## Numbers Never Lie!



## Introduction

Here's the rundown, 6th grade is one of the fundamental years of your education. Believe it or not, 7th grade will be here before you know it. But, before you start thinking ahead, you have an opportunity to conduct, analyze, and apply your mathematical intuition to help complete your very first statistics project at HTMNC!

## Project Overview

After studying graphs, analyzing, and measuring data, you will apply your knowledge to conduct your very own research study. In groups of two, you will decide on a question to conduct your study at High Tech Middle North County. You will record your data and use graphs to represent your findings to the school.

## Essential Questions

- Why is it important to analyze and interpret graphs and tables?
- Why is sample size/population important to consider when conducting a study?
- What are errors? What are possible errors you may come across in your study?
- What are variables or factors in your study that might affect your findings?
- What conclusions can you make about your findings?


## Learning Objectives

- Students will distinguish between a statistical question (numerical/categorical) with variability and non-statistical questions.
- Learn about different types of graphs and tables used in statistical analysis. See below:
- Frequency Table
- Dot Plots
- Histograms
- Box-and-Whisker Plots
- Find mean, median, mode, range, quartiles, and mean absolute deviation
- Learn about distribution of data
- Apply the principles of design to compose beautiful, professional, thoughtful work
- Learn how to interpret graphs
- Learn about sample size/population


## Project Objectives

1. Conduct a study in groups of two. (Question must be approved)
2. You will create the following professional mathematical graphs:

1 Frequency Table
1 Dot Plot
1 Histogram
1 Box-and-Whisker Plo $\dagger$
(will find mean, median, mode, quartiles, and mean absolute deviation)
3. You will create a professional photographic representation of your findings that will be displayed on our North County campus. Yes, that means that everyone who visits our campus will get to see your beautiful work!
4. Present your findings to an audience.

Timeline (may subject to change due to learners' needs)

| Date | Focus |
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| Sept. 5-7 | - Analyzing and creating a statistical question <br> - Distinguishing categorical data vs. numerical data |
| Sept. 10-14 | - Analyzing various forms of graphing data \& data distribution <br> - Create group statistical question <br> - Begin investigating dot plots <br> - Survey |
| Sept. 17-21 | - Investigation of histograms <br> - Explore measures of center: mean, median, and mode <br> - Analysis of data and create dot plots |
| Sept. 24-28 | - Investigations of Box Plots <br> - Measures of variability (IQR, range, M.A.D.) <br> - Continue work on group graphs |
| Oct. 1-5 | - Final Graphs <br> - Celebration of Learning "Statistics" |

## Exhibition

Students will exhibit their work to their peers, parents, and the school. Graphs will be exhibited around the middle school's campus.

## Assessment

- Process Folder
- Published Graphs (graded on a rubric scale)
- Unit Test

For students infographics
They will need to include the following:

- Statistical question
- One of their selected graphs
- 3 conclusions which will include:
- The center of data calculated either by median or mean
- The variability of their data either by range or IQR
- Anything else they found interesting to share (must have a percentage)
- For example, We noticed that $4 / 20$ or $20 \%$ liked ice cream

| Week 2 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Week 4 | Sept. 26th -Intro to Box <br> Plots <br> -Begin Box Plots -Reflections <br> New: Take MAP test/Continu e working on box plots/reflecti ons | Sept. 27th <br> Continue learning about <br> Box Plots - <br> Need to talk about shape/IQR | Sept. 28th Box Plots are Due! <br> Learn about Mean as a measure of center | Sept. 29th <br> Learn about <br> MAD as a measure of variability <br> - Begin working on Infograp hic | Sept. 30th <br> Circle Center vs. Variability Group work activity Continue working on infographic |
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| Week $4.5$ | Oct. 3rd Continue working on infographic Begin Review | Oct. 4th <br> Continue Review Infographics Due! | Oct.5th <br> Celebration of Learning! | Oct. 6th <br> All Day Science to launch Here Now, Gone Tomorrow | Oct. 7th <br> All Day Science to launch Here Now, Gone Tomorrow |

