## Mathematics Assessment Anchor Glossary <br> Grades 5 \& 6

The definitions for this glossary were taken from one or more of the following sources: Webster's Dictionary, various mathematics dictionaries, the PA Mathematics Standards glossary and various textbook glossaries.

Chord: A line segment whose endpoints are on a circle.


Circumference: The distance around a circle.
Composite number: A whole number having more than two factors.
Diameter: A line segment that has endpoints on a circle and passes through the center of the circle.


Expanded notation: A way to write numbers that shows the value of each digit (e.g., $4372=4000+300+70+2$ ).

Greatest common factor (GCF): The largest factor that 2 or more numbers have in common.
Heptagon: A polygon with 7 sides.
Histogram: A bar graph in which the labels for the bars are numerical intervals.
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Hypotenuse: The longest side of a right triangle (which is also the side opposite the right angle).


Least common denominator (LCD): The least common multiple of the denominators in two or more fractions.

Least common multiple (LCM): The smallest number, other than zero, that is a common multiple of two or more numbers.

Leg (of a right triangle): Either of the two sides that form the right angle in a right triangle.


Line plot: A graph showing the frequency of data on a number line.


Nonagon: A polygon with 9 sides.
Plane: A flat surface that extends infinitely in all directions.
Prime number: A whole number that has exactly two factors, 1 and itself.
Quadrants: The four regions of a coordinate plane that are separated by the axes.


Radius: A line segment that has one endpoint on a circle and the other endpoint at the center of the circle.


Range: The difference between the greatest and least numbers in a set of data.
Rate: A ratio that compares two quantities having different units (e.g., 95 miles in 2 hours).
Ratio: A comparison of two numbers using division.
Regular polygon: A polygon that has all sides congruent and all angles congruent.

Repeating decimal: A decimal that has a repeating sequence of numbers after the decimal point.
$0.333 \ldots$, or $0 . \overline{3}$
$5.272727 \ldots$ or $5 . \overline{27}$
Similar polygons: Polygons that have the same shape, but not necessarily the same size. Corresponding sides of similar polygons are proportional.

Straight angle: An angle with a measure of $180^{\circ}$.
Terminating decimal: A decimal that contains a finite number of digits.
Transformation: The moving of a figure by a translation (slide), rotation (turn) or reflection (flip).
Unit price: The price of a single item or amount (e.g., $\$ 3.50$ per pound).
Unit rate: A rate with the second term being one unit (e.g., $50 \mathrm{mi} / \mathrm{gal}, 4.5 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{sec}$ ).
Venn diagram: A diagram that shows relationships among sets of objects.


Whole number: Any of the numbers $0,1,2,3,4,5, \ldots$ (and so on).
X-axis: The horizontal number line on a coordinate plane.
Y-axis: The vertical number line on a coordinate plane.


