

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN MARCOS
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

EDSS 543A – Fall 2009
SECONDARY MATHEMATICS EDUCATION – Sem. 1
University Hall Room 273
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College of Education Mission Statement

The mission of the College of Education Community is to collaboratively transform public education by preparing thoughtful educators and advancing professional practices. We are committed to diversity, educational equity, and social justice, exemplified through reflective teaching, life-long learning, innovative research and on-going service. Our practices demonstrate a commitment to student-centered education, diversity, collaboration, professionalism, and shared governance. *(Adopted by COE Governance Community, October, 1997).*

Due to the devastating effects of current budget crisis in California, I have been furloughed nine days each semester of this academic year, representing a 9.23% reduction in both workload and compensation. A furlough is an unpaid day off on a faculty member's regularly-scheduled workday. In order to satisfy legal and ethical requirements of the California Labor Code, I am required to submit formal certification that I will not work on my furlough days. I am prohibited from teaching, conducting scholarly research, consulting with students, responding to email or voicemail, providing assignment feedback, or participating in any CSU work-related activities on my furlough days. Furlough dates vary by professor; my Fall Semester furlough dates are 09/18/09, 09/29/09, 10/05/09, 10/28/09, 11/02/09, 11/24/09, 11/25/09, 12/03/09, 12/10/09.

The CSU faculty agreed to take furlough days in order to preserve jobs for as many CSU employees as possible, and to serve as many students as possible, in the current budget crisis. The agreement that governs faculty furloughs acknowledges that "cuts of this magnitude will naturally have consequences for the quality of education that we can provide." Within the furlough context, I will make every effort to support your educational experience at CSUSM. Visit CSUSM Budget Central <<http://www.csusm.edu/budgetcentral>> to learn about the state budget crisis and how it impacts your educational opportunities. To avoid the continued loss of higher education availability in California, exercise your right to voice an opinion. Contact information for state legislators and the governor are provided at Budget Central.

Course Description

Focuses on developing an understanding of theory, methodology, and assessment of Mathematics in integrated and secondary classrooms: Part A. *This course is aligned with California's SB 2042 Standards.*

Prerequisites

Admission to the Single Subject Credential Program.

Unique Requirements

Observation and participation in the public schools.

Student Learning Outcomes

Objectives

Learning to teach mathematics well is difficult, and thus you must expect that this course, in concurrence with your clinical practice, will only begin your education in learning how to teach mathematics. Furthermore, this course is intentionally focused on developing professionals in the field of secondary mathematics education. The course is but one stage in what I hope will be a continuing evolution for you as a mathematics teacher.

More specifically, the focus of this course will be on (1) developing an understanding of the current practices in mathematics, best practices in teaching mathematics, and the ways in which these practices intersect and conflict; (2) learning to teach content specific concepts, algebraic thinking in particular, using effective, appropriate, and equitable strategies; and (3) practicing how to teach for mathematical understanding.

Enfolded into this course will be learning about children's mathematical ways of thinking and operating, creating a classroom environment that promotes the investigation and growth of mathematical ideas, developing strategies to ensure the success of all students in multi-cultural, heterogeneous settings, consideration of curriculum development, and the ongoing formation of a personal theory of mathematics teaching and learning grounded in work for social justice.

Teacher Performance Expectation (TPE) Competencies

The course objectives, assignments, and assessments have been aligned with the CTC standards for Single Subject Credential (Mathematics). This course is designed to help teachers seeking the California Single Subject Credential (Mathematics) to develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to assist schools and district in implementing effective programs for all students. The successful candidate will be able to merge theory and practice in order to realize a comprehensive and extensive educational program for all students.

The following TPEs are given primary emphases:

- TPE 1b Subject Specific Pedagogical Skills for Single Subject Teaching (Mathematics)
- TPE 2 Monitoring Student Learning During Instruction

The following TPEs are given secondary emphases:

- TPE 3 Interpretation and use of assessments
- TPE 4 Making content accessible
- TPE 5 Student engagement
- TPE 6c Developmentally appropriate practices in grades 9-12
- TPE 6d Developmentally appropriate teaching practices for special education: teaching the special education population in the general education environment
- TPE 7 Teaching English learners
- TPE 8 Learning about students
- TPE 9 Instructional planning
- TPE 10 Instructional time
- TPE 11 Social environment
- TPE 13 Professional growth
- TPE 14 Educational technology in teaching and learning
- TPE 15 Social justice and equity

California Teacher Performance Assessment (CalTPA)

Beginning July 1, 2008 all California credential candidates must successfully complete a state-approved system of teacher performance assessment (TPA), to be embedded in the credential program of preparation. At CSUSM this assessment system is called the CalTPA or the TPA for short.

To assist your successful completion of the TPA a series of informational seminars are offered over the course of the program. TPA related questions and logistical concerns are to be addressed during the seminars. Your attendance to TPA seminars will greatly contribute to your success on the assessment.

Additionally, COE classes use common pedagogical language, lesson plans (lesson designs), and unit plans (unit designs) in order to support and ensure your success on the TPA and more importantly in your credential program.

The CalTPA Candidate Handbook, TPA seminar schedule, and other TPA support materials can be found on the COE website: <http://lynx.csusm.edu/coe/CalTPA/CalTPAdocuments.asp>

Students with Disabilities Requiring Reasonable Accommodations

Students with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations must be approved for services by providing appropriate and recent documentation to the Office of Disable Student Services (DSS). This office is located in Craven Hall 5205, and can be contacted by phone at (760) 750-4905, or TTY (760) 750-4909. Students authorized by DSS to receive reasonable accommodations should meet with their instructor during office hours or, in order to ensure confidentiality, in a more private setting.

Authorization to Teach English Learners

This credential program has been specifically designed to prepare teachers for the diversity of languages often encountered in California public school classrooms. The authorization to teach English learners is met through the infusion of content and experiences within the credential program, as well as additional coursework. Students successfully completing this program receive a credential with authorization to teach English learners. (*Approved by CCTC in SB 2042 Program Standards, August 02*)

Course Requirements

Required Texts

Driscoll, M. J. (1999). *Fostering algebraic thinking: A guide for teachers, grades 6-10*. Portsmouth, N.H.: Heinemann.

Fendel, D.M., Resek, D., Alper, L., & Fraser, S. (1997). *Interactive Mathematics Program Year 1: The Overland Trail Teacher's Guide*. Berkeley: Key Curriculum Press. [purchase online <http://www.keypress.com/x5480.xml>]

Gutstein, E., & Peterson, B. (2005). *Rethinking mathematics: Teaching social justice by the numbers*. Milwaukee, WI: Rethinking Schools.

*Several other readings are required and will be made available for download.

Recommended Texts

Boaler, J. (2008). *What's math got to do with it?: Helping children learn to love their most hated subject—and why it's important for America*. New York: Viking.

California Department of Education (2005). *Mathematics framework for California public schools: Kindergarten through grade twelve*. Sacramento, CA: Author. This document can be found at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ma/cf/index.asp>.

Carr, J., Carroll, C., Cremer, S., Gale, M., Lagunoff, R., Sexton, U. (2009). *Making mathematics accessible to English learners*. San Francisco: WestEd.

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (2000). *Principles and standards for school mathematics*. Reston, VA: Author. An overview of this document can be found at <http://standards.nctm.org/> (NCTM members have free and full access).

STAR Test Blueprints for Standards Items: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/blueprints.asp>

Key Assignments

1. *Portfolio of Weekly Assignments (20%) – As ongoing homework, students will read, do mathematics, and write weekly in conjunction with class experiences and activities. The responses to these assignments do not need to be highly formal or polished, and lengths will vary. The emphases should be on noting your thinking while in the moments of thinking. You will record your thought processes, reactions, reflections, connections, new questions, etc. These responses will be submitted each week, and a portfolio turned in at the end of the semester.*

2. *Professional Reading (10%) – Teacher candidates will select an article from a professional mathematics education journal to read, summarize, and present to colleagues in the course.*
3. *Problems of the Week (10%) – During the semester, teacher candidates will investigate 2-3 open-ended mathematical problems. Each teacher candidate will be asked to initiate and lead classroom discussion (10-15 min.) of the problem by sharing your thinking about the task. At the end of the course, each teacher candidate will select one problem to formally write-up using a 5-stage write-up format.*
4. *Curriculum Assignment (20%) – Teacher candidates will review two mathematics curriculum, the required course text and that which is currently being used in the classroom in which they will teach during the fall semester. This review will consist of a summary and critique, including such focus as match to CA Framework and Standards, NCTM Principles and Standards, and other significant principles of teaching and learning mathematics. Teacher candidates will also provide ideas on how to alter curriculum or plan for teaching in order to best implement each.*
5. *Student Interview (20%) – In small groups, teacher candidates will design prompts and/or a task in order to conduct a clinical interview with a grades 8-10 student. This interview protocol will be designed to inquire into the student’s algebraic ways of thinking. Each of you will carry out an actual student-interview based on this protocol. The initial groups will study student responses. The purposes of this activity are to begin thinking about students’ mathematical understanding, to learn how to effectively pose questions and interpret the meaning of students’ answers, and to provide you with an opportunity to interact with students about mathematics.*
6. *Mathematical Resources & Lesson (20%) – Working in small groups, teacher candidates will first compile resources on a predetermined mathematical topic (5%) and then design a lesson that you will present in a secondary mathematics class (10%). You will conclude this assignment with a group presentation (5%) to our class outlining the lesson, experiences with students—including student work, and reflections and changes for the next use of the lesson. The purpose of this activity is to help you learn how to design effective mathematical lessons, to provide you with an opportunity to begin compiling mathematical resources, and to provide an opportunity for you to practice teaching mathematics.*

Grading Standards

Grades will be based on the following grading scale:

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| A | | 90 | – | 100% |
| B | | 80 | – | 89% |
| C | | 70 | – | 79% |
| D | | 60 | – | 69% |
| F | | Below | | 60% |

Unless *prior arrangements* have been agreed to with the instructor, work submitted late, but within one week of the due date will be reduced by one letter grade, and work received over one week late will receive no credit.

College of Education Attendance Policy

Due to the dynamic and interactive nature of courses in the College of Education, all students are expected to attend all classes and participate actively. At a minimum, students must attend more than 80% of class time, or s/he may not receive a passing grade for the course at the discretion of the instructor. *Individual instructors may adopt more stringent attendance requirements.* Should the student have extenuating circumstances, s/he should contact the instructor as soon as possible. *(Adopted by the COE Governance Community, December, 1997).*

Attendance and Participation: Due to the fast paced and highly interactive nature of the course, regular attendance and full participation are expected; teaching and learning are difficult, if not impossible, if one is not present for and engaged in the process. Therefore, the above COE Attendance Policy is amplified as follows:

- Missing more than one class meeting will result in the reduction of one letter grade.
- Arriving late or leaving early on more than two occasions will result in the reduction of one letter grade.

Please inform the instructor *prior* to an absence.

All-University Writing Requirement

All CSU students must demonstrate competency in writing skills as a requirement for graduation. At California State University San Marcos, students complete the graduation writing assessment through the All-University Writing Requirement. This requirement mandates that every course at the University must have a writing component of at least 2,500 words (approximately 10 pages). The assignments for this course meet this requirement.

CSUSM Academic Honesty Policy

“Students will be expected to adhere to standards of academic honesty and integrity, as outlined in the Student Academic Honesty Policy. All written work and oral presentation assignments must be original work. All ideas/materials that are borrowed from other sources must have appropriate references to the original sources. Any quoted material should give credit to the source and be punctuated with quotation marks.

Students are responsible for honest completion of their work including examinations. There will be no tolerance for infractions. If you believe there has been an infraction by someone in the class, please bring it to the instructor’s attention. The instructor reserves the right to discipline any student for academic dishonesty in accordance with the general rules and regulations of the university. Disciplinary action may include the lowering of grades and/or the assignment of a failing grade for an exam, assignment, or the class as a whole.”

Incidents of Academic Dishonesty will be reported to the Dean of Students. Sanctions at the University level may include suspension or expulsion from the University. Consult the University catalog for further questions about academic honesty.

Plagiarism: As an educator, it is expected that each student will do his/her own work, and contribute equally to group projects and processes. Plagiarism or cheating is unacceptable under any circumstances. If you are in doubt about whether your work is paraphrased or plagiarized see the Plagiarism Prevention for Students website <http://library.csusm.edu/plagiarism/index.html>. When relying on supporting documents authored by others, cite them clearly and completely using American Psychological Association (APA) manual, 6th edition.

Schedule – Tentative

| Date | Topic* | Assignment to be completed BEFORE Class Session** |
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| Session 1 9/01/09 | Course Introduction Doing Mathematics | |
| Session 2 9/08/09 | Equity & Social Justice in Mathematics Education Doing Mathematics Mathematics Standards | |
| Session 3 9/15/09 | Developing Mathematical Understanding Doing Mathematics – Technology Algebraic Thinking & Student Interview Standards and Accountability | Professional Reading |
| Session 4 9/22/09 | Learning & Knowing Algebraic Thinking Problem Solving | |
| Session 5 9/29/09 | NO CLASS – Furlough | |
| Session 6 10/06/09 | Roles of the Mathematics Teacher | Student Interview |
| Session 7 10/13/09 | Developing Lessons, and Lesson Plans | Mathematical Resources & Lesson Pt. I |
| Session 8 10/20/09 | Lesson Planning Workshop | Curriculum Assignment |
| Session 9 11/24/09 | Assessment & Grading | POW Write-Up |
| Session 10 12/8/09 | Reflections on Student Teaching Classroom Management --Engaging Students --Building a community | Mathematical Resources & Lesson Pt. II Weekly Assignment Portfolio |

*This schedule is an *approximation*. Given the nature of this course, we will likely be altering the scheduled topics and possibly times and dates in order to accommodate student interest, observe and teach in mathematics classrooms, and take advantage of professional development opportunities.