

## II. I. Algebra Parent Functions & Transformations summary & examples

### **Parent Functions and Transformations w/ examples**

Following are systematic changes (transformations) that can be made to basic parent functions. Some of these affect  $x$ -values **before they are substituted** in the function, and these change the function in the  $x$ -direction. The  $x$ -direction transformations are

Shift left:  $y = f(x + 3)$

Shift right:  $y = f(x - 3)$

Compress to  $y$ -axis:  $y = f(2x)$     Stretch from  $y$ -axis:  $y = f(.5x)$

Flip or reflect left-to-right and right-to-left across the  $y$ -axis:  $y = f(-x)$

Other transformations affect the  $y$ -values, **after the  $x$ -values had been substituted** in the function. These  $y$ -direction transformations are

Shift up:  $y = f(x) + 3$

Shift down:  $y = f(x) - 4$

Stretch from  $x$ -axis:  $y = 2f(x)$     Compress to  $x$ -axis:  $y = .5f(x)$

Flip or reflect top-to-bottom and bottom-to-top over the  $x$ -axis:  $y = -f(x)$

**Examples** using  $y_1 = f(x) = 2^x = 2 \wedge x$  as the parent function.

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| $y_2 = f(x) - 2 = 2^x - 2 = 2 \wedge x - 2$<br>2 taken from _____ values.<br>result:   | $y_3 = f(x) + 3 = 2^x + 3 = 2 \wedge x + 3$<br>3 added to _____ values.<br>result:       |
| $y_4 = f(x - 2) = 2^{x-2} = 2 \wedge (x - 2)$<br>2 taken from _____ values.<br>result: | $y_5 = f(x + 3) = 2^{x+3} = 2 \wedge (x + 3)$<br>3 added to _____ values.<br>result:     |
| $y_6 = -f(x) = -2^x = -2 \wedge x$<br>opposite of _____ values.<br>result:             | $y_7 = f(-x) = 2^{-x} = 2 \wedge (-x)$<br>opposite of _____ values.<br>result:           |
| $y_8 = f(3x) = 2^{3x} = 2 \wedge 3x$<br>multiplying _____ values.<br>result:           | $y_9 = 3f(x) = 3 \cdot 2^x = 3 \cdot 2 \wedge x$<br>multiplying _____ values.<br>result: |