Unit 4 Lesson 5: Efficiently Solving Inequalities

1 Lots of Negatives (Warm up)

Student Task Statement

Here is an inequality: $-x \ge -4$.

1. Predict what you think the solutions on the number line will look like.

2. Select **all** the values that are solutions to $-x \ge -4$:

a. 3 b. -3 c. 4 d. -4 e. 4.001

f. -4.001

3. Graph the solutions to the inequality on the number line:



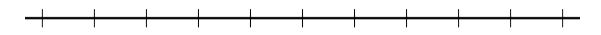
2 Inequalities with Tables

Student Task Statement

1. Let's investigate the inequality x - 3 > -2.

x	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
x – 3	-7		-5				-1		1

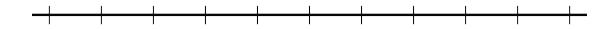
- a. Complete the table.
- b. For which values of x is it true that x 3 = -2?
- c. For which values of x is it true that x 3 > -2?
- d. Graph the solutions to x 3 > -2 on the number line:



- 2. Here is an inequality: 2x < 6.
 - a. Predict which values of *x* will make the inequality 2x < 6 true.
 - b. Complete the table. Does it match your prediction?

x	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
2x									

c. Graph the solutions to 2x < 6 on the number line:



- 3. Here is an inequality: -2x < 6.
 - a. Predict which values of x will make the inequality -2x < 6 true.
 - b. Complete the table. Does it match your prediction?

x	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
-2 <i>x</i>									

c. Graph the solutions to -2x < 6 on the number line:

d. How are the solutions to 2x < 6 different from the solutions to -2x < 6?

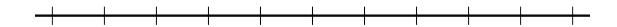
3 Which Side are the Solutions?

Student Task Statement

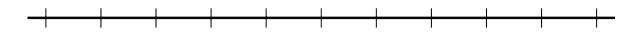
- 1. Let's investigate $-4x + 5 \ge 25$. a. Solve -4x + 5 = 25.
 - b. Is $-4x + 5 \ge 25$ true when x is 0? What about when x is 7? What about when x is -7?
 - c. Graph the solutions to $-4x + 5 \ge 25$ on the number line.



- 2. Let's investigate $\frac{4}{3}x + 3 < \frac{23}{3}$. a. Solve $\frac{4}{3}x + 3 = \frac{23}{3}$.
 - b. Is $\frac{4}{3}x + 3 < \frac{23}{3}$ true when *x* is 0?
 - c. Graph the solutions to $\frac{4}{3}x + 3 < \frac{23}{3}$ on the number line.



3. Solve the inequality 3(x + 4) > 17.4 and graph the solutions on the number line.



4. Solve the inequality -3 $\left(x - \frac{4}{3}\right) \le 6$ and graph the solutions on the number line.

