## **Unit 2: Properties, Postulates and Theorems**

Algebraic Properties of Equality (applies to segments and angles)

Let *a*, *b*, and *c* be real numbers.

| Addition Property:        | If $a = b$ , then $a + c = b + c$            |
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| Subtraction Property.     | If $a = b$ , then $a - c = b - c$            |
| Multiplication Property:  | If $a = b$ , then $ac = bc$                  |
| Division Property:        | If $a = b$ and $c \neq 0$ , then $a/c = b/c$ |
| Reflexive Property:       | For any real number $a$ , $a = a$            |
| Symmetric Property:       | If $a = b$ , then $b = a$                    |
| Transitive Property:      | If $a = b$ and $b = c$ , then $a = c$        |
| Substitution Property:    | If $a = b$ , then a can be substituted for b |
| 9. Distributive Property: | a(b+c) = ab+ac                               |

Segment Addition Postulate: If *B* is between *A* and *C*, then AB + BC = AC.

**Angle Addition Postulate:** If *P* is in the interior of  $\angle RST$ , then  $m \angle RSP + m \angle PST = m \angle RST$ .

Linear Pair Postulate: If two angles form a linear pair, then they are supplementary.

Right Angle Congruence Theorem: All right angles are congruent.

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Vertical Angles Theorem: Vertical angles are congruent.

**Corresponding Angles Postulate:** If two parallel lines are cut by a transversal, then the pairs of corresponding angles are congruent. *(Converse is also true)* 

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**Consecutive Interior Angles Theorem:** If two parallel lines are cut by a transversal, then the pairs of consecutive interior angles are supplementary.