



Statistics in the Middle Grades

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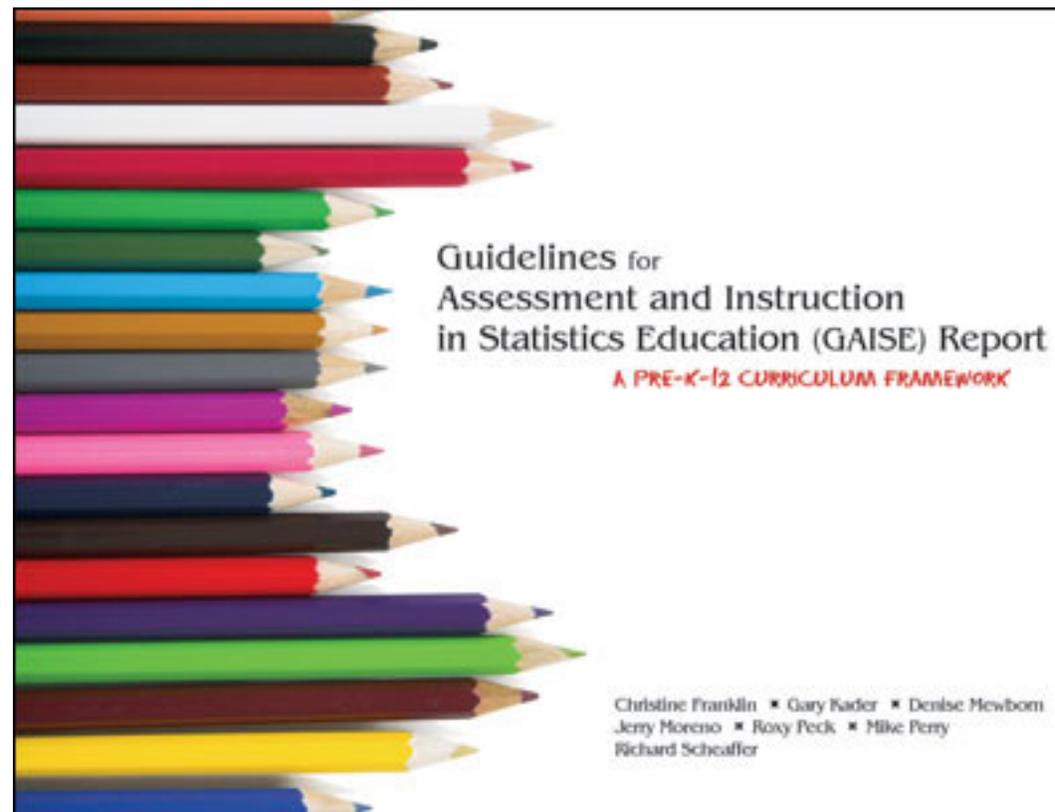
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The GAISE Model

- Statistical problem solving is a four-step process:
 1. Formulate questions
 2. Collect data
 3. Analyze data
 4. Interpret results
- from the American Statistical Association (ASA, 2005)
 - [Full report](#)





Why does this matter?

2017 revision of Ohio's Learning Standards for Mathematics



GAISE Model in Grade 6

Original Standards	Revised Standards
<p>Develop understanding of statistical variability.</p> <p>6.SP.1 Recognize a statistical question as one that anticipates variability in the data related to the question and accounts for it in the answers. <i>For example, “How old am I?” is not a statistical question, but “How old are the students in my school?” is a statistical question because one anticipates variability in students’ ages.</i></p>	<p>Develop understanding of statistical problem solving.</p> <p>6.SP.1 Develop statistical reasoning by using the GAISE model:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Formulate Questions: Recognize and formulate a statistical question as one that anticipates variability and can be answered with quantitative data. <i>For example, “How old am I?” is not a statistical question, but “How old are the students in my school?” is a statistical question because of the variability in students’ ages.</i> (GAISE Model, step 1)b. Collect Data: Design and use a plan to collect appropriate data to answer a statistical question. (GAISE Model, step 2)c. Analyze Data: Select appropriate graphical methods and numerical measures to analyze data by displaying variability within a group, comparing individual to individual, and comparing individual to group. (GAISE Model, step 3)d. Interpret Results: Draw logical conclusions from the data based on the original question. (GAISE Model, step 4)



Reiterate GAISE Model in Grade 7

Original Standards	Revised Standards
<p>Use random sampling to draw inferences about a population. 7.SP.2 Use data from a random sample to draw inferences about a population with an unknown characteristic of interest. Generate multiple samples (or simulated samples) of the same size to gauge the variation in estimates or predictions. <i>For example, estimate the mean word length in a book by randomly sampling words from the book; predict the winner of a school election based on randomly sampled survey data. Gauge how far off the estimate or prediction might be.</i></p>	<p>Broaden understanding of statistical problem solving. 7.SP.2 Broaden statistical reasoning by using the GAISE model.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Formulate Questions: Recognize and formulate a statistical question as one that anticipates variability and can be answered with quantitative data. <i>For example, “How do the heights of seventh graders compare to the heights of eighth graders?”</i> (GAISE Model, step 1)b. Collect Data: Design and use a plan to collect appropriate data to answer a statistical question. (GAISE Model, step 2)c. Analyze Data: Select appropriate graphical methods and numerical measures to analyze data by displaying variability within a group, comparing individual to individual, and comparing individual to group. (GAISE Model, step 3)d. Interpret Results: Draw logical conclusions and make generalizations from the data based on the original question. (GAISE Model, step 4)



Remove MAD from Grade 6

Original Standards	Revised Standards
<p>Summarize and describe distributions. 6.SP.5 Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context, such as by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Reporting the number of observations.b. Describing the nature of the attribute under investigation, including how it was measured and its units of measurement.c. Giving quantitative measures of center (median and/or mean) and variability (interquartile range and/or mean absolute deviation), as well as describing any overall pattern and any striking deviations from the overall pattern with reference to the context in which the data were gathered.d. Relating the choice of measures of center and variability to the shape of the data distribution and the context in which the data were gathered.	<p>Summarize and describe distributions. 6.SP.5 Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Report the number of observations.b. Describe the nature of the attribute under investigation, including how it was measured and its units of measurement.c. Find the quantitative measures of center (median and/or mean) for a numerical data set and recognize that this value summarizes the data set with a single number. Interpret mean as an equal or fair share. Find measures of variability (range and interquartile range) as well as informally describe the shape and the presence of clusters, gaps, peaks, and outliers in a distribution.d. Choose the measures of center and variability, based on the shape of the data distribution and the context in which the data were gathered.



Include MAD in Grade 7

Original Standards	Revised Standards
<p>Draw informal comparative inferences about two populations. 7.SP.3 Informally assess the degree of visual overlap of two numerical data distributions with similar variabilities, measuring the difference between the centers by expressing it as a multiple of a measure of variability. <i>For example, the mean height of players on the basketball team is 10 cm greater than the mean height of players on the soccer team, about twice the variability (mean absolute deviation) on either team; on a dot plot, the separation between the two distributions of heights is noticeable.</i></p>	<p>Summarize and describe distributions representing one population and draw informal comparisons between two populations. 7.SP.3 Describe and analyze distributions. a. Summarize quantitative data sets in relation to their context by using mean absolute deviation (MAD), interpreting mean as a balance point. b. Informally assess the degree of visual overlap of two numerical data distributions with roughly equal variabilities, measuring the difference between the centers by expressing it as a multiple of a measure of variability. <i>For example, the mean height of players on the basketball team is 10 cm greater than the mean height of players on the soccer team, about twice the variability (mean absolute deviation) on either team; on a dot plot (line plot), the separation between the two distributions of heights is noticeable.</i></p>



Move Sampling and Inference to HS

Original Standards	Revised Standards
<p>Use random sampling to draw inferences about a population. 7.SP.1 Understand that statistics can be used to gain information about a population by examining a sample of the population; generalizations about a population from a sample are valid only if the sample is representative of that population. Understand that random sampling tends to produce representative samples and support valid inferences.</p>	<p>Use sampling to draw conclusions about a population. 7.SP. 1 Understand that statistics can be used to gain information about a population by examining a sample of the population. a. Differentiate between a sample and a population. b. Understand that conclusions and generalizations about a population are valid only if the sample is representative of that population. Develop an informal understanding of bias.</p>
<p>Draw informal comparative inferences about two populations. 7.SP.4 Use measures of center and measures of variability for numerical data from random samples to draw informal comparative inferences about two populations. <i>For example, decide whether the words in a chapter of a seventh-grade science book are generally longer than the words in a chapter of a fourth-grade science book.</i></p>	<p>Deleted Standard</p>



Reiterate the GAISE Model in Grade 8

Original Standards	Revised Standards
<p>Investigate patterns of association in bivariate data. 8.SP.1 Construct and interpret scatter plots for bivariate measurement data to investigate patterns of association between two quantities. Describe patterns such as clustering, outliers, positive or negative association, linear association, and nonlinear association.</p>	<p>Investigate patterns of association in bivariate data. 8.SP.1 Construct and interpret scatter plots for bivariate measurement data to investigate patterns of association between two quantities. Describe patterns such as clustering; outliers; positive, negative, or no association; and linear association and nonlinear association. (GAISE Model, steps 3 and 4)</p>
<p>Investigate patterns of association in bivariate data. 8.SP.2 Know that straight lines are widely used to model relationships between two quantitative variables. For scatter plots that suggest a linear association, informally fit a straight line, and informally assess the model fit by judging the closeness of the data points to the line.</p>	<p>Investigate patterns of association in bivariate data. 8.SP.2 Understand that straight lines are widely used to model relationships between two quantitative variables. For scatter plots that suggest a linear association, informally fit a straight line, and informally assess the model fit by judging the closeness of the data points to the line. (GAISE Model, steps 3 and 4)</p>
<p>Investigate patterns of association in bivariate data. 8.SP.3 Use the equation of a linear model to solve problems in the context of bivariate measurement data, interpreting the slope and intercept. <i>For example, in a linear model for a biology experiment, interpret a slope of 1.5 cm/hr as meaning that an additional hour of sunlight each day is associated with an additional 1.5 cm in mature plant height.</i></p>	<p>Investigate patterns of association in bivariate data. 8.SP.3 Use the equation of a linear model to solve problems in the context of bivariate measurement data, interpreting the slope and intercept. <i>For example, in a linear model for a biology experiment, interpret a slope of 1.5 cm/hr as meaning that an additional hour of sunlight each day is associated with an additional 1.5 cm in mature plant height.</i> (GAISE Model, steps 3 and 4)</p>



Reiterate the GAISE Model in High School

Original Standards	Revised Standards
<p>Summarize, represent, and interpret data on a single count or measurement variable. S.ID.1 Represent data with plots on the real number line (dot plots, histograms, and box plots).*</p>	<p>Summarize, represent, and interpret data on a single count or measurement variable. S.ID.1 Represent data with plots on the real number line (dot plots, histograms, and box plots) in the context of real-world applications using the GAISE model.*</p>
<p>Summarize, represent, and interpret data on a single count or measurement variable. S.ID.2 Use statistics appropriate to the shape of the data distribution to compare center (median, mean) and spread (interquartile range, standard deviation) of two or more different data sets.*</p>	<p>Summarize, represent, and interpret data on a single count or measurement variable. S.ID.2 In the context of real-world applications by using the GAISE model, use statistics appropriate to the shape of the data distribution to compare center (median and mean) and spread (mean absolute deviation, interquartile range, and standard deviation) of two or more different data sets. *</p>
<p>Summarize, represent, and interpret data on a single count or measurement variable. S.ID.3 Interpret differences in shape, center, and spread in the context of the data sets, accounting for possible effects of extreme data points (outliers).*</p>	<p>Summarize, represent, and interpret data on a single count or measurement variable. S.ID.3 In the context of real-world applications by using the GAISE model, interpret differences in shape, center, and spread in the context of the data sets, accounting for possible effects of extreme data points (outliers). *</p>



Let's Do Some Statistics!



Literary Computing

- “The authorship of several literary works is often a topic for debate. Were some of the works attributed to William Shakespeare actually written by Francis Bacon or Christopher Marlowe? Which of the anonymously published Federalist Papers were written by Alexander Hamilton, which by James Madison, which by John Jay? Who were the authors of the writings contained in the Bible? The field of “literary computing” began to find ways of numerically analyzing authors’ works, looking at variables such as sentence length and rates of occurrence of specific words.” (Rossman and Chance, 2003)



Gettysburg Address

- Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.
- Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.
- But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.



What Questions Can We Ask?

- What is the average word length?
- What is the average number of words per sentence?
- What is the average number of syllables per word or sentence?
- Something about punctuation?
- Something about parts of speech?



What Questions Can We Ask?

- Average number of syllables?
- Average number letters?
- Commonness of adjectives? Describing people positively?
- Readability?
- Usage of “uncommon” or “old fashioned” words...
- Distribution of parts of speech



The First Sentence

- Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.
- Word lengths:
 - 4, 5, 3, 5, 5, 3, 3, 7, 7, 5, 2, 4, 9, 1, 3, 6, 9, 2, 7, 3, 9, 2, 3, 11, 4, 3, 3, 3, 7, 5
- Sorted:
 - 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7, 9, 9, 9, 11
- Min: 1; First quartile: 3; Median: 4; Third quartile: 7; Max: 11
 - ~~1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7, 9, 9, 9, 11~~



A Box Plot

- Min: 1; First quartile: 3; Median: 4; Third quartile: 7; Max: 11
 - ~~1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7, 9, 9, 9, 11~~



- Pop. Min: 1; First quartile: 3; Median: 4; Third quartile: 5; Max: 11
- What is a box plot good for?



Using Box Plots to Compare Data Sets

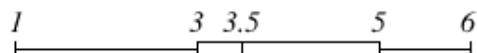
Hey Jude, 2v



Piano Man, 1v



Who Are You



Gettysburg Full



Declaration, Par 1



Wild Thoughts, DJ Khaled, 3v





Progression of Content

- In grade 6, use box plots and the five-number summary
- In grade 7, compute mean and mean absolute deviation (MAD)
- In high school, compute mean and standard deviation
- In high school, use *samples* to make estimates about a population
- Tools for creating box plots:
 - <http://www.imathas.com/stattools/boxplot.html>
- Sampling from Gettysburg Address:
 - <http://www.rossmanchance.com/applets/OneSample.html?population=gettysburg>