



Balanced Math (Including CGI Cognitively Guided Instruction)

Balanced Math is a curricular structure used at EL schools Polaris Charter Academy in Chicago, WHEELS in New York, and several other non-EL charter networks in New York City. This structure involves five weekly components (likening it to a complementary program to “Balanced Literacy”), which ensure students consistently work with conceptual understanding, foundational math facts, and regular problem solving.

The five components are as follows:

1. Workshop (Using a guidance curricular tool like Eureka)
2. Problem Solving (CGI)
3. Routines / Jars
4. Fact Fluency
5. Intervention Block

For more of a break down on each component and it’s time allocations at one school see [this document](#).