

Middle School Math Initiative Summer Conference
Activity #: 2
Activity Name: Linking Supporting Ideas to the Big Ideas

Purpose of Activity: Examine new math standards and conceptualize how the big ideas and the supporting/connecting ideas relate.

Materials Needed: envelopes, standards cut into sections, template for activity

Duration of Activity: 45 minutes to an hour

Directions for Activity: Give each team an envelop containing one grade level's big ideas, supporting ideas, and benchmarks that have been cut into segments. Teams will lay out all of the pieces and analyze which big ideas correlate with which supporting ideas and benchmarks. The goal is for participants to see that the supporting ideas and benchmarks may actually correlate with more than one big idea, therefore all of the benchmarks are connected.

