Division IV Numeracy Descriptors

Purpose Students recognize how numeracy enables people to be effective in everyday life and in society.	Management of Space Students intuitively judge and manage the space around or between bodies, objects or shapes with fluency and precision (e.g., choreography).
Personal Insight Students recognize, reflect on, analyze and describe their numeracy strengths and challenges. They choose appropriate strategies to regulate their learning.	Measurement Students identify, select and use precise instruments or methods to take accurate measurements.
Task Analysis Students examine situations that involve numeracy and transfer their understanding from other contexts to assist them.	Units of Measurement Students calculate measures using multi-step procedures to the degree of precision required for the task and compare results to familiar referents.
Magnitude Students interpret, compare and use the magnitude of small and large numbers, fractions, decimals, rates, percentages, scales and ratios in real-life situations.	Conversions Students apply practical conversions to determine implications for personal decision making (e.g., currency, time zones, distance).
Using Numbers Students recognize how numbers can be used to inform or shape attitudes and beliefs in real-life situations (e.g., interpreting percentages).	Time Students determine how time is measured, represented and perceived using different perspectives and in different contexts (e.g., cultural, geographical, historical, literary, scientific)
Interpretation and Representation of Quantitative Information Students shift with ease and flexibility when working with different representations of quantitative information.	Location and Direction Students select, use, create and generate navigational aids using a variety of traditional, non-digital and digital techniques in novel contexts (e.g., landmarks, maps with legends, map features, GPS, mental maps).
Patterns and Relationships Students make predictions based on relationships and trends in real-life situations.	Calculations Students calculate using whole numbers, fractions, decimals, rates, percentages, scales and ratios in real-life situations.
Organization of Data Students devise and interpret multi-tiered classification systems.	Collection of Data Students select effective data collection and display methods to make informed decisions.
Interpretation and Representation of Spatial Information Students interpret and create labelled diagrams and physical or digital models to represent complex phenomena (e.g., cellular respiration processes, influence of geography on political events).	Communication Students construct arguments supported by a variety of appropriate formats to justify assumptions, techniques, results and decisions in real-life situations involving numeracy.

Interpretation of Data Students critically assess claims or arguments based on data or statistics to make an informed decision.	Strategies Students analyze variables within a context to select strategies that result in an informed decision.
Probability Students use their knowledge of probability to	Estimation
evaluate claims and predictions to make	overestimating or underestimating when a
informed decisions in real-life situations (e.g.,	precise answer is not required in real-life
	Methods or Tools
Spatial Visualization Students visualize, analyze and represent the relationship between two or more objects.	Students select and refine their use of efficient and effective non-digital and digital methods or tools based on the demands of a task involving numeracy (e.g., pencil and paper, mental calculations, visualization, calculators, schedules, timetables, spreadsheets, digital 3D modeling software).