

1. In the next few days you should be taking pictures of what you think are parabolas.
2. You must print out at least 5 of these pictures and bring them into class on Friday, November 2nd.
3. Further instructions will be given in class....
4. The following criteria will be used to evaluate your work:

Criterion B: Investigating patterns

Level	Level descriptor - The student is able to....
7–8	i. select and apply mathematical problem-solving techniques to discover complex patterns. ii. describe patterns as general rules consistent with correct findings. iii. prove, or verify and justify these relationships and/or general rules.
5–6	i. select and apply mathematical problem-solving techniques to discover complex patterns. ii. describe patterns as general rules consistent with findings. iii. verify the validity of these general rules.
3–4	i. apply mathematical problem-solving techniques to discover simple patterns. ii. suggest general rules consistent with findings.
1–2	i. apply , with teacher support, mathematical problem-solving techniques to discover simple patterns ii. state predictions consistent with patterns.
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors above.

Criterion D: Applying mathematics in real-life contexts

Level	Level descriptor - The student is able to...
7–8	i. identify the relevant elements of the authentic real-life situation ii. select appropriate mathematical strategies to model the authentic real- life situation iii. apply the selected mathematical strategies to reach a correct solution to the authentic real-life situation iv. justify the degree of accuracy of the solution v. justify whether the solution makes sense in the context of the authentic real-life situation.
5–6	i. identify the relevant elements of the authentic real-life situation ii. select adequate mathematical strategies to model the authentic real-life situation iii. apply the selected mathematical strategies to reach a valid solution to the authentic real-life situation iv. explain the degree of accuracy of the solution v. explain whether the solution makes sense in the context of the authentic real-life situation.
3–4	i. identify the relevant elements of the authentic real-life situation ii. select , with some success, adequate mathematical strategies to model the authentic real-life situation iii. apply mathematical strategies to reach a solution to the authentic real- life situation iv. discuss whether the solution makes sense in the context of the authentic real-life situation.
1–2	i. identify some of the elements of the authentic real-life situation ii. apply mathematical strategies to find a solution to the authentic real-life situation, with limited success.
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors above.

TO PARABOLA OR NOT TO PARABOLA, THAT IS THE QUESTION!!

DUE: Thursday, November 8th.

Names: _____

YOUR ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO DETERMINE AND PROVE WHETHER THE FIGURE IS A PARABOLA OR NOT.

- 1) You may use the grid provided
- 2) Find a way to try to verify/validate whether the figure is a parabola or not... show ALL of your calculations
- 3) Explain/justify your reasoning - include a discussion about the accuracy of your measurements
- 4) You must submit one which you have determined is DEFINITELY NOT a parabola and one which DEFINITELY IS a parabola

Your goal is to complete the following:

Criterion B:

- i. **select** and **apply** mathematical problem-solving techniques to discover patterns.
- ii. **describe** patterns as general rules consistent with correct findings.
- iii. **prove, or verify and justify** these relationships and/or general rules.

Criterion D:

- i. **identify** the relevant elements of the authentic real-life situation (key coordinates)
- ii. **select** appropriate mathematical strategies to model the authentic real- life situation (the rule)
- iii. **apply** the selected mathematical strategies to reach a correct solution to the authentic real-life situation (is it a parabola)
- iv. **justify** the degree of accuracy of the solution (accuracy of coordinates/ calculations)
- v. **justify** whether the solution makes sense in the context of the authentic real-life situation.