Algebra I Lesson 6.4 – Solving Special Systems Mrs. Snow, Instructor



Solve the systems by graphing.



Vocabulary

Consistent – Free from variation or change, steady regular.: A system of equations with at least one solution.

Dependent system – a system of equations that has <u>infinitely many solutions</u>. If graphed, the 2 equations will graph as the same line <u>(Slopes and y-intercepts are the same)</u>. When solving algebraically, the variables will cancel out and you will have a **true statement**. Since there is at least one solution, this system is also **consistent**.

Independent – a system of equations that have only one unique solution. When graphed, you will see 2 distinct lines intersecting at one point. Since one solution is "at least" one solution, this system is also **consistent.**

Inconsistent – Incompatible, incoherent or illogical in thought or action, does not satisfy the same set of values.: AKA <u>Parallel lines</u>; systems that have <u>no solutions</u>. The graph will be of 2 parallel lines (*Parallel lines will have the same slope with different y-intercepts!*) When solved algebraically the variables will cancel out and you will be left with a **false statement**.

Classify the systems and give the number of solutions (write both equations in slope intercept form and compare the slopes and intercepts.)

