## Math I UNIT 4 OVERVIEW: Exponential Functions

| Unit Outcomes <br> At the end of this unit, your student should be able to: | Key Vocabulary <br> Terms to deepen the student's understanding |
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| $\checkmark \quad$ Classify exponential functions as growth or decay <br> Compare/contrast properties and the graphs of linear and exponential functions <br> Construct a graph of an exponential function from a table, sequence or a situation <br> Model an exponential relationship between two quantities with tables, graphs, and equation <br> Recognize that the solutions to an exponential equation are represented by the points on the graph <br> Understand that a geometric sequence is a sequence of numbers where the ratio between consecutive numbers is constant <br> $\checkmark$ Understand that an exponential function has a $r$ value greater than 1 if the function is growing <br> $\checkmark \quad$ Identify the common ratio of the sequence <br> $\checkmark \quad$ Write the first and subsequent terms of the sequence <br> $\checkmark \quad$ Evaluate functions for given domains <br> $\checkmark$ Recognize a pattern will allow them to determine an arithmetic or geometric model <br> $\checkmark \quad$ Translate between the recursive (NOW/NEXT) and explicit forms in modeling situations <br> $\checkmark$ Construct a table and graph of a linear function with slope $m$ and exponential rate of change equal to the slope to identify the point where the exponential function exceeds the linear function <br> $\checkmark$ Determine the difference between the rate of change of a linear model (add each time) versus an exponential model (multiply each time) | $\checkmark$ Base <br> $\checkmark$ Common Ratio <br> $\checkmark$ Constant <br> $\checkmark$ Explicit Form <br> $\checkmark$ Exponent <br> $\checkmark$ Exponential Decay <br> $\checkmark$ Exponential Equation <br> $\checkmark$ Exponential Form <br> $\checkmark$ Exponential Function <br> $\checkmark$ Exponential Growth <br> $\checkmark$ Function Notation <br> $\checkmark$ Geometric Sequence <br> $\checkmark$ Horizontal and Vertical Translation <br> $\checkmark$ Initial Term <br> $\checkmark$ Intercepts <br> $\checkmark$ Intervals Where Increasing, Decreasing, Positive or Negative <br> $\checkmark$ NOW-NEXT <br> $\checkmark \quad$ Rate of Change <br> $\checkmark$ Relative Maximum <br> $\checkmark$ Relative Minimum |
| Key Standards Addressed <br> Connections to Common Core/NC Essential Standards <br> NC.M1.N-RN. 2 Rewrite algebraic expressions with integer exponents using the properties of exponents. <br> NC.M1.A-SSE.1a Interpret expressions that represent a quantity in terms of its context. a. Identify and interpret parts of a linear, exponential, or quadratic expression, including terms, factors, coefficients, and exponents. <br> NC.M1.A-SSE.1b Interpret a linear, exponential, or quadratic expression made of multiple parts as a combination of entities to give meaning to an expression. <br> NC.M1.A-CED. 2 Create and graph equations in two variables to represent linear, exponential, and quadratic relationships between quantities. <br> NC.M1.A-REI. 11 Build an understanding of why the x -coordinates of the points where the graphs of two linear, exponential, and/or quadratic equations $y=\mathrm{f}(x)$ and $y=\mathrm{g}(x)$ intersect are the solutions of the equation $\mathrm{f}(x)=g(x)$ and approximate solutions using graphing technology or successive approximations with a table of values. <br> NC.M1.F-IF. 2 Use function notation to evaluate linear, quadratic, and exponential functions for inputs in their domains, and interpret statements that use function notation in terms of a context. <br> NC.M1.F-IF. 3 Recognize that recursively and explicitly defined sequences are functions whose domain is a subset of the integers, the terms of an arithmetic sequence are a subset of the range of a linear function, and the terms of a geometric sequence are a subset of the range of an exponential function. <br> NC.M1.F-IF. 4 Interpret key features of graphs, tables, and verbal descriptions in context to describe functions that arise in applications relating two quantities, including: intercepts; intervals where the function is increasing, decreasing, positive, or negative; and maximums and minimums. | Where This Unit Fits <br> Connections to prior and future learning <br> Coming into this unit, students should have a strong foundation in: <br> $\checkmark \quad$ Solving one variable equations <br> $\checkmark$ Graphing linear functions <br> $\checkmark \quad$ Identifying the initial value for a linear function <br> $\checkmark \quad$ Writing recursive and explicit forms of an equation <br> $\checkmark \quad$ Identifying key features of a function from a graph <br> $\checkmark \quad$ Solving systems of equations and inequalities through graphing, substitution and elimination <br> This unit builds to the following future skills and concepts: <br> $\checkmark \quad$ Solving quadratic equations <br> $\checkmark \quad$ Graphing and analyzing more complex functions (including inverse, step, exponential, absolute value, trigonometric and logarithmic functions) <br> $\checkmark$ Using regression models to predict linear, quadratic and exponential models |

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NC.M1.F-IF. 5 Interpret a function in terms of the context by relating its domain and range to its graph and, where applicable, to the quantitative relationship it describes.
NC.M1.F-IF. 6 Calculate and interpret the average rate of change over a specified interval for a function presented numerically, graphically, and/or symbolically.
NC.M1.F-IF. 7 Analyze linear, exponential, and quadratic functions by generating different representations, by hand in simple cases and using technology for more complicated cases, to show key features, including: domain and range; rate of change; intercepts; intervals where the function is increasing, decreasing, positive, or negative; maximums and minimums; and end behavior.
NC.M1.F-IF.8b Use equivalent expressions to reveal and explain different properties of a function. $\mathbf{b}$ ). Interpret and explain growth and decay rates for an exponential function.
NC.M1.F-IF. 9 Compare key features of two functions (linear, quadratic, or exponential) each with a different representation (symbolically, graphically, numerically in tables, or by verbal descriptions).
NC.M1.F-BF.1a Write a function that describes a relationship between two quantities. a. Build linear and exponential functions, including arithmetic and geometric sequences, given a graph, a description of a relationship, or two ordered pairs (include reading these from a table).
NC.M1.F-BF.1b Build a function that models a relationship between two quantities by combining linear, exponential, or quadratic functions with addition and subtraction or two linear functions with multiplication.
NC.M1.F-BF. 2 Translate between explicit and recursive forms of arithmetic and geometric sequences and use both to model situations.
NC.M1.F-LE. 1 Identify situations that can be modeled with linear and exponential functions, and justify the most appropriate model for a situation based on the rate of change over equal intervals.
NC.M1.F-LE. 3 Compare the end behavior of linear, exponential, and quadratic functions using graphs and tables to show that a quantity increasing exponentially eventually exceeds a quantity increasing linearly or quadratically.
NC.M1.F-LE. 5 Interpret the parameters $a$ and $b$ in a linear function $\mathrm{f}(x)=a x+b$ or an exponential function $g(x)=a b x$ in terms of a context.
NC.M1.S-ID. 6 Represent data on two quantitative variables on a scatter plot, and describe how the variables are related.
NC.M1.S-ID6c Fit a function to exponential data using technology. Use the fitted function to solve problems.

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| Additional Resources <br> Materials to support understanding and enrichment | "Learning Checks" <br> Questions Parents Can Use to Assess Understanding |
| $\checkmark$ Exponential Growth and Decay <br> $\checkmark$ Modeling exponential growth and decay (video) <br> $\checkmark$ Graphing exponential functions (practice) <br> $\checkmark$ Evaluating exponential functions (practice) <br> $\checkmark$ Geometric sequences overview (video) <br> $\checkmark \quad$ Write explicit form of geometric sequences (practice) | What considerations should be taken into account when determining the boundaries and scales of a graph? <br> What are the key features of an exponential function? <br> When given one of the four forms of information, what should be taken into consideration when determining the best function to model the situation? <br> $\checkmark$ How do you determine the best model for a data pattern? <br> $\checkmark \quad$ Why is a multiplicative rate of change the key feature of an exponential function and how is it revealed in the different forms of this function (verbal, graph, table, equation)? <br> When given a sequence, how do you identify whether it is arithmetic or geometric and how do you write a rule for the sequence? |

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