STAAR ALGEBRA I REFERENCE MATERIALS
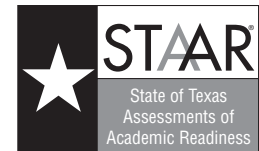
FACTORING

Perfect square trinomials	$a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = (a + b)^2$ $a^2 - 2ab + b^2 = (a - b)^2$
Difference of squares	$a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b)$

PROPERTIES OF EXPONENTS

Product of powers	$a^m a^n = a^{(m + n)}$
Quotient of powers	$\dfrac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{(m - n)}$
Power of a power	$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$
Rational exponent	$a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a^m}$
Negative exponent	$a^{-n} = \dfrac{1}{a^n}$

LINEAR EQUATIONS

Standard form	$Ax + By = C$
Slope-intercept form	$y = mx + b$
Point-slope form	$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
Slope of a line	$m = \dfrac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

QUADRATIC EQUATIONS

Standard form	$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$
Vertex form	$f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$
Quadratic formula	$x = \dfrac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$
Axis of symmetry	$x = \dfrac{-b}{2a}$