

This sample Assignment Review Protocol looks at how well the [Task: Fractions and Rectangles? By: Illustrative Mathematics](#). would align to KY.4.NF.1. It is important to note that the identified mathematical practices, coherence connections and any clarifications are possible suggestions; however, they are not the only pathways. The value of this resource is in having these discussions at the PLC level to support collective teacher clarity.



Assignment Review Protocol: Math

The student work review tool is intended to help teachers, leaders, and other stakeholders answer the question, "Does this task give students the opportunity to meaningfully engage in worthwhile grade-appropriate content?"

Fractions Task

PART ONE: Mathematical Content: Does this assignment align with the expectations defined by grade-appropriate standards?

Does the assignment focus on one or more grade-appropriate mathematics standards?	Yes	Partially	No
Do all questions and/or tasks reach the depth of grade-appropriate standard(s)? Use the following criteria to guide your thinking.	Yes		No
<p>Section 1: Target of the Standard: Does the task match the target of the standard (conceptual understanding, procedural skill & fluency, and/or application)? Do the numbers/number types and types of representations (area model, shapes, graphs, functions, etc.) match those called for by the targeted standard(s)? For example,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the standard is conceptual understanding, does the task require more than knowing isolated facts and methods? Are students asked to make sense of why a mathematical idea is important and the kinds of contexts in which it is useful? <input type="checkbox"/> If the standard is procedural skill/fluency, does the task require students to apply procedures accurately, efficiently, flexibly and appropriately? Does the task focus students' attention on the use of procedures for the purpose of developing a deeper level of understanding of mathematical concepts or ideas? If general procedures may be followed, can they be followed mindlessly or are students asked to engage with the conceptual ideas that underlie the procedures to complete the task successfully? <input type="checkbox"/> If the standard is application, does the task offer students the opportunity to solve problems in a relevant and meaningful way? Are students asked to select an efficient method to find a solution and develop critical thinking skills? Are students asked to actively examine task constraints that may limit possible solutions and strategies? <p>Section 2: Coherence: When examining the standard the task addresses,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Looking across grade-levels, is there a coherent connection to the same topic in a previous grade? If so, is the task crafted to elicit a more sophisticated level of understanding than would have been acceptable in the previous grade? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there a coherent connection to another standard within the current grade? <p>KY.4.NF.2 is in the same cluster as KY.4.NF.1 → see the highlighted portion of the Attending to SMPs from the KAS for Mathematics.</p>	<p>Standards: KY.4.NF.1</p> <p>Evidence:</p> <p>This task addresses the conceptual understanding of equivalent fractions that KY.4.NF.1 calls for. Conceptual understanding allows students to connect prior knowledge to new ideas & concepts.</p> <p>Task:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students conceptually see fraction equivalence by subdividing the pieces into smaller, equal sized pieces. Students realize that you haven't changed the amount that represents the fraction. <p>Across: KY.3.NF.3 and KY.5.NF.1 Students begin to look at equivalent fractions in KY.3.NF.3 but grade 3 expectations are limited to fractions with denominators 2, 3, 4, 6 & 8. This task makes connections to twelfths</p>		

- Section 3: Cognitive Complexity: Based on the target of the standard, determine the cognitive complexity of the task.

Target of the Standard	Low (Level 1)	Medium (Level 2)	High (Level 3)
Conceptual Complexity	Solving the problem requires students to recall or recognize a grade-level concept. The student does not need to relate concepts or demonstrate a line of reasoning.	Students may need to relate multiple grade-level concepts or different types, create multiple representations or solutions, or connect concepts with procedures and strategies. <u>The student must do some reasoning but may not need to demonstrate a line of reasoning.</u>	Solving the problem requires students to relate multiple grade-level concepts and to evidence reasoning, planning, analysis, judgment, and/or creative thought OR work with a sophisticated (nontypical) line of reasoning.
Procedural Complexity	Solving the problem entails little procedural demand or procedural demand is below grade level.	Solving the problem entails common or grade-level procedure(s) with friendly numbers.	Solving the problem requires common or grade-level procedure(s) with unfriendly numbers, an unconventional combination of procedures, or requires unusual perseverance or organizational skills in the execution of the procedure(s).
Application Complexity	Solving the problem entails an application of mathematics, but the required mathematics is either directly indicated or obvious.	Solving the problem entails an application of mathematics and requires an interpretation of the context to determine the procedure or concept (may include extraneous information). The mathematics is not immediately obvious. Solving the problem requires students to decide what to do.	In addition to an interpretation of the context, solving the problem requires recognizing important features, and formulating, computing, and interpreting results as part of a modeling process.

*Source: https://www.achieve.org/files/Cognitive%20Complexity%20Mathematics%20Assessment_FINAL_0.pdf

In the clarification for KY.4.NF.1 uses a rectangle model to show the equivalent fractions, just like this task. This is not the ONLY model, but there are lots of connections between the fraction progression & rectangles. Therefore students relate multiple grade-level concepts or different types, create multiple representations or solutions, or connect concepts w/ procedures or strategies.

Overall Content Rating

Overall, do the content demands of this assignment align with the expectations defined by grade-appropriate standards?

0 – Weakly Aligned
Less than half of the questions on the assignment reach the depth of the targeted grade-appropriate standard(s).

1 – Partially Aligned
More than half (but not all) of the questions on the assignment reach the depth of the targeted grade-appropriate standard(s).

2 – Strongly Aligned
All the questions on the assignment reach the depth of the targeted grade-appropriate standard(s).

PART TWO: Mathematical Practice: Does the assignment provide meaningful opportunities for students to engage in the standards for mathematical practices?

Does the assignment require students to engage with one or more mathematical practices while working on grade-appropriate content?

- Does the target standard(s) explicitly call for use of a specific mathematical practice? If so, does the task provide opportunity for students to engage in the mathematical practice named by the standard?

It may be useful to utilize the front matter of the KAS for Mathematics (p. 12-15) and the Engaging the SMPs: Look fors and Questions Stems document from the Getting to Know the KAS for Mathematics module.

way that they partition & see that $\frac{3}{12}$ is equivalent to $\frac{1}{4}$.

Evidence: **Yes**
 Students will engage with (MP3) by critiquing the reasoning of Laura and justifying why she is correct. Students also have to attend to precision (MP6) in the

Overall Practice Rating

Overall, to what extent does the assignment provide meaningful practice opportunities with the standards for mathematical practices?

0 – Weakly Aligned The assignment does not have students engage with critical mathematical practices while working on grade-appropriate content.	1 – Partially Aligned The assignment gives students an opportunity to engage with at least one math practice, but not at the level of depth required by the standard.	2 – Strongly Aligned The assignment gives students the opportunity to engage with at least one mathematical practice at the appropriate level of depth required by the standard.
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PART THREE: Relevance: Does the assignment give students an authentic opportunity to connect content standards to real-world issues and/or contexts?

Does the majority of the assignment consist of word problems or real-world application problems/tasks?

Evidence: **No**
 Conceptual understanding standard

If the assignment connects grade-appropriate, content standards to real-world experiences, does it also allow students to apply math in a meaningful way?

- Do the provided scenarios make sense in a real-world setting?
- Do students have to think critically for each new problem rather than applying the same rote computation over and over without having to make sense of the problem? Is there likely to be more than one way to solve the problem rather than students all solving the problem in the same way?
- Does the assignment provide cues (intentionally or unintentionally) for how to approach the task?

Evidence: **Yes**
 Students conceptually find equivalencies by seeing the fraction model partitioned into fourths. This task helps students reach the depth intended by the standard, at this point they are not ready for application.

Helps students on the path to understanding that if you divide the numerator & denominator by the same whole number, you get an equivalent fraction.

Overall Relevance Rating

Overall, to what extent does the assignment give students an authentic opportunity to connect content standards to real-world issues and/or contexts?

0 – Weakly Aligned The assignment does not connect content standards to real world experiences.	1 – Partially Aligned The assignment connects content standards to real-world experiences, but the problems do not allow students to apply math to the real world in a meaningful way.	2 – Strongly Aligned The assignment connects content standards to real world experiences and allows students to apply math to the real world in a meaningful way. It may also include novel problems.
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