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Strand: Functions		
All.5 The student will investigate and apply the properties of arithmetic and geometric sequences and series to solve practical problems, including writing the first n terms, determining the n th term, and evaluating summation formulas. Notation will include \sum and a_n .		
Suggested Pacing		
3 Class Periods		
Spiraling Standards		
	MA.13-The student will determine the sum of finite and infinite convergent series.	
Essential Questions	Common Misconceptions	
What is the difference between a series and a sequence? What is the difference between arithmetic and geometric sequences and series? What is Sigma notation (Σ) ? What real-world situations use sequences and series?	students may confuse arithmetic and geometric sequences and series students may have difficulty identifying the common difference or common ratio students may evaluate formulas incorrectly	
Understanding the Standard	Essential Knowledge and Skills	
 Sequences and series arise from practical situations. The study of sequences and series is an application of the investigation of patterns. 	The student will use problem solving, mathematical communication, mathematical reasoning, connections, and representations to • Distinguish between a sequence and a series.	

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A sequence is a function whose domain is the set of natural numbers.	Generalize patterns in a sequence using explicit and recursive formulas.
Sequences can be defined explicitly and recursively.	• Use and interpret the notations $\sum_{n} n_n n^{th}$ term, and a_n .
	 Given the formula, determine a_n (the nth term) for an arithmetic or a geometric sequence.
	 Given formulas, write the first n terms and determine the sum, S_n, of the first n terms of an arithmetic or geometric series.
	Given the formula, determine the sum of a convergent infinite series.
	Model practical situations using sequences and series.
Vocabulary	Instructional Activities Organized by Learning Objective
sequence, series, arithmetic, geometric, infinite, pattern, domain,	Textbook
natural numbers, explicit, recursive, term, convergent	
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	Station Activities Name that Sequence or Series
Cross-Curricular Connections	Tiered Differentiations
Business and Finance -sequences, series, and summation are used in money, production, and manufacturing.	Tier 1- Students will be required to identify the type of sequence or series and the values of the variables to be substituted. Tier 2- Students will be given the variables to be substituted in the sequence or series but will have to identify the type of sequence. Tier 3- Students will be given which type of sequence or series is being asked to solve, along with the values for each value to be substituted.