

CONIC SECTIONS REFERENCE SHEET



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Here is a complete reference sheet for students to use while mastering the details of conic sections. You can print this reference sheet and use it in a variety of ways:

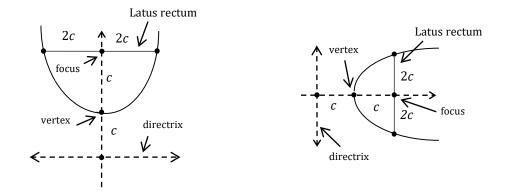
- 1) Run on colorful card stock, laminate, and sell as a fund-raiser for your department.
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- 3) Allow students to use your class set as a reference on Chapter quizzes or tests.

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Conic Sections Formula Sheet

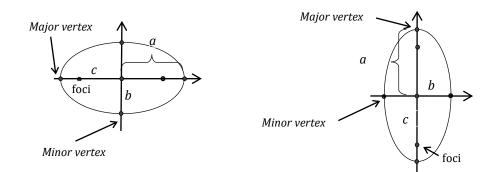
<u>Circles:</u>

	Center at Origin	Center at (<i>h</i> , <i>k</i>)
Standard Form	$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$	$(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$
Radius:	r	r
Diameter:	2 <i>r</i>	2 <i>r</i>



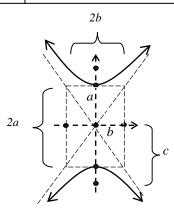
Parabolas:

Parabolas centered at the Origin:						
Orientation:	Vertical	Horizontal				
Standard Form of Equation	$x^2 = 4cy$	$y^2 = 4cx$				
Axis of Symmetry	x = 0	y = 0				
Focus	(0, c)	(<i>c</i> , 0)				
Directrix	y = -c	x = -c				
Parabolas centered at (<i>h</i> , <i>k</i>)						
Standard Form of Equation	$(x-h)^2 = 4c(y-k)$	$(y-k)^2 = 4c(x-h)$				
Axis of Symmetry	x = h	y = k				
Focus	(h, k+c)	(h+c,k)				
Directrix	$y = k - c \qquad \qquad x = h - c$					
Opening	Upward if $c > 0$ Right if $c > 0$ Downward if $c < 0$ Left if $c < 0$					



a ² is always largest		$c^2 = a^2 - b^2$			
Orientation:	Horizontal		Vertical		
Equation in Standard Form Centered at the Origin:	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$		$\frac{x^2}{b^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2} = 1$		
Ellipses centered at (<i>h</i> , <i>k</i>):					
Equation in Standard Form	$\frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = 1$		$\frac{(x-h)^2}{b^2} + \frac{(y-k)^2}{a^2} = 1$		
Major Vertices	$(h \pm a, k)$		$(h, k \pm a)$		
Foci	$(h \pm c, k)$		$(h, k \pm c)$		

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<u>Hyperbolas:</u>

Ellipses:

a^2 is always first		$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$				
Orientation:	Horizontal		Vertical			
Equation in Standard Form Centered at the Origin:	$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$		$\frac{y^2}{a^2} - \frac{x^2}{b^2} = 1$			
Hyperbolas centered at (<i>h</i> , <i>k</i>):						
Equation in Standard Form	$\frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} -$	$\frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = 1$	$\frac{(y-k)^2}{a^2} - \frac{(x-h)^2}{b^2} = 1$			
Foci	$(h \pm c, k)$		$(h, k \pm c)$			
Asymptotes	$y-k = \pm \frac{b}{a}(x-h)$		$y - k = \pm \frac{a}{b}(x - h)$			



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