

A Correlation of

**Precalculus**  
**Blitzer, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition**



to the

**Alabama Course of Study**  
**Mathematics**  
**Precalculus**

## INTRODUCTION

This document demonstrates how *Precalculus (Blitzer), 4<sup>th</sup> Edition* © 2010, meets the indicators of the Alabama Course of Study: Mathematics – Precalculus. Correlation page references are to the Student Edition and Instructor's Edition Manual and are cited at the page level.

Blitzer creates intriguing applications that show students the relevance of math. Appealing to a wide range of interests and majors, the program's applications captivate students' imagination with his passion for integrating math into the worlds of contemporary society, culture, art, and science.

### Features:

- Clear and accessible presentation ensures that students can follow the book when they get home from class.
  - Voice balloons offer the support and guidance of a teacher's voice. These specific annotations clarify procedures and concepts, mimicking what a teacher would say in class when translating the math into plain English.
  - See it, Hear it, Try it is the consistent format of every textbook example.
- Extensive exercise sets at the end of each section are organized into six categories: Practice Exercises, Application Exercises, Writing in Mathematics, Technology Exercises, Critical Thinking Exercises, and Group Exercises. This variety lets teachers create well-rounded homework assignments, while holding students' interest with an ongoing selection of novel applications. Practice Plus Problems are more challenging problems that test conceptual understanding by requiring students to combine skills and to revisit key concepts in order to solve.
- New to this edition are Make Sense? Classroom discussion exercises that contain four critical thinking problems that test for conceptual understanding. This is an opportunity for students to express their opinions and for teachers to provide feedback on those thoughts.
- Assessment includes Mid-Chapter Checkpoints, Cumulative Review Exercises at the end of each chapter, and End-of-chapter tests. These ensure that students remember previously learned material, keeping the fundamental skills and concepts fresh in their minds.
- Integrated study aids help students make the most of their time outside of the classroom.
  - Chapter Test Prep Videos (included with the Student Edition) contain worked-out solutions to every exercise in every chapter test. A teacher walks students through all examples step-by-step, allowing students to pause and watch again as needed.
  - Study Tip boxes appear throughout the book. These offer suggestions for problem solving, point out common student errors, and provide informal tips and suggestions.
  - Technology boxes illustrate the many capabilities of graphing utilities that go beyond just graphing.

This document demonstrates the success students will achieve by using *Precalculus by Blitzer*.

<b>PRECALCULUS</b>	
Precalculus is a course designed for students who have successfully completed the Algebra II With Trigonometry course. This course is considered to be a prerequisite for success in calculus and college mathematics. Algebraic, graphical, numerical, and verbal analyses are incorporated during investigations of the Precalculus content standards. Parametric equations, polar relations, vector operations, conic sections, and limits are introduced. Content for this course also includes an expanded study of polynomial and rational functions, trigonometric functions, and logarithmic and exponential functions.	
<b>NUMBER AND QUANTITY</b>	
<b>The Complex Number System</b>	
<b>Perform arithmetic operations with complex numbers.</b>	
1. (+) Find the conjugate of a complex number; use conjugates to find moduli and quotients of complex numbers. [N-CN3]	<b>SE/TE:</b> 280-281, 284-285
<b>Represent complex numbers and their operations on the complex plane.</b>	
2. (+) Represent complex numbers on the complex plane in rectangular and polar form (including real and imaginary numbers), and explain why the rectangular and polar forms of a given complex number represent the same number. [N-CN4]	<b>SE/TE:</b> 686-689, 696-698
3. (+) Represent addition, subtraction, multiplication, and conjugation of complex numbers geometrically on the complex plane; use properties of this representation for computation. [N-CN5]	This standard can be addressed when examining graphical representations of complex numbers: <b>SE/TE:</b> 686-698
4. (+) Calculate the distance between numbers in the complex plane as the modulus of the difference, and the midpoint of a segment as the average of the numbers at its endpoints. [N-CN6]	This standard can be addressed when examining graphical representations of complex numbers: <b>SE/TE:</b> 686-698
<b>Limits</b>	
<b>Understand limits of functions.</b>	
5. Determine numerically, algebraically, and graphically the limits of functions at specific values and at infinity.	<b>SE/TE:</b> 1038-1049, 1050-1062, 1063-1069, 1072-1082
a. Apply limits in problems involving convergence and divergence.	<b>SE/TE:</b> 1038-1049, 1050-1062, 1063-1069, 1072-1082
<b>Vector and Matrix Quantities</b>	
<b>Represent and model with vector quantities.</b>	
6. (+) Recognize vector quantities as having both magnitude and direction. Represent vector quantities by directed line segments, and use appropriate symbols for vectors and their magnitudes (e.g., $\mathbf{v}$ , $ \mathbf{v} $ , $\ \mathbf{v}\ $ , $v$ ). [N-VM1]	<b>SE/TE:</b> 698-703, 706-712
7. (+) Find the components of a vector by subtracting the coordinates of an initial point from the coordinates of a terminal point. [N-VM2]	<b>SE/TE:</b> 700, 702-703, 709
8. (+) Solve problems involving velocity and other quantities that can be represented by vectors. [N-VM3]	<b>SE/TE:</b> 707-708, 710-712

<b>Perform operations on vectors.</b>	
9. (+) Add and subtract vectors. [N-VM4]	SE/TE: 704-705, 707-712
a. (+) Add vectors end-to-end, component-wise, and by the parallelogram rule. Understand that the magnitude of a sum of two vectors is typically not the sum of the magnitudes. [N-VM4a]	SE/TE: 704-705, 707-712
b. (+) Given two vectors in magnitude and direction form, determine the magnitude and direction of their sum. [N-VM4b]	SE/TE: 707-712
c. (+) Understand vector subtraction $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}$ as $\mathbf{v} + (-\mathbf{w})$ , where $-\mathbf{w}$ is the additive inverse of $\mathbf{w}$ , with the same magnitude as $\mathbf{w}$ and pointing in the opposite direction. Represent vector subtraction graphically by connecting the tips in the appropriate order, and perform vector subtraction component-wise. [N-VM4c]	SE/TE: 700-701
10. (+) Multiply a vector by a scalar. [N-VM5]	SE/TE: 700, 704-705, 709-712
a. (+) Represent scalar multiplication graphically by scaling vectors and possibly reversing their direction; perform scalar multiplication component-wise, e.g., as $c(v_x, v_y) = (cv_x, cv_y)$ . [N-VM5a]	SE/TE: 700-701, 704-705, 709-712
b. (+) Compute the magnitude of a scalar multiple $c\mathbf{v}$ using $\ c\mathbf{v}\  =  c \mathbf{v}$ . Compute the direction of $c\mathbf{v}$ knowing that when $ c \mathbf{v} \neq 0$ , the direction of $c\mathbf{v}$ is either along $\mathbf{v}$ (for $c > 0$ ) or against $\mathbf{v}$ (for $c < 0$ ). [N-VM5b]	SE/TE: 705, 709-712
<b>Perform operations on matrices and use matrices in applications.</b>	
11. (+) Use matrices to represent and manipulate data, e.g., to represent payoffs or incidence relationships in a network. [N-VM6]	SE/TE: 816-817, 825, 836, 840-841
12. (+) Multiply matrices by scalars to produce new matrices, e.g., as when all of the payoffs in a game are doubled. [N-VM7]	SE/TE: 830-831, 838-842
13. (+) Add, subtract, and multiply matrices of appropriate dimensions. [N-VM8]	SE/TE: 828-842
14. (+) Understand that, unlike multiplication of numbers, matrix multiplication for square matrices is not a commutative operation, but still satisfies the associative and distributive properties. [N-VM9]	SE/TE: 833-836
15. (+) Understand that the zero and identity matrices play a role in matrix addition and multiplication similar to the role of 0 and 1 in the real numbers. The determinant of a square matrix is nonzero if and only if the matrix has a multiplicative inverse. [N-VM10]	SE/TE: 829, 843
16. (+) Multiply a vector (regarded as a matrix with one column) by a matrix of suitable dimensions to produce another vector. Work with matrices as transformations of vectors. [N-VM11]	SE/TE: 837-842

17. Work with $2 \times 2$ matrices as transformations of the plane, and interpret the absolute value of the determinant in terms of area. [N-VM12]	SE/TE: 838, 840-841
<b>ALGEBRA</b>	
Reasoning With Equations and Inequalities	
Solve systems of equations.	
18. (+) Represent a system of linear equations as a single matrix equation in a vector variable. [A-REI8]	SE/TE: 806-817, 818-826
19. (+) Find the inverse of a matrix if it exists and use it to solve systems of linear equations (using technology for matrices of dimension $3 \times 3$ or greater). [A-REI9]	SE/TE: 843-856
<b>FUNCTIONS</b>	
Conic Sections	
Understand the graphs and equations of conic sections.	
20. Create graphs of conic sections, including parabolas, hyperbolas, ellipses, circles, and degenerate conics, from second-degree equations.	SE/TE: 876-885, 890-900, 903-912, 913-925
a. Formulate equations of conic sections from their determining characteristics.	SE/TE: 878, 883-885, 889, 897-900, 904-905, 909-912, 918-920, 923-925
<b>Interpreting Functions</b>	
<b>Analyze functions using different representations. (<i>Logarithmic and trigonometric functions.</i>)</b>	
21. (+) Graph rational functions, identifying zeros and asymptotes when suitable factorizations are available, and showing end behavior. [F-IF7d]	SE/TE: 341-358
<b>Building Functions</b>	
<b>Build a function that models a relationship between two quantities.</b>	
22. (+) Compose functions. [F-BF1c]	SE/TE: 224-232
<b>Build new functions from existing functions.</b>	
23. Determine the inverse of a function and a relation.	SE/TE: 232-243
24. (+) Verify by composition that one function is the inverse of another. [F-BF4b]	SE/TE: 234-235, 240-243
25. (+) Read values of an inverse function from a graph or a table, given that the function has an inverse. [F-BF4c]	SE/TE: 234, 239-243
26. (+) Produce an invertible function from a non-invertible function by restricting the domain. [F-BF4d]	SE/TE: 240-243
27. (+) Understand the inverse relationship between exponents and logarithms, and use this relationship to solve problems involving logarithms and exponents. [F-BF5]	SE/TE: 400-413, 425-436, 437-451
28. Compare effects of parameter changes on graphs of transcendental functions.	SE/TE: 390-394, 396-400, 405-406, 410-413, 517-536, 538-549

<b>Trigonometric Functions</b>	
<b>Recognize attributes of trigonometric functions and solve problems involving trigonometry.</b>	
29. Determine the amplitude, period, phase shift, domain, and range of trigonometric functions and their inverses.	<b>SE/TE:</b> 515-536, 537-549, 550-565
30. Use the sum, difference, and half-angle identities to find the exact value of a trigonometric function.	<b>SE/TE:</b> 596-607, 611-618
31. Utilize parametric equations by graphing and by converting to rectangular form.	<b>SE/TE:</b> 926-935
a. Solve application-based problems involving parametric equations.	<b>SE/TE:</b> 925-926, 933-934
b. Solve applied problems that include sequences with recurrence relations.	<b>SE/TE:</b> 961 This standard can additionally be addressed when covering recursive formulas of sequences: <b>SE/TE:</b> 954-956
<b>Extend the domain of trigonometric functions using the unit circle.</b>	
32. (+) Use special triangles to determine geometrically the values of sine, cosine, tangent for $\pi/3$ , $\pi/4$ and $\pi/6$ , and use the unit circle to express the values of sine, cosine, and tangent for $\pi - x$ , $\pi + x$ , and $2\pi - x$ in terms of their values for $x$ , where $x$ is any real number. [F-TF3] 346	<b>SE/TE:</b> 479, 483-489
33. (+) Use the unit circle to explain symmetry (odd and even) and periodicity of trigonometric functions. [F-TF4]	<b>SE/TE:</b> 480-481, 486-489
<b>Model periodic phenomena with trigonometric functions.</b>	
34. (+) Understand that restricting a trigonometric function to a domain on which it is always increasing or always decreasing allows its inverse to be constructed. [F-TF6]	<b>SE/TE:</b> 550-565
35. (+) Use inverse functions to solve trigonometric equations that arise in modeling contexts; evaluate the solutions using technology, and interpret them in terms of the context.* [F-TF7]	<b>SE/TE:</b> 566-576
<b>Prove and apply trigonometric identities.</b>	
36. (+) Prove the addition and subtraction formulas for sine, cosine, and tangent, and use them to solve problems. [F-TF9]	<b>SE/TE:</b> 596-607
<b>GEOMETRY</b>	
Expressing Geometric Properties With Equations	
Translate between the geometric description and the equation for a conic section.	
37. (+) Derive the equations of a parabola given a focus and directrix. [G-GPE2]	<b>SE/TE:</b> 904-905, 909-912
38. (+) Derive the equations of ellipses and hyperbolas given the foci, using the fact that the sum or difference of distances from the foci is constant. [G-GPE3]	<b>SE/TE:</b> 878, 883-885, 889, 897-900

<b>Explain volume formulas and use them to solve problems.</b>	
39. (+) Give an informal argument using Cavalieri’s principle for the formulas for the volume of a sphere and other solid figures. [G-GMD2]	A review of formulas for volume can be found on: <b>SE/TE: 106</b>
<b>STATISTICS AND PROBABILITY</b>	
Using Probability to Make Decisions	
Calculate expected values and use them to solve problems.	
40. (+) Define a random variable for a quantity of interest by assigning a numerical value to each event in a sample space; graph the corresponding probability distribution using the same graphical displays as for data distributions. [S-MD1]	This standard can be addressed when covering probabilities: <b>SE/TE: 1015-1028</b>
41. (+) Calculate the expected value of a random variable; interpret it as the mean of the probability distribution. [S-MD2]	This standard can be addressed when covering probabilities: <b>SE/TE: 1015-1028</b>
42. (+) Develop a probability distribution for a random variable defined for a sample space in which theoretical probabilities can be calculated; find the expected value. [S-MD3]	This standard can be addressed when covering probabilities: <b>SE/TE: 1015-1028</b>
43. (+) Develop a probability distribution for a random variable defined for a sample space in which probabilities are assigned empirically; find the expected value. [S-MD4]	This standard can be addressed when covering probabilities: <b>SE/TE: 1015-1028</b>
<b>Use probability to evaluate outcomes of decisions.</b>	
44. (+) Weigh the possible outcomes of a decision by assigning probabilities to payoff values and finding expected values. [S-MD5]	This standard can be addressed when covering probabilities: <b>SE/TE: 1015-1028</b>
a. Find the expected payoff for a game of chance. [S-MD5a]	This standard can be addressed when covering probabilities: <b>SE/TE: 1015-1028</b>
b. Evaluate and compare strategies on the basis of expected values. [S-MD5b]	This standard can be addressed when covering probabilities: <b>SE/TE: 1015-1028</b>