Pre-Algebra Prep (Fifth-Grade Math) Curriculum

The Pre-Algebra Prep (5th-grade Math) curriculum is based on common core standards and references the Virginia SOLs. It utilizes several resources, including but not limited to *Fifth-Grade Simplified Math, Eureka Math, Prodigy, Frax*, and *Reflex*. Pre-Algebra Prep's objectives are to develop whole-number, fraction, and decimal arithmetic fluency and reasoning, multi-step problem-solving, and other skills to help students complete Pre-Algebra in later years. The following skills are covered in Pre-Algebra Prep:

Place value:

- Writing numbers in words
- Writing numbers in expanded form
- Comparing numbers using <, >, =
- o Rounding
- Moving whole numbers and decimals by powers of ten

Decimal arithmetic:

- Comparing and ordering decimals
- Rounding decimals
- Adding and subtracting decimals
- Single, double, and then multi-digit multiplication and division with whole numbers and decimals

Fraction arithmetic:

- Equivalent fractions
- Comparing fractions and mixed numbers
- Converting mixed numbers into improper fractions and vice versa
- Adding and subtracting fractions with like and unlike denominators
- Adding and subtracting mixed numbers with like and unlike denominators
- Interpreting fractions as division problems
- Multiplying fractions
- Dividing fractions
- Convert fractions to decimals and decimals to fractions.

Unit conversion and measurement

- Introduction to metric and customary unit conversions
- Measuring using different units
- Solving word problems that require unit conversions
- Representing data with units on a line plot

Volume

- o Introduction to diagramming and calculating the volume of rectangular prisms
- Diagramming and calculating the volume of complex figures made of several rectangular prisms

- Introduction to coordinate planes
 - o Locating points and graphing on a coordinate plane using ordered pairs
 - o Extending number patterns of linear functions using coordinate planes
 - o Analyzing the relationship between two sets of numbers using a function table
 - Using coordinate planes to solve word problems
- Multi-step problem-solving and logic
 - Introduction to the order of operations and using parentheses or brackets to solve multi-step problems
 - Introduction to exponents
 - o Practice solving word problems
 - o Using estimation and logic to test if an answer is reasonable
 - o Using models and illustrations to visualize and solve complex word problems