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imagine IM CALIFORNIA

An IM K–12 Math™ Curriculum

iM v.360

Grade K | Grade 1 | Grade 2 | Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6

High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) Evaluation Guide

Imagine IM California offers the latest Illustrative Mathematics curriculum, IM v.360, optimized for engagement, accessibility, and usability. It blends problem-based instructional design, innovation, technology, enhanced print resources, and embedded support for ease of implementation and maximum student outcomes.

Use this guide to review the **Imagine IM California** high-quality instructional materials (HQIM) for standards alignment, research and pedagogy, equity and access, teacher/student experience, assessment, and professional learning.

Resources at a Glance

Teacher Components

- One Teacher Course Guide (print)
- Teacher Unit Guides (units 1–8 or 9, depending on grade level; print)
- Teacher Resource Packs (1 per unit)
- Digital platform license
  - Includes access to all print components; teacher notes; editable lesson slides; Live Learn with Student Response Grid; ClassMate AI-powered tools; family materials; extension problems; digital interactives; assessments; practice sets; reports; and more!
- Classroom Manipulative Kits



Student Components

- Student Workbooks (Units 1–8 or 9, depending on grade level; print)
- Digital platform license
  - Includes access to Student Workbook content; interactive lessons; videos; digital interactives; assessments; practice sets; and for Grades 3+ an AI-Tutor and CueThink, rich problem-solving experiences that make student thinking visible.



Explore the student and teacher resources on the digital platform, using the enclosed Digital Quick Start Guide.



See the Manipulative Kit sampler and components list.

Grade 3 cover images shown — other grades include the same teacher and student components.

Standards Alignment

Imagine IM California aligns with state and college and career readiness standards, supporting the instructional shifts of focus, coherence, and rigor, in addition to mathematical practices/processes.

Review these sections in the Teacher Course Guide:

- Scope and Sequence
- Standards for Mathematical Practice
- Standards Reference
- Standards by Lesson
- Lessons by Standard

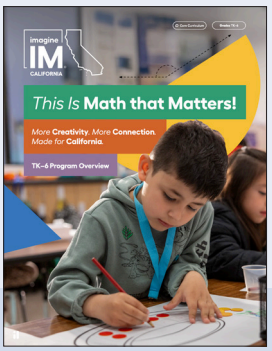
Review these sections in the Teacher Guides (all units):

- Unit overviews and Unit at-a-Glance
- Section overviews and section checkpoints
- Center overviews
- Learning goals in each lesson
- Standards alignments in each lesson

Check out these resources in the online platform.

Research and Pedagogy

Illustrative Mathematics was developed by Dr. Bill McCallum and a team of math leaders focused on improving student outcomes in mathematics. It is built on best practices and research principles from NCTM, the National Research Council, Smith & Stein, and others. **Imagine IM California** is the latest IM v.360 curriculum optimized for engagement, accessibility, and usability. The **Imagine IM California** instructional experience aligns with ESSA's Theory of Change for effective evidence-based programs.



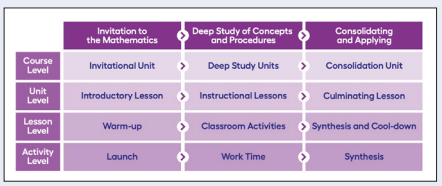
Review these sections in the Teacher Course Guide:

- Imagine IM Program Overview
- Problem-Based Teaching and Learning
- Key Structures in This Course
- References

Learn more in the enclosed Imagine IM Grades K–5 Program Overview.

Instructional Design

Easy-to-use slides, Live Learn with Student Response Grid, and teaching notes help teachers shift math classes from workbook time to discussion, collaboration, and problem-solving time. Interactive problem-solving experiences, like CueThink, make student thinking visible through explanation, reflection, and mathematical discourse.



Review these sections in the Teacher Course Guide:

- Key Structures in This Course
- How to Use the Imagine IM Resources
- What's in an Imagine IM Lesson

Review these sections in the Teacher Unit Guides (all units):

- Unit overviews
- Section overviews
- Center overviews

Learn more in the enclosed Instructional Design and Program Overview brochures.

Student and Teacher Experience

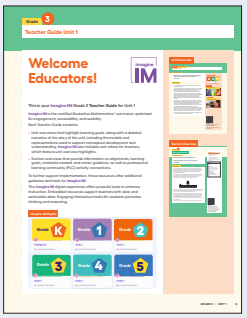
Imagine Learning's in-house curriculum, product, and platform teams have enhanced and tuned the resources to support teachers in planning, facilitating, monitoring, and responding to student thinking across all classroom environments. Real-time instructional tools provide visibility into student responses, helping teachers identify misconceptions, monitor engagement, and respond in the moment. Students thrive in a vibrant math community, building confidence and being empowered with skills to apply through college, careers, and beyond.

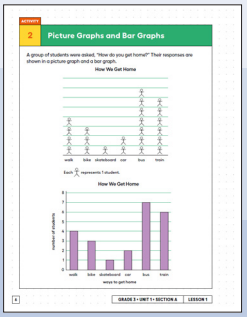
Review these sections in the Teacher Course Guide:

- Imagine IM Program Overview
- How to Use the Imagine IM Resources
- What's in an Imagine IM Lesson

Review these sections in the Teacher Guides (all units):

- Unit overviews
- Section overviews
- Center overviews





Review the Student Workbooks and Teacher Resource Pack Sampler.

Learn more in the enclosed Program Overview.

Explore the student and teacher resources on the digital platform, using the enclosed Digital Quick Start Guide.

Assessment: Data and Reporting

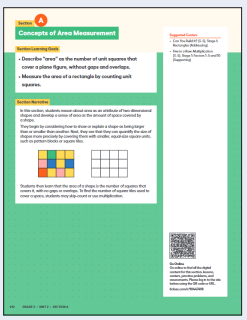
Imagine Learning integrates embedded assessments, Knowledge Checks, and practice experiences that provide actionable insight into student understanding and misconceptions. Teachers receive auto-scored formative feedback, while students receive targeted support and opportunities to strengthen understanding. AI-supported tools help teachers identify trends, group students by need, and provide responsive instructional support. At the same time, students get more practice with tech-enabled questions.

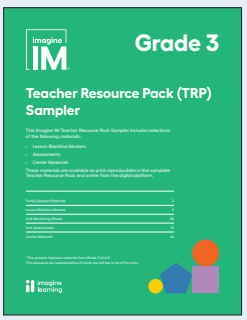
Review this section in the Teacher Course Guide:

- Assessment Guidance

Review these sections in the Teacher Guides (all units):

- Unit overviews
- Unit-at-a-Glance
- Section checkpoints
- Teacher reflection questions in each lesson
- Cool-downs in each lesson
- End-of-Unit Assessment





See the cool-down and unit assessment samples in the Teacher Resource Pack Sampler.

See the enclosed Imagine IM K–5 Program Overview and Assessment brochures.

Review the assessment opportunities and instructional support in the digital platform for each grade level, unit, and section.

Equity and Access

Each lesson is carefully designed to maximize engagement and accessibility for all students. Explicit scaffolds are provided at point of use in each lesson to enrich units and challenge students as needed.

Review these sections in the Teacher Course Guide:

- Advancing Mathematical Language and Access for Multilingual Learners
- Universal Design for Learning and Access for Students with Diverse Abilities

Review these sections in the Teacher Guides (all units):

- Support and guidance for students with diverse abilities and multilingual learners in each lesson
- Building on Student Thinking in each lesson
- Responding to Student Thinking in each lesson

Home Connections

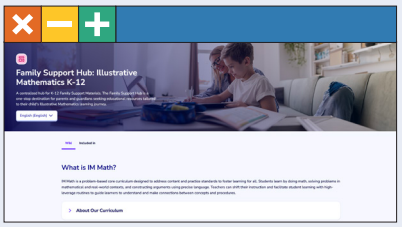
A strong connection between students' homes and their schools is supported through the program with visible learning goals, vocabulary and terms, access to videos, and additional family and caregiver resources.

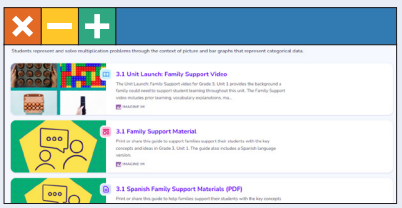
Review these sections in the Teacher Guides and Student Workbooks (all units):

- Family Support videos

Review these sections in the Student Workbooks (all units):

- Student-friendly learning goals in each lesson
- Lesson summary and glossary in each lesson





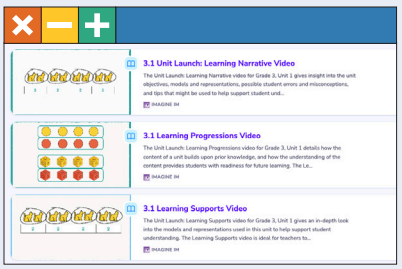
Explore the Family and Caregiver Resource Hub in the online platform.

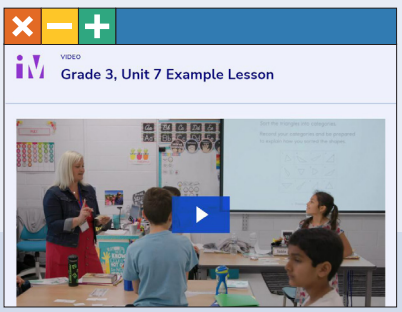
Professional Learning

Imagine IM California professional learning supports teachers, coaches, and administrators in effectively implementing the curriculum with integrity. Ongoing and self-directed professional development, curriculum-aligned instructional guidance, and AI-supported planning tools are also available within the digital platform for teachers. Included are Learning Narrative videos that give teachers insight into the unit objectives, models, and possible student errors and misconceptions, plus Learning Support videos that give an in-depth look into the models and representations used to help support student understanding, and Lesson Example videos that show teaching practices and implementation from real IM classrooms.

Review this section in the Teacher Course Guide:

- Professional Learning Communities





Explore the complete Imagine IM digital experience through the online platform.

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