| | Algebra 1: Legacy Edition | Algebra 1: Principles of Secondary Mathematics |
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| Lesson format Refer to the Lesson Comparison PDF for more information. | Follows same format as other Math-U-See levels | New lesson format and course structure |
| Meets the skills and concepts required for standards alignment | No | Yes |
| Provides Lesson Scripts Refer to the sample lessons for each option for more information about how they differ. | Yes — the Instruction Manual provides background materials and examples to guide instructors when they are presenting concepts to students. | No — the Instructor Handbook mirrors the Student Worktext pages and adds marginal notes and answers. Videos guide students through lesson concepts and examples. |
| Videos Refer to the sample videos for each option for more information about how they differ. Note: internet access is required for the Digital Pack. | One video per lesson covering all concepts in that lesson Features Mr. Demme teaching Accessible in the Digital Pack and DVDs | Multiple videos per lesson – each focusing on one concept Features narration by a new instructor Accessible in the Digital Pack – DVDs will not immediately be available |
| Uses Physical Manipulatives | Yes — Integer Block Kit and Algebra/Decimal Kit | Optional — Physical manipulatives are optional. Digital manipulatives (in the Digital Pack) or drawing models are referenced in lessons. |
| Students can work independently Instructors should be available if the student struggles. | Minimally — can work independently on worksheets | Mostly — can do a considerable amount independently, but will still be asked to check in with an instructor |