

APPENDIX A

Features of NAEP Algebra Items

(Glossary below)

30										1El								CP			
31		x					x								+N					x	
32																				x	
33					1	x					x										
34	x					1	x														
35		x				x									+N				x		
36																				x	
37					1					1El											
38					1					1El											
39	x				1	x					x										
40				2		x		x				x				x					
41																		CP			

4th Grade

GLOSSARY

Algebraic Modeling

Produce an algebraic expression (involving symbolic variables, and perhaps relations ($=, <, \leq$, etc.) from:

- A word description (story problem)
- Numerical data
- Geometric data
- A table

AMw
AMn
AMg
AMt

Variables $\#V =$ number of them ($nV = n$ variables, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$)

- Words (verbal)
- Icons (pictures – like boxes, triangles, circles, houses,)
- Symbols (usually letters)

#Vw
#Vi
#Vs

Functions

- Linear
- Algebraic (non-linear), like quadratic, powers, rational, etc.
- Exponential
- Periodic
- Inverse (usually of linear functions)

F_l
F_a
F_e
F_p
F_i

Equations and Inequalities $\#E$ or $\#I =$ the number of them

- Linear
- Algebraic (non-linear), like quadratic, rational, etc.
- Integer inequalities (usually linear), involving round-off

#El or #Il
#Ea or #Ia
II

Evaluate

- A numerical expression
(order of operations, convert between decimals and fractions, simplify fractions, etc.)
- An algebraic expression
(substitution of variables and evaluation of the resulting numerical expression)
- Estimate

Evn
Eva
Est

Extending Patterns

EP+1:	Extend to next term	EPf:	fill in missing terms
EP+N:	Extend to distant term	EP+∞:	Describe general term
▪ Numerical ▪ Geometric ▪ Symbolic			

EnP..
EgP..
EsP..

Concepts and Topics

- Number theory (even numbers, primes, divisibility & factorization,) **NT**
 - Even and odd numbers
- Statistics notions (mean, median, ...)
- Coordinates (plane)
 - Given coordinates, plot points
 - Given points (geometrically), determine coordinates
- Coordinate (combinatorial, and transformational) geometry
 - (parallel and perpendicular lines, counting features of geometric objects, like diagonals of a polygon, rotations, lines of symmetry, etc.)

ev
St

CP
PC
CG

Practices

- Explaining (why a mathematical claim is true, or a solution is valid)
- Logical reasoning (and problem solving)

Exp
Log