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Teacher Education Curriculum Materials that Develop Statistical Knowledge for Teaching

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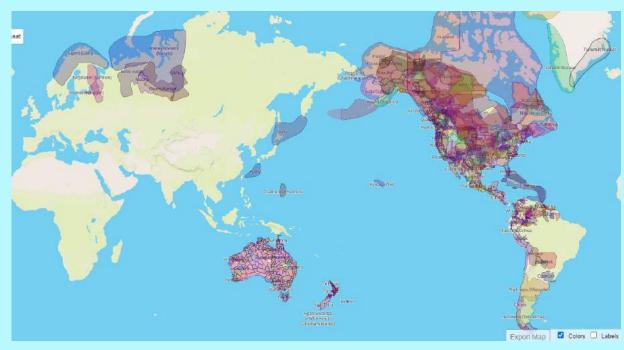
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Land Acknowledgement

The campus of Eastern Michigan University is located on the traditional territory (ceded in the 1807 Treaty of Detroit) of the Anishinaabeg, which refers collectively to the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi (also known as the People of the Three Fires), and was also home to the Wendat/Wyandot people. This acknowledgement is included here to honor the elders and stewards of these heritages.



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Outline

- Background
- Sample Activity from Statistics MODULE(S^2): School Funding in Pennsylvania
- Influences and Alignment
- Examples of how we develop Statistical Knowledge for Teaching
- Call for Piloters





MODULE (S²)

Mathematics Of Doing, Understanding, Learning and Educating for Secondary Schools









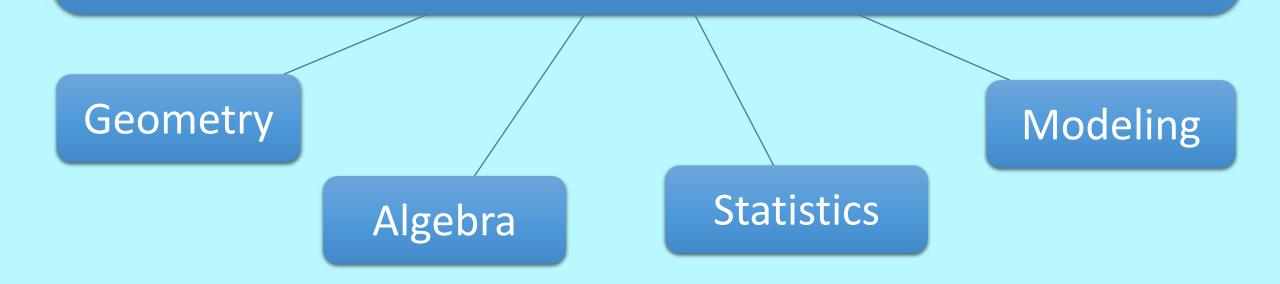




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MODULE(S²)

University Mathematics Curriculum Materials with an MKT focus



Statistics Writing Team



To facilitate connecting content with the practice of teaching, writing teams consist of ...

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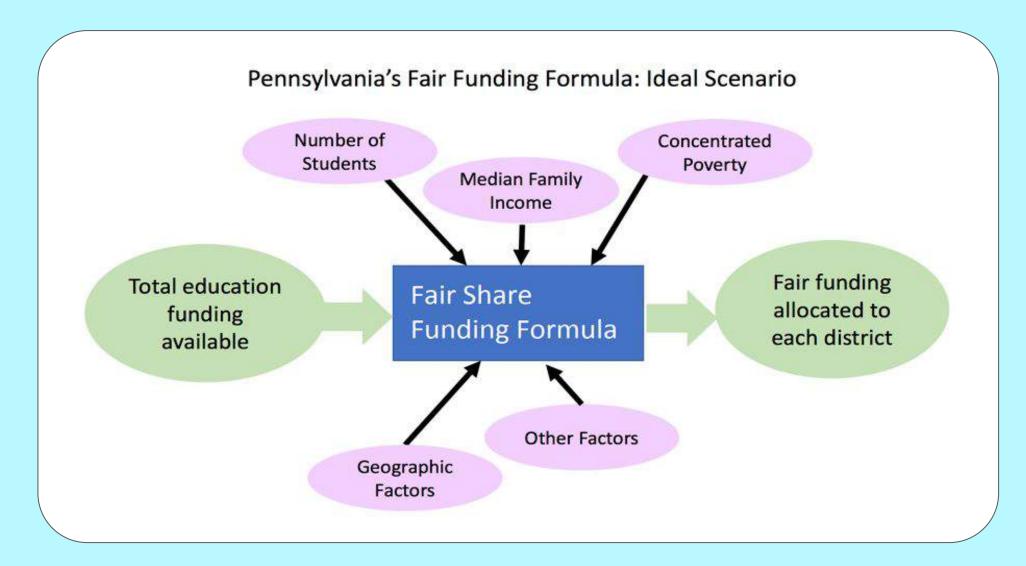
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Statistics MODULE(S^2)

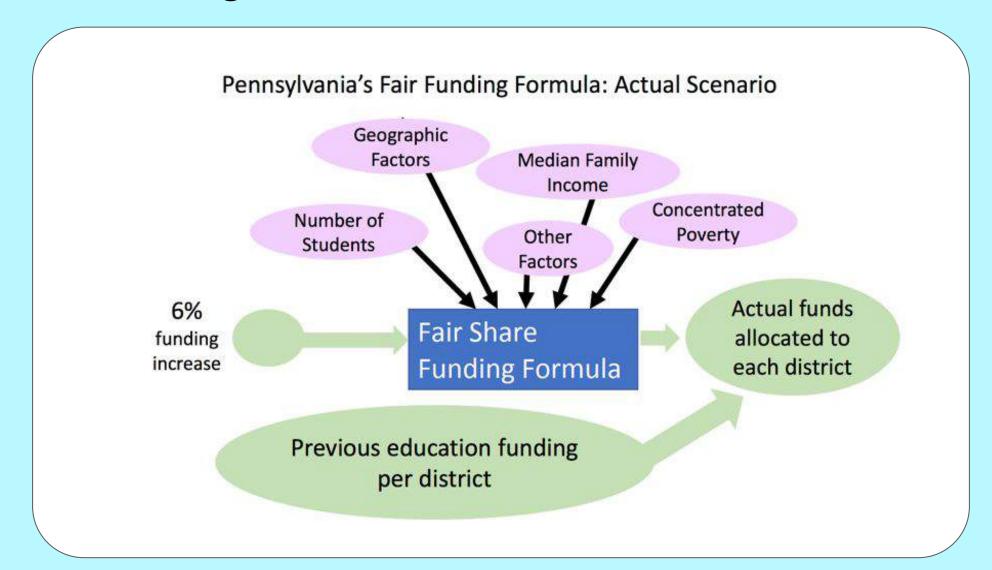
- Statistics & Data literacy in K-12 education: Higher need and expectations
- Preservice Teachers: Feel least prepared to teach statistics and demonstrate weak content understanding (Lovett & Lee, 2017; 2018)
- Teacher Education: Greater emphasis on learning based on practices of teaching & equity literacy (AMTE SPTM, 2017);
 very limited resources for statistics teacher education

Let's Try An Activity From Our Materials

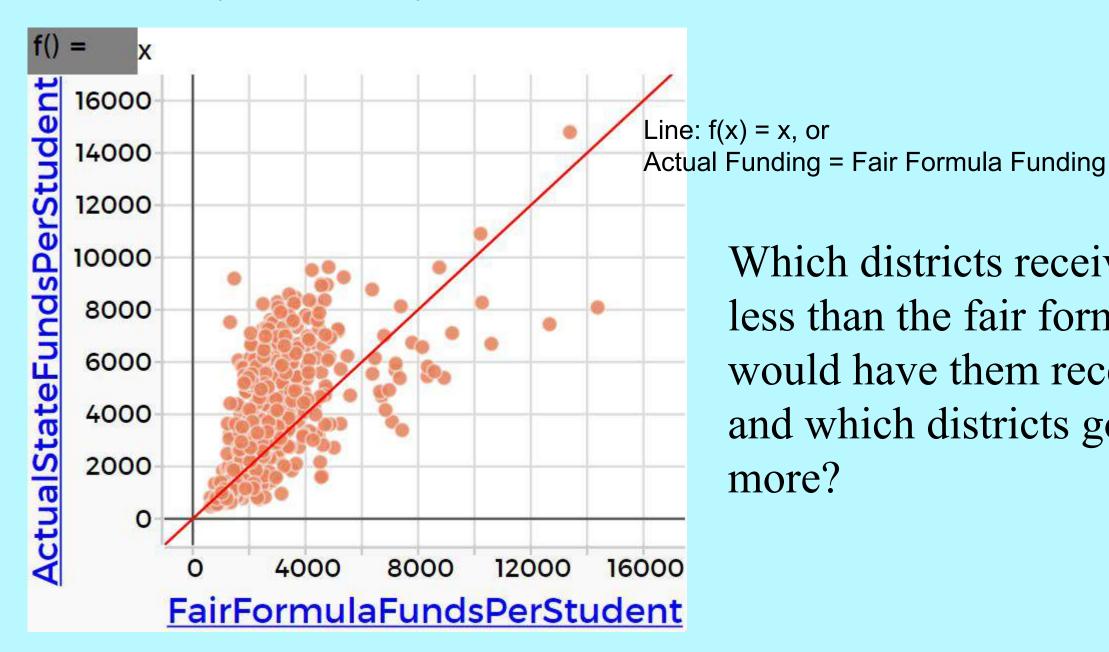


Mosenkis, David. (2016) Systemic Racial Bias in Latest Pennsylvania School Funding. https://powerinterfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/PA-Racial-School-Funding-Bias-July-2016-1-1.pdf

Actual Funding Process:

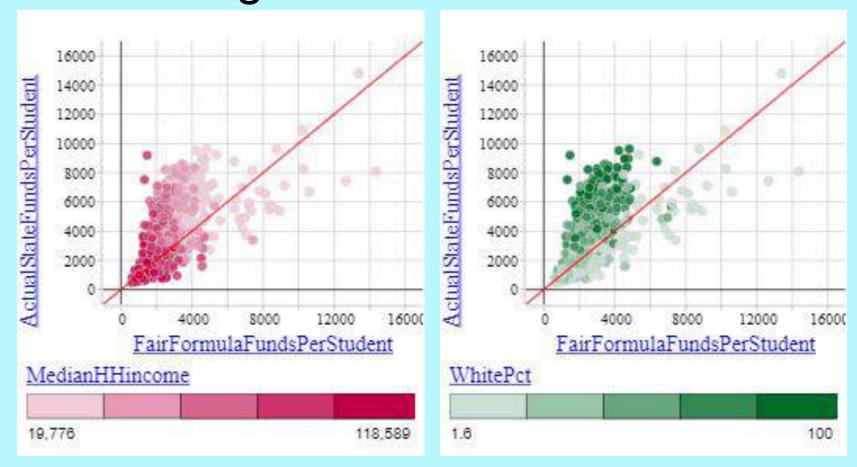


Exploratory Data Analysis



Which districts received less than the fair formula would have them receiving, and which districts got more?

Which 3rd variable (coloring) best helps predict which schools get less than their fair share?



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Influences for Statistics MODULE(S^2)

U.S.
Common
Core
State
Standards
gr. 6-12

Typical College Intro
Stat
Topics

ASA: GAISE II ASA:
Statistical
Education
of
Teachers
report

AMTE
SPTM, esp.
C.4
Social
Contexts of
Math
Teaching &
Learning

MODULE(S^2): Statistical Knowledge for Teaching (gr. 6-12)

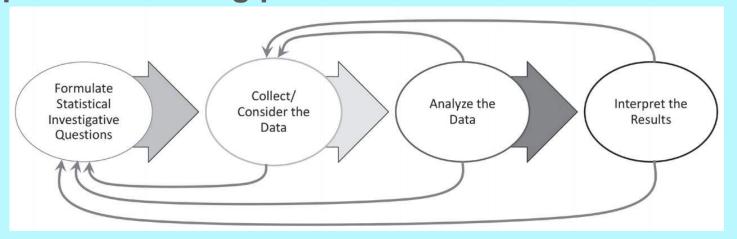
Module 1: Study Design and Exploratory Data Analysis

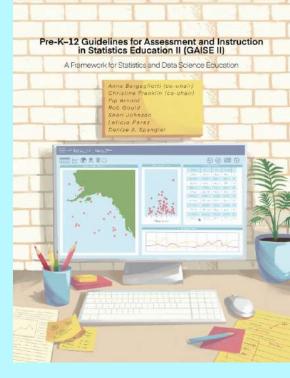
Module 2: Statistical Inference (Confidence Intervals, Hypothesis Tests)

Module 3: Statistical Association (incl. Regression, 2-Way Tables)

Alignment with GAISE II (2020)

- Large, Multivariate, Real data sets
- Develop the necessary statistical reasoning skills along with the content knowledge... Statistical topics should be developed through meaningful experiences with the statistical problem-solving process.





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Emphasizing the Statistical Problem-Solving Process

Question 8) What other questions do you have about low-income graduation rates compared to overall graduation rates that cannot be answered using these 1-variable graphs?



Question 9) Create a 2-variable graph to further investigate the relationship between low-income and overall graduation rates.

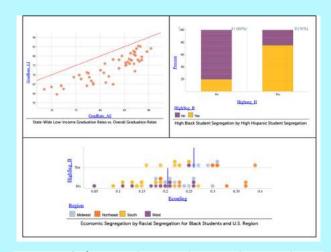


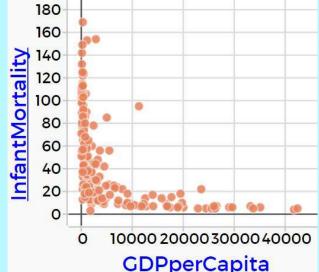
a. Interpret this graph in context.

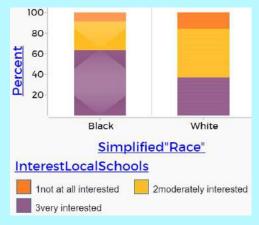


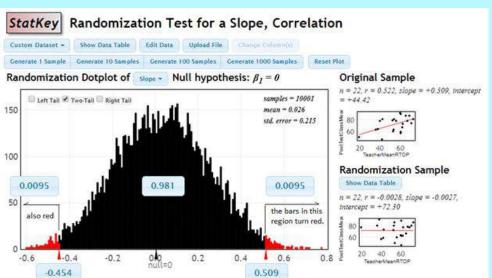


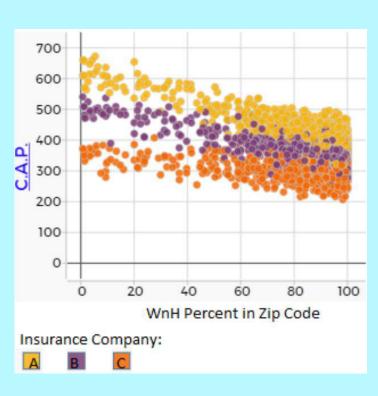
GAISE II: "Technology should be embraced to the greatest extent possible"











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Alignment with ASA's "The Statistical Education of Teachers" (SET) Report

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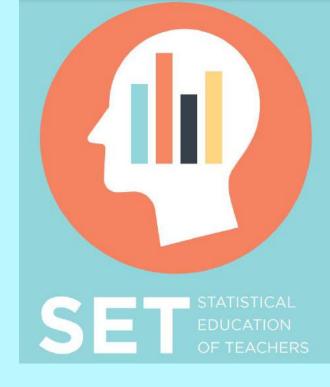
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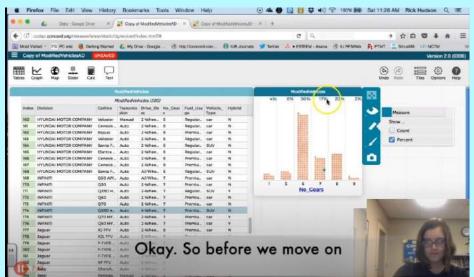
SET Report: Attention to Development of Pedagogical Content Knowledge

- MS: Develop an understanding of how statistical concepts in middle grades build on the content developed in elementary grades, provide a foundation for the content in high school ...
- HS: Develop an understanding of how statistical concepts develop throughout PreK–8 and how they connect to high-school statistics content...
- All: Develop pedagogical content knowledge necessary for effective teaching of statistics. Pre-service and practicing teachers should be familiar with common student conceptions, content-specific teaching strategies...

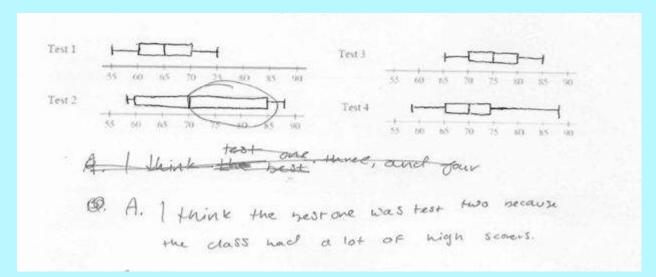


Analyzing artifacts or approximations of the practice of teaching secondary statistics

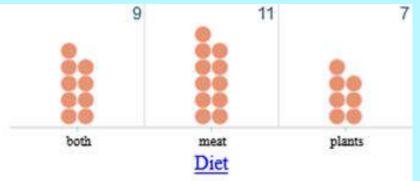








Knowledge of Content and Students



8	Case Value	Attend to one particular case, often the student's own, the largest, or the smallest	My favorite mammal is the lion. [Student clicks on lion in data table and point is highlighted in CODAP graph]. Lions eat only meat.
	Classifier	Attend to the frequency of cases with a chosen attribute value	Seven of the mammals eat just plants.
	Aggregate	View the data as an entity with properties that individual cases can't have, such as center, shape, or linear model	Less than half of the mammals eat both meat and plants.

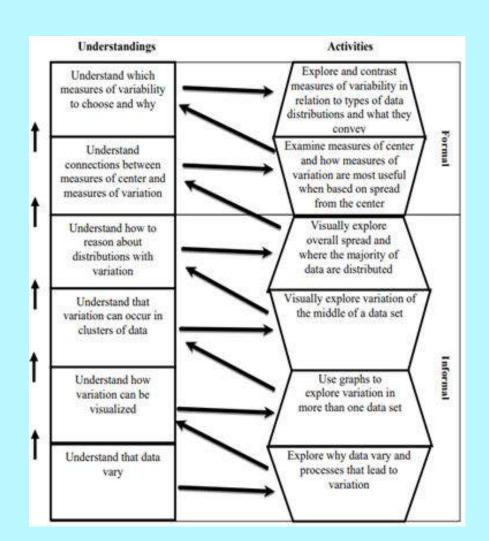
Analyzing Real Students' Thinking

- Association Lesson 1 Video 8: Ball Bounce Heights and spaghetti lines
- Summarize and analyze students' approaches to placing the line:

Student name	Maggie	Ashara	Dee
Approach for placing the line			
Potential reasons/sources for approach			
Is the approach generalizable? If not, draw at least one counter example.			

• "Pick one of the students and describe in detail your response to the student as his/her teacher. Be specific when describing this and future responses to students, writing exactly what you would say and/or draw in your response."

Knowledge of Content and Teaching





Knowledge of Content and Curriculum

"What pre-requisite knowledge is needed for students to be able to engage this topic [Curriculum standard shown]? In what ways does this topic require integrating different ideas?"



Simulating the work of teaching

- Professional noticing of students' thinking (interpreting and responding to student thinking)
- Designing tasks
- Orchestrating productive discussions

Video Simulation of Practice example:

- simple random sample of 50 students from the school collected data on how much sleep they got last night... 95% confidence interval for the mean is (6.39, 6.91)
- Julio says, "It means, like, 95% of the kids at our school get between 6.39 and 6.91 hours of sleep a night."
- Record a video of yourself where you include:
 - 1) Your interpretation of Julio's response, incl. what is worthwhile/reasonable in his thinking.
 - 2) Your response to Julio (exactly what you would say/write) as part of this class discussion....
- Luciana says "But we only asked like 50 kids and we have a really big school. So I think we
 need to ask more kids because that will get us a bigger confidence interval."
- Record a video of yourself ... (same prompts as above)

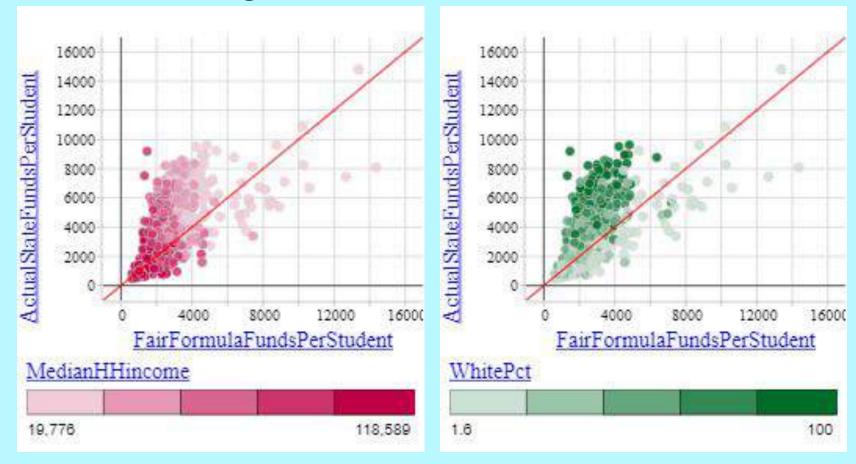
AMTE SPTM C.4 Standard:

Social Contexts of Mathematics Teaching & Learning

Well-prepared beginning teachers of mathematics realize that the social, historical, and institutional contexts of mathematics affect teaching and learning and know about and are committed to their critical roles as advocates for each and every student.

- C.4.1. Provide Access and Advancement
- C.4.2. Cultivate Positive Mathematical Identities
- C.4.3. Draw on Students' Mathematical Strengths
- C.4.4. Understand Power and Privilege in the History of Mathematics Education
- C.4.5. Enact Ethical Practice for Advocacy

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Qualitative Analysis of End-Of-Course Survey

What was most helpful about this course for learning ways to include equity and social justice topics in teaching?

We looked at race and poverty and how those play into our school system and it was helpful to learn about the misconceptions that people hold and look at the data to find out the truth and think about the real causes and how we can address these things as teachers so all of our students are getting a fair and equal education.

Including topics about equity and social justice can engage and encourage students to look into the topics that interest them and that they do have something to contribute to these ideas.

Interested in more information?



- Project website: www.Modules2.com
 Materials broadly available Spring/Summer 2022
- Interested in piloting the materials: 'Use Our Materials' section of website (www.Modules2.com)

\$4000 stipend +Professional Development

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