

GREAT EXPLORATIONS IN MATHEMATICS (GEM)

WHAT ELSE IS NEW FOR 2008-2009?

- 🍏 GEM Training will be offered only **one time this year for each grade level**: GEM 7 will consist of three Wednesday training days: **September 10, October 29, and January 28. Participants must attend all three days of training**, GEM 8 training will consist of three Wednesday training days: **September 24, December 3 and February 4. Participants must attend all three days of training**, and GEM 6 training will consist of two Thursday training days: **October 2, and February 5. Participants must attend both days of training.**
- 🍏 A GEM Coordinators meeting will be held on August 13, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Information will include: semester exams, grade calculations, teacher certification, classroom expectations.
- 🍏 Semester exam window for the first semester exam is January 5 – 15. All exams should be administered during this time. Semester exam window for the second semester exam is May 26 – June 4. Second semester exams should be administered only during this window. **NO CALCULATORS** will be allowed on the GEM 6 first semester exam.
- 🍏 For those GEM 7 students that were not recommended for GEM 8, one new option is to offer Algebra 1b, course code # 1200380M. This course is for 8th grade students only, will count as one high school mathematics credit, and will reinforce Algebra skills to better prepare the students for Geometry in 9th grade.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- 🍏 Administration should make sure that any teacher needing training, as outlined in the GEM procedural guide, is registered for the training and a GEM Coordinator attends the scheduled meeting.
- 🍏 Make sure that all exam parameters are adhered to at your school.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- 🍏 Gaps in curriculum alignment and assessment.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- 🍏 GEM teachers/GEM Coordinators
- 🍏 Mathematics Department Head
- 🍏 Administrators.

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- 🍏 GEM classroom walk-throughs will be conducted.

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