

Instructions for Using

The *Differentiated Best of Math Exemplars, 6–8* CD-ROM includes:

- 73 **assessment tasks** with task-specific rubrics and annotated student benchmark papers at four performance levels: Novice, Apprentice, Practitioner and Expert. These may also be used for instruction.
- 27 **instruction and exploration tasks** to prepare students for assessment. These do not have benchmark papers associated with them.

To open the *Differentiated Best of Math Exemplars, 6–8* CD-ROM:

- Insert CD-ROM into computer and open the "Diff Math 68" folder.
- Double-click on "start_here" icon.
- From the CD home page, click on the "6–8 Tasks" button and select desired task.

To print task overheads and supplemental worksheets, or to view annotated student benchmark papers, you must open the PDF version of the task. To do this:

- Click on the "6–8 Tasks" button from the CD home page and select desired task.
- In the task "overview" locate the PDF icon located in the upper-right corner of your screen.
- Double-click on this icon to open the PDF.

To determine which tasks are **assessment tasks** with annotated student benchmark papers and which are **instruction and exploration tasks**:

- Click on the "6–8 Tasks" button from the CD home page and select desired task.
- In the task "overview" locate the PDF icon in the upper-right corner of your screen.
- If "*Click here for a PDF version with an overhead for students and annotated benchmark papers.*" appears under the PDF icon, it is an assessment task. If "*Click here for a PDF version with an overhead for students.*" appears under the PDF icon, it is an instruction and exploration task.

To search the *Differentiated Best of Math Exemplars, 6–8* CD-ROM for a specific task:

- From the CD home page, select "Search" located in the upper-left corner of your screen.
- In the "search field" type a few words of the title and click the "Go" button.

To browse a list of task titles and task descriptions:

- ❑ From the CD home page, click on the "6–8 Tasks" button.
- ❑ All of the task titles and corresponding task descriptions will appear.
- ❑ Click on the task title to see an overview of the task.

To search the *Differentiated Best of Math Exemplars, 6–8* CD-ROM for NTCM Standards, Interdisciplinary Links, Math Concepts and Skills, and Technology:

- ❑ From the CD home page, select "Search" in the upper-left corner.
- ❑ In the right column of the "Search" page click on the appropriate criteria.
- ❑ Select your area of interest.
- ❑ All tasks associated with the criteria you selected will appear.
- ❑ Click the task title to view the task.

To access the *Exemplars* Web site for additional resources:

- ❑ From the CD home page, click on the *Exemplars* logo in the upper-right corner of your screen.
- ❑ You may also contact us by clicking on the "Contact Us" button in the upper-left corner of your screen.

Additional Notes:

- ❑ In addition to NCTM standards, *Exemplars* material is aligned to state standards as well as various math series. Please visit www.exemplars.com/resources/alignments to access these.
- ❑ For suggestions on getting started with *Exemplars* math material and rubrics, please refer to "Getting Started Math Guide" located in the "extras" folder on the CD-ROM. To access helpful tools and tips on how to integrate successful formative assessment practices, please visit <http://www.exemplars.com/resources/formative/index.html>.
- ❑ To print all of the tasks at once in the PDF format, open the "PDFs to print" folder in the "extras" folder on the CD-ROM. *Differentiated Best of Math Exemplars, 6–8* CD-ROM works with most 5.0 Web browsers. For optimal performance, *Exemplars* recommends using Firefox. To download a free copy, please visit <http://www.mozilla.com/firefox/>.
- ❑ *Differentiated Best of Math Exemplars, 6–8* CD-ROM requires 305 MB of disk space and 512 MB of RAM to install on your hard drive or server.
- ❑ To view PDF versions of the tasks you must have a program called Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer. We have provided this for you to install in the "extras" folder on the CD-ROM. If you require another version you may download this program free of charge from the Adobe Web site by visiting <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.
- ❑ Please refer to the hard copy installation instructions included with the CD for additional information. If you have any further questions, please contact us at 800-450-4050 or at info@exemplars.com.