Mathematics Algebra 1: Academic Unit 12: Radicals and Geometry

Essential Understandings	Understanding radicals and geometry is an important skill of future success in mathematics.
Essential Questions	 How do you evaluate radicals (square roots, cube roots, etc.)? How do you simplify radicals? How do you add, subtract, multiply, and divide radicals? How do you solve radical equations? How do you use the Pythagorean Theorem? How do you use the distance formula? How do you use the midpoint formula?
Essential Knowledge	 Square roots can be simplified. Radicals can be added, subtracted, multiplied and divided. Radical equations can be solved.
Vocabulary	 Terms: radicals, radical equations, Pythagorean Theorem, hypotenuse, legs of a right triangle, distance formula, midpoint, midpoint formula.
Essential Skills	 Evaluate square roots. Simplify radicals Add, subtract, multiply, and divide radicals. Solve radical equations. Use the Pythagorean Theorem. Use the distance formula. Use the midpoint formula.
Related Maine Learning Results	Mathematics A. Number Real Number A1.Students will know how to represent and use real numbers. a. Use the concept of nth root. b. Estimate the value(s) of roots and use technology to approximate them. c. Compute using laws of exponents. d. Multiply and divide numbers expressed in scientific notation. C. Geometry Geometric Figures C1.Students justify statements about polygons and solve problems. b. Solve for missing dimensions based on congruence and similarity. c. Use the Pythagorean Theorem in situations where right triangles are created by adding segments to figures. d. Use the distance formula.

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Sample Lessons And Activities	 Students will orally respond to questions. Students will utilize worksheets and in their notes to demonstrate individual understanding of the concepts.
Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	QuizzesTake-home worksheetsTests
Sample Resources	 Publications: Algebra 1 - Foerster