

8th Grade UNIT 9 OVERVIEW: Identifying Functions

Unit Outcomes	Key Vocabulary
At the end of this unit, your student should be able to:	Terms to deepen the student's understanding
✓ Sketch a graph that shows change over time	✓ Function ✓ Non-Linear Function
✓ Interpret graphs that depict real world situations	✓ Function Rule ✓ Output
✓ Identify relations and functions by graphs,	✓ Function Table ✓ Rate of Change
tables/ordered pairs, and equations	✓ Initial Value ✓ Relation
✓ Evaluate and graph functions	✓ Input ✓ Vertical Line Test
✓ Use "per" appropriately	✓ Linear Function ✓ x-value
✓ Determine constant rate of change given graph, table or equation	✓ Linear Relationship ✓ y-value
✓ Compare the constant rate of change in two functions represented in different ways	
Key Standards Addressed	Where This Unit Fits
Connections to Common Core/NC Essential Standards	Connections to prior and future learning
8.F.1 - Understand that a function is a rule that assigns to	Coming into this unit, students should have a strong
each input exactly one output. The graph of a function is	foundation in:
the set of ordered pairs consisting of an input and the	Computing unit rates
corresponding output.	Recognizing and representing proportional
	relationships between quantities
8.F.2 - Compare properties of two functions each	✓ Identifying the constant of proportionality (unit rate)
represented in a different way (algebraically, graphically, numerically in tables, or by verbal descriptions).	in tables, graphs, equations, diagrams, and verbal descriptions of proportional relationships
indifferitally in tables, or by verbal descriptions).	✓ Representing proportional relationships with
8.F.5 - Describe qualitatively the functional relationship	equations
between two quantities by analyzing a graph (e.g., where	·
the function is increasing or decreasing, linear or	This unit builds to the following future skills and
nonlinear). Sketch a graph that exhibits the qualitative	concepts:
features of a function that has been described verbally.	✓ Equations of lines
,	 Understanding what slope is and how changes in slope affect the graph of an equation
	✓ Interpreting the equation y=mx+b as defining a linear
	function, whose graph is a straight line
	✓ Systems of Equations
Additional Resources	"Learning Checks"
Materials to support understanding and enrichment	Questions Parents Can Use to Assess Understanding
✓ Teaching videos made by Wake County teachers	✓ How do I solve real world problems involving change
 ✓ WCPSS YouTube Channel – Math Playlist ✓ Relations and Functions Overview 	over time? ✓ How do I represent and solve real world problems
✓ Relations and Functions Video	✓ How do I represent and solve real world problems using graphs, stories, and/or maps?
✓ Relations and Functions Practice	✓ What is the difference between a relation and a
✓ Rate of Change Video	function?
✓ Rate of Change Practice	✓ How do you know if a graph is a function?
✓ Rate of Change Practice 2	✓ How do you determine the rate of change of a line?
	✓ How do you compare the rate of change for different
	functions?

^{*} Please note, the unit guides are a work in progress. If you have feedback or suggestions on improvement, please feel free to contact wakemiddle@wcpss.net.