 rounded off to the nearest tenths place is:

(a) .8 (b) .9 (c) .85 (d) .83 36

101. .9829 rounded off to the nearest thousandths place is:

(a) .982 (b) .983 (c) .9820 (d) .98 37

102. .00175 rounded off to the nearest ten thousandths place is:

(a) .0017 (b) .0020 (c) .00176 (d) .0018 38

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PERCENT

103. 48% is written as:

(a) forty percent

(b) four hundred eighty percent

(c) forty-eight percent

(d) eighty-four percent

39

104. 125.5% is written as:

(a) one hundred twenty-five and five-tenths percent

(b) one thousand two hundred fifty-five percent

(c) twenty-five and five-tenths percent

(d) one hundred twenty-five percent

40

105. $9\frac{3}{4}\%$ is written as:

(a) ninety-three fourths percent

(b) nine and three-fourths percent

(c) nine and four-thirds percent

(d) ninety-four thirds percent

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106. Seventy-five percent is represented by which of the following?

(a) 70% (b) 75% (c) 85% (d) 57% 42

107. Six and nine-tenths percent is represented by which of the following?

(a) $\frac{69}{10}\%$ (b) 6910% (c) 6.9% (d) none of these 43

108. One hundred fifty-six and one-half percent is represented by which of the following?

(a) $156\frac{1}{2}\%$ (b) 156.1% (c) 156% (d) $10056\ \frac{1}{2}\%$ 44

109. 8 is what percent of 32?

(a) 33% (b) 25% (c) 50% (d) 75% 45

110. 75% of 48 is:

(a) 12 (b) 24 (c) 36 (d) 48 46

111. 40 is 20% of what number?

(a) 60 (b) 100 (c) 20 (d) none of these 47

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MIXED OPERATIONS

112. $\frac{4}{5}$ changed to a decimal is:

(a) 4% (b) $\frac{1}{5}$ (c) .75 (d) .80 48

113. 30% changed to a fraction is:

(a) $\frac{3}{100}$ (b) $\frac{3}{10}$ (c) $\frac{1}{30}$ (d) .03 49

114. $\frac{5}{8}$ changed to a percent is:

(a) $62\frac{1}{2}\%$ (b) 625% (c) $6.2\frac{1}{2}\%$ (d) none of these 50

115. 92% changed to a decimal is:

(a) .092 (b) 92 (c) 9.2 (d) .92 51

116. .023 changed to a percent is:

(a) 23% (b) 23 (c) 2.3% (d) .23% 52

117. $\frac{1}{2}$ changed to a decimal is:

(a) .50 (b) .05 (c) 50 (d) .2 53

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118. $6\frac{3}{5}$ changed to a decimal is:

(a) .066 (b) 66 (c) .66 (d) none of these 54

119. .75 changed to a fraction is:

(a) $\frac{1}{4}$ (b) .50 (c) $\frac{3}{4}$ (d) $\frac{5}{7}$ 55

120. 2.45 changed to a fraction is:

(a) $\frac{1}{245}$ (b) $2\frac{4}{5}$ (c) $2\frac{9}{20}$ (d) 24.5% 56

121. A machine produces 150 items per hour. If one morning run of four hours gave 24 defective items, what percent of items produced were defective?

(a) 4% (b) 16% (c) 6.25% (d) 2% 57

122. A farmer harvested 100 bushels of corn on Monday, 85 bushels on Tuesday, and 40 bushels on Wednesday. If he/she wants to harvest 300 bushels of corn by Thursday, what part of the corn still needs to be harvested?

(a) .75 (b) .25 (c) .50 (d) .10 58

123. If 1,000 bricks are needed to build a wall and only 650 are on the work site, what part of the bricks needed are available?

(a) $\frac{7}{10}$ (b) $\frac{13}{10}$ (c) $\frac{13}{20}$ (d) $\frac{7}{20}$ 59

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124. Find the average (mean) of the following numbers: 55, 31, 26, 48

(a) 35 (b) 160 (c) 40 (d) 80 60

125. Find the average (mean) of the following numbers: 12.1, 8.9, 16.5

(a) 12.5 (b) 13.5 (c) 11.5 (d) 14 61

126. A salesperson sold $80.50 of clothing on Monday, $100.27 on Tuesday, $93.76 on Wednesday, $85.24 on Thursday, and $125.08 on Friday. What was his/her average sales per day?

(a) $76.97 (b) $96.97 (c) $116.97 (d) $93.76 62

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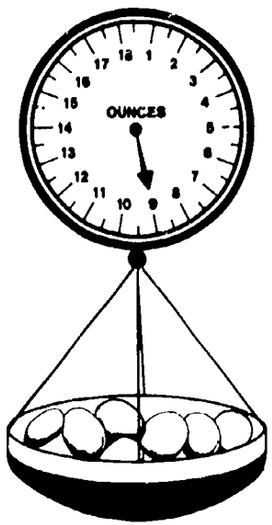
MEASUREMENT AND CALCULATION

127. What time is shown on the clock?

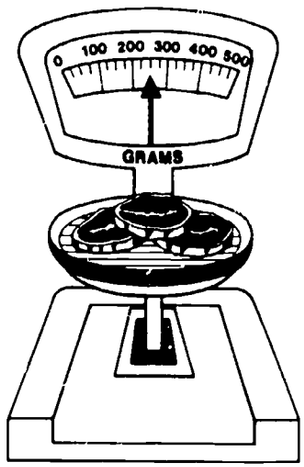
(a) 12:50 (b) 12:52 (c) 12:48 (d) 12:43 63

128. How much do the vegetables weigh?



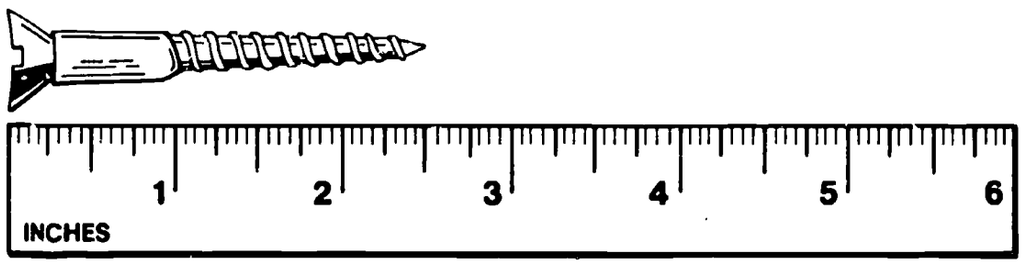
(a) 9 ounces (b) 8 ounces (c) 10 ounces (d) 11 ounces 64

129. How much does the meat weigh?



(a) 200 grams (b) 300 grams (c) 225 grams (d) 250 grams 65

130. What is the length of the screw to the nearest quarter inch?



(a) 2" (b) $2\frac{1}{2}$" (c) $2\frac{3}{4}$" (d) 3" 66

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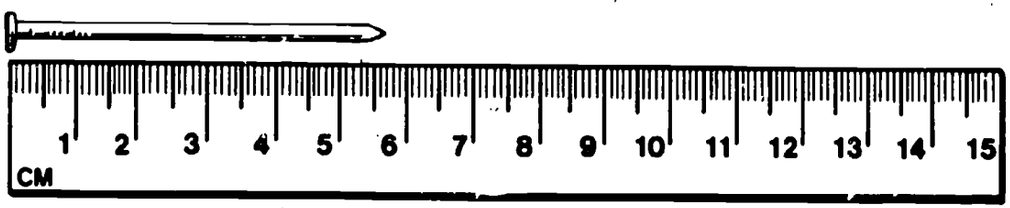
131. How long is the nail to the nearest tenth of a centimeter?



(a) 5.5 centimeters
(b) 5 centimeters
(c) 5.7 centimeters
(d) 6 centimeters

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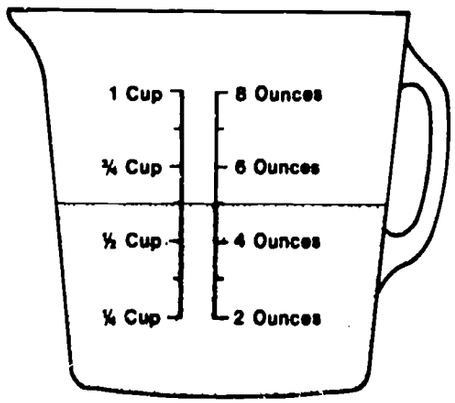
132. What is the volume of milk?



(a) 2 ounces (b) 3 ounces (c) 4 ounces (d) 5 ounces

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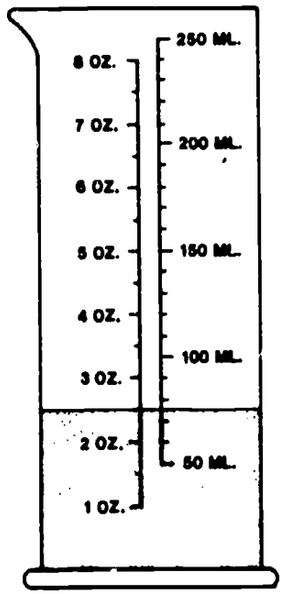
133. What is the volume of water?



(a) 50 ml. (b) 75 ml. (c) 100 ml. (d) 200 ml. 69

134. .25 kilograms are equal to:

(a) $\frac{1}{250}$ gram (c) 2,500 grams

(b) 25 grams (d) 250 grams 70

135. 11 pounds are equal to:

(a) 5 kilograms (c) 50 grams

(b) 50 kilograms (d) 500 grams 71

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136. 10 centimeters are equal to:

(a) 1 meter (b) .1 meter (c) .01 meter (d) none of these 72

137. 5 inches are equal to:

(a) 127 millimeters
(b) .127 millimeters
(c) 10 millimeters
(d) 127 centimeters 73

138. 2 liters are equal to:

(a) 2 milliliters
(b) 20 milliliters
(c) 2,000 milliliters
(d) 200 milliliters 74

139. 1.06 quarts are equal to:

(a) 4 milliliters
(b) 4 liters
(c) 1 milliliter
(d) 1 liter 75

140. A farmer began plowing a field at 5:35 a.m. He/she finished 13 hours and 8 minutes later. What time was it when the farmer finished plowing the field?

(a) 6:35 p.m.
(b) 6:43 p.m.
(c) 5:35 p.m.
(d) 6:35 a.m. 76

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141. A customer bought 10 pounds of pork chops, 6 pounds 8 ounces of steak, 1 pound of bacon, and 4 pounds 15 ounces of chicken. How much meat did the customer buy?

(a) 21 pounds 7 ounces
(b) 23 pounds
(c) 44 pounds
(d) none of these

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142. A patient weighs 100 kilograms, but needs to lose 25 kilograms. How much will the patient weigh when he/she loses the necessary weight?

(a) 125 kilograms
(b) 75 kilograms
(c) 125 pounds
(d) 100 kilograms

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143. If one wall stud is 8 feet long and there are 12 studs in a wall, how many linear feet of lumber (assuming zero waste) will a carpenter need for all the studs in the wall?

(a) 20 feet (b) 56 feet (c) 96 feet (d) 106 feet

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144. A piece of pipe is 12 meters long. If the pipe is cut into 4 equal pieces, what would be the length of each piece (assuming zero waste)?

(a) 8 meters
(b) 3 meters
(c) 16 meters
(d) none of these

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145. A cook needs ten 8-ounce cartons of milk for a recipe. How many quarts of milk would be used?

(a) 80 quarts (c) 5 quarts

(b) 10 quarts (d) 2.5 quarts 7

146. After a car traveled 260 miles its tank was refilled with 10.4 liters of gasoline. How many miles per liter did the car get?

(a) 25 (b) 20 (c) 30 (d) 27 8

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ESTIMATION

147. A secretary organized his/her work and determined that it will take 25 minutes to type letters, 2 hours to type a mailing list, 45 minutes to proofread a manuscript, and 1 1/2 hours to do file work. While none of the following answers is correct, which answer is a reasonable estimate of the time it will take to do the work?

(a) about 3 hours
(c) about 8 hours
(b) about 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours
(d) about 4 hours 45 minutes 9

148. A welder has 1 1/2 feet of welding rod but he/she needs 3 times that amount to complete a job. While none of the following answers is correct, which answer is a reasonable estimate of the amount of welding rod needed to complete the job?

(a) about 3 feet
(c) about 7 feet
(b) about 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet
(d) about 10 feet 10

149. On a given day a machine shop earns $480 and pays $183.50 in overhead costs. While none of the following answers is corr t., which answer is a reasonable estimate of the profit made by the machine shop?

(a) about $250.50
(c) about $290.00
(b) about $663.50
(d) about $350.00 11

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150. A child drank 451 milliliters of milk on Monday, 675 milliliters on Tuesday, and 524 milliliters on Wednesday. While none of the following answers is correct, which answer is a reasonable estimate of the average (mean) amount of milk the child drank per day?

(a) about 545 milliliters

(b) about 650 milliliters

(c) about 483 milliliters

(d) about 800 milliliters

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Appendix E

Area Vocational Center Follow-up Letter

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

College of Education
DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL
AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

345 Education Building
1310 S. Sixth Street
Champaign, IL 61820
(217) 333-0807

March 2, 1984

Dr. Ronald Foreman, Director
Sauk Area Career Center
138th and Crawford Avenue
Crestwood
P.O. Robbins, IL 60472

Dear Ron:

I want to thank you for your cooperation and assistance while conducting the recent field testing at Sauk Area Career Center. You and your staff were very helpful and cordial during my visit, and contributed to the successful field testing.

I will keep you informed regarding future project activities. Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Jim

James P. Greenan
Principal Investigator

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Appendix F

Sample Computer Program

COMPUTING SERVICES OFFICE
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
S P S S - - STATISTICAL PACKAGE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

VERSION 8.3 (NOS) -- MAY 04, 1982

203700 CM MAXIMUM FIELD LENGTH REQUEST

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RUN NAME          STUDENT PERFRMNC TEST RELIABLTIES
VARIABLE LIST     PTEST,P101,P104,P105,P107,PVPA,P108,P111 TO P178,P179,
                  P201,P205 TO P278,P279,P301,P305 TO P313
SUBFILE LIST      CONS (21) SECY (20) NRSAID (20) FOOD (20) BLDTRD (20)
                  AGMECH (21) DP (22) LPN (20) CHLDCR (20) ELECT (20)
                  ORNHORT (09) COMP (19) HLTH (16) CHLDDEV (19) MACHINE (15)
INPUT MEDIUM      DISK
INPUT FORMAT      (F1,T1,F3,F1,F2,F1,F1,T8,F3,68F1,F2/
                  F4,74F1,F2/
                  F4,9F1)
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ACCORDING TO YOUR INPUT FORMAT, VARIABLES ARE TO BE READ AS FOLLOWS

VARIABLE	FORMAT	RECORD	COLUMNS
PTEST	F 1. 0	1	1- 1
P101	F 3. 0	1	1- 3
P104	F 1. 0	1	4- 4
P105	F 2. 0	1	5- 6
P107	F 1. 0	1	7- 7
PVPA	F 1. 0	1	8- 8
P108	F 3. 0	1	8- 10
P111	F 1. 0	1	11- 11
P112	F 1. 0	1	12- 12
P113	F 1. 0	1	13- 13
P114	F 1. 0	1	14- 14
P115	F 1. 0	1	15- 15
P116	F 1. 0	1	16- 16
P117	F 1. 0	1	17- 17
P118	F 1. 0	1	18- 18
P119	F 1. 0	1	19- 19
P120	F 1. 0	1	20- 20
P121	F 1. 0	1	21- 21
P122	F 1. 0	1	22- 22
P123	F 1. 0	1	23- 23
P124	F 1. 0	1	24- 24
P125	F 1. 0	1	25- 25
P126	F 1. 0	1	26- 26
P127	F 1. 0	1	27- 27

Appendix G

Sample Computer Output

RESPONSES/ITEM	5
KEY-COUNT	150
TITLE-COUNT	1
RECORDS/CASE	3
FORMAT ITEM-COUNT	150

NO PARAMETER ERRORS WERE FOUND, PROCESSING WILL START

ITEM ANALYSIS PERFORMANCE TEST

SUMMARY OF TEST STATISTICS

NUMBER OF ITEMS	150
MEAN SCORE	98.93
MEDIAN SCORE	99.38
STANDARD DEVIATION	26.38
RELIABILITY (KR-20)	0.968
RELIABILITY (KR-21)	0.958
S.E. OF MEASUREMENT	4.73
POSSIBLE LOW SCORE	0
POSSIBLE HIGH SCORE	150
OBTAINED LOW SCORE	28
OBTAINED HIGH SCORE	150
NUMBER OF SCORES	359
BLANK SCORES	0
INVALID SCORES	0
VALID SCORES	359

ITEM ANALYSIS PERFORMANCE TEST

TEST FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION

RAW SCORE	STANDARD SCORE	PER CENTILE	PERCENT	FREQ	CUM FREQ
150	694	99	0.3	1	359
149	690	99	0.0	0	358
[illegible]	686	99	0.0	0	358
[illegible]	682	99	0.0	0	358

EACH * REPRESENTS 1 PERSON(S)
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Appendix H

Sample Data Table

INTERNAL CONSISTENCY RELIABILITY COEFFICIENTS (KUDER-RICHARDSON [KR-20]) OF THE PERFORMANCE TEST OF GENERALIZABLE MATHEMATICS SKILLS

ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT				
(n=21)	(SEM=4.66)	(KR-20=.98)	Conservation	
(21)	4.82	.95	Agricultural Mechanics	
(9)	4.56	.90	Horticulture	
(20)	4.56	.97	Secretarial	PROGRAM
(22)	3.78	.93	Data Processing	
(19)	4.28	.97	Computer Programming	
(20)	4.54	.97	Nurse Aide	
(20)	4.10	.94	Practical Nursing	
(16)	4.82	.94	Health Occupations Cooperetive Education	
(20)	4.79	.95	Food Management, Production, and Service	
(20)	4.75	.96	Child Care	
(19)	4.86	.93	Child Development	
(20)	4.68	.96	Construction and Building Trades	
(20)	4.29	.96	Electronics	
(15)	4.56	.98	Machinist	
(111)	3.97	.99	Male	GENDER
(171)	4.02	.99	Female	
(128)	4.32	.97	High	
(136)	4.45	.96	Medium	MATHEMATICS APTITUDE
(18)	4.16	.95	Low	
(282)	4.73	.97		TOTAL

Appendix I

Generalizable Mathematics Skills

Assessment Survey

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

College of Education
DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL
AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

345 Education Building
Urbana, Illinois 61801
(217) 333-0807

July 28, 1983

Rick Laleman, Director
Bloomington Area Vocational Center
1202 East Locust Street
Bloomington, Illinois 61701

Dear Rick:

The "Generalizable Skills" project funded by the Illinois State Board of Education/ Department of Adult, Vocational, and Technical Education (DAVTE) is currently in its second phase. This year the project is concerned with developing strategies and procedures for assessing the mathematics skills of students in secondary vocational programs. The expectation of the project is that the secondary area vocational centers will have practical instruments and procedures that teachers and other school personnel can use to identify students' functional learning abilities and problems in the area of mathematics. The assessment information could provide a basis upon which to prescribe the necessary instruction and/or support services necessary for students to succeed in their vocational programs.

Your leadership, cooperation, and assistance last year greatly contributed to the project's success. The project staff and the DAVTE would appreciate your participation and assistance again in this year's study. Your continued leadership and support will greatly help us in the task of developing and validating the project's assessment strategies and procedures.

Enclosed is a survey and a stamped, self-addressed envelope which I would like you to complete. The survey generally is concerned with describing the existing mathematics assessment and instructional strategies/procedures currently used in the AVC's. I would appreciate it if you would complete and return your survey to me by August 14, 1983. You may designate a person to complete the survey (e.g., mathematics teacher, guidance counselor, support services personnel) if appropriate. This information will help us in adding to our knowledge base, and planning and conducting future project activities. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jim Greenan

James P. Greenan
Assistant Professor and
Principal Investigator

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Generalizable Mathematics Skills Assessment Survey

Directions: Please provide the information requested by placing check marks (✓) and writing in the spaces below. The information will assist the 'Generalizable Skills' project staff by adding to the mathematics skills assessment knowledge base, and in planning and conducting future project activities.

1. Does your area vocational center (AVC) instructional personnel (e.g., vocational teachers, guidance counselors, support personnel) have access to assessment information that describes an individual student's level of mathematics skills?

   ____ yes ____ no

2. What kinds of instruments, strategies, and/or procedures are used to assess the levels of mathematics skills of students enrolled in your AVC?

   ____ Standardized mathematics tests

   (specify) _____

   _____

   ____ Teacher developed mathematics tests

   (describe) _____

   _____

   ____ Other

   (specify) _____

   _____

   ____ None

3. Who conducts or administers assessments of students' mathematics skills?

____ Comprehensive high school personnel

(specify: e.g., mathematics teacher) _____

_____ _____

____ AVC personnel

(specify: e.g., vocational teacher) _____

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____ Other personnel

(specify) _____

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____ No one

4. Is there a need in your AVC for practical instruments, strategies, and procedures designed to assess the mathematics skills that are necessary for students to succeed in vocational programs?

____ yes ____ no

Explain: _____

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5. Specify how mathematics skills assessment information could be effectively used in the instructional process by AVC personnel for helping students to succeed in vocational programs?

Assessment: _____

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Planning: _____

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Curriculum: _____

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Instruction: _____

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Evaluation: _____

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6. Who provides mathematics instruction to students in your AVC?

____ Comprehensive high school personnel

(specify: e.g., mathematics teacher) _____

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____ AVC personnel

(specify: e.g., vocational teacher) _____

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____ Other personnel

(specify) _____

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____ No one

7. Describe the process *(if any)* for identifying, referring, and/or providing instruction and support services to students who need instruction or additional assistance in mathematics to succeed in their vocational programs?

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8. You may comment or provide any additional, helpful information regarding mathematics skills assessment in your AVC.