

**8.2/8.3 Vertex Form and Standard Form – NOTES**  
**Algebra I**

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**Finding the Vertex from Standard Form**

$$y = ax^2 + bx + c$$

x-coordinate of the vertex:  $h = -\frac{b}{2a}$

y-coordinate of the vertex:  $k$  = substitute  $h$  in for  $x$  and solve for  $y$ !

Vertex:  $(h, k)$

Opens Up with  $+a$ ; Opens Down with  $-a$

**Vertex Form**

$$y = a(x - h)^2 + k$$

Vertex @  $(h, k)$

- ⇒  $h$  is a shift left/right
- ⇒  $k$  is a shift up/down
- ⇒  $a$  is a stretch/shrink
- ⇒  $+a$  opens up
- ⇒  $-a$  opens down

**Example 1** Identify the vertex. Describe the quadratic function.

a)  $y = -(x + 2)^2 - 1$

b)  $y = 2(x + 4)^2 + 7$

**Example 2** Mia tosses a ball to her dog. The function  $f(x) = -0.5(x - 2)^2 + 8$  represents the ball's path. At what time does the ball reach its maximum height? What is the maximum height?

**Example 3** Find the vertex. Rewrite the quadratic function in vertex form. Describe the quadratic function.

a)  $y = x^2 - 6x + 12$

b)  $y = 2x^2 + 4x + 6$

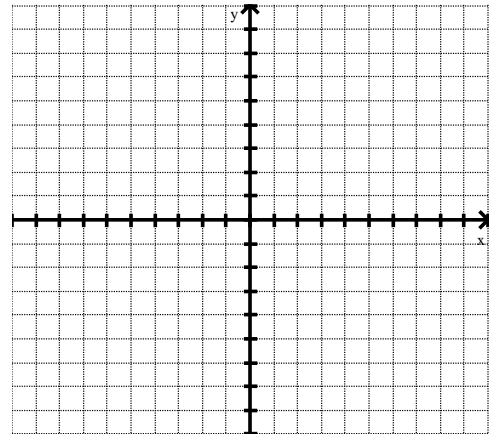
**Example 4** A banner is hung for a party. The distance from the point on the edge of the banner to the floor can be determined by using the function  $f(x) = 0.25x^2 - x + 9.5$ , where  $x$  is the distance from the left end of the banner. How high above the floor is the lowest point on the bottom edge of the banner?



**Example 5** Find the vertex. Write the quadratic function in vertex form. Fill in the table of values and graph.

a.  $y = x^2 - 4x + 3$

x	Show your work	y



b.  $y = -x^2 + 2x + 3$

x	Show your work	y

Vertex Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Domain: \_\_\_\_\_

Range: \_\_\_\_\_

Vertex: \_\_\_\_\_ Min / Max ?

Axis of Symmetry: \_\_\_\_\_

Interval of Increase: \_\_\_\_\_

Interval of Decrease: \_\_\_\_\_

Zeros: \_\_\_\_\_

