## Parabola Exploration



Forms of quadratic equations

| Equation | Parabola Form |
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| $y=a x^{2}+b x+c$ | Standard Form |
| $y=a(x-h)^{2}+k$ <br> or <br> $y-k=a(x-h)^{2}$ | Vertex Form |
| $y=a\left(x-x_{1}\right)\left(x-x_{2}\right)$ | Factored Form <br> (also called <br> Intercept Form) |

Objective: Using Desmos.com you will explore how the quadratic relate to each other and what key features the forms give you.

Procedure:

1) Go to www.Desmos.com

2) Type $y=x^{2}-5 x+6$ into the equation editor
3) Identify the $y$-intercept on the graph and see how it relates to the equation.
4) Type in $y=(x-3)(x-2)$. Click the graph button on the first equation to turn it off. Describe the relationship between the $x$-intercepts (zeros)

5) Now type in $y=(x-5 / 2)^{2}-1 / 4$, Turn off the first two equations.


Click on the vertex and find where these numbers are located in the equation.
6) Looking at your results above and fill the table in below:

| Name | Form | What we get from the formula |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Standard | $y=a x^{2}+b x+c$ |  |
| Intercept or factored | $y=(x-a)(x-b)$ |  |
| Vertex | $y=a(x-h)^{2}+k$ |  |

