

Reason Using Properties from Algebra

Vocabulary	Definition	Example
ALGEBRAIC PROPERTIES of EQUALITY = Let a, b and c be real numbers		
ADDITION PROPERTY	If $a = b$, then $a + \underline{c} = b + \underline{c}$.	If $x - 5 = 12$, then $x = 17$. $\begin{array}{r} +5 \\ +5 \end{array}$ Addition
SUBTRACTION PROPERTY	If $a = b$, then $a - \underline{c} = b - \underline{c}$.	If $x + 5 = 12$, then $x = 7$. $\begin{array}{r} -5 \\ -5 \end{array}$ Subtraction
MULTIPLICATION PROPERTY	If $a = b$, then $a \underline{c} = b \underline{c}$.	If $\frac{x}{2} = 12$, then $x = 24$. $(2) \frac{x}{2} = 12 (2)$ multiplication
DIVISION PROPERTY	If $a = b$ and $c \neq 0$, then $\frac{a}{c} = \frac{b}{c}$.	If $\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{12}{2}$, then $x = 6$. Division
SUBSTITUTION PROPERTY	If $a = b$, then a can be substituted for b in any equation or expression has an = does not have =	If $x = 2$ and $x - 6 + 12$, then 8. $2 - 6 + 12$ or $m \cancel{a} = b$ $m \cancel{a} = 3x$ substitution
DISTRIBUTIVE PROPERTY	$a(b + \underline{c}) = ab + a\underline{c}$ $ab + ac = a(b + c)$ GCF	If $2(x + 3) = 12$, then $2x + 6 = 12$. $5x + 20 = 100$, then $5(x + 4) = 100$. Distributive
Combine Like Terms (CLT)	If $a + 2a + b = c$, then $3a + b = c$	If $\underline{3x} + 2x - 3 = 12$, then $3x - 3 = 12$. CLT

REFLEXIVE PROPERTY of EQUALITY	Real Numbers	For any real number a , $\underline{a} = \underline{a}$	
	Segment Length	For any segment AB , $\underline{AB} = \underline{AB}$	
	Angle Measure	For any angle A , $\underline{m\angle A} = \underline{m\angle A}$	
SYMMETRIC PROPERTY of EQUALITY	Real Numbers	For any real number a and b , If $a = b$, then $b = \underline{a}$.	
	Segment Length	For any segments AB and CD , If $AB = CD$, then $CD = \underline{AB}$.	
	Angle Measure	For any angles A and B , If $m\angle A = m\angle B$, then the $m\angle B = \underline{m\angle A}$.	
TRANSITIVE PROPERTY of EQUALITY	Real Numbers	For any real numbers a , b , and c , If $a = \underline{b}$ and $b = c$, then $a = \underline{c}$.	$\text{If } a = b \text{ and } c = b, \text{ then } a = c.$
	Segment Length	For any segments AB , BC and EF , If $AB = BC$ and $\underline{BC} = EF$, then $AB = \underline{EF}$.	
	Angle Measure	For any angles A , B , and C , If $m\angle A = m\angle B$ and $m\angle B = m\angle C$, then $m\angle A = \underline{m\angle C}$	