

Concepts and Formulas

Conic Section

Vertical Parabola	Horizontal Parabola
<p>Positive Coefficient</p> <p>At $(0, 0)$: $y = ax^2$</p> $y = a(x - h)^2 + k \text{ or } y - k = a(x - h)^2$ $y = \frac{1}{4p}(x - h)^2 + k \text{ or } y - k = \frac{1}{4p}(x - h)^2$ <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> $4p(y - k) = (x - h)^2$ <p>Vertex: (h, k) Axis of Symmetry: $x = h$</p>	<p>Positive Coefficient</p> <p>At $(0, 0)$: $x = ay^2$</p> $x = a(y - k)^2 + h \text{ or } x - h = a(y - k)^2$ $x = \frac{1}{4p}(y - k)^2 + h \text{ or } x - h = \frac{1}{4p}(y - k)^2$ <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> $4p(x - h) = (y - k)^2$ <p>Vertex: (h, k) Axis of Symmetry: $y = k$</p>
<p>Negative Coefficient</p> <p>At $(0, 0)$: $y = -ax^2$</p> $y = -a(x - h)^2 + k \text{ or } y - k = -a(x - h)^2$ $y = -\frac{1}{4p}(x - h)^2 + k \text{ or } y - k = -\frac{1}{4p}(x - h)^2$ <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> $-4p(y - k) = (x - h)^2$ <p>Vertex: (h, k) Axis of Symmetry: $x = h$</p>	<p>Negative Coefficient</p> <p>At $(0, 0)$: $x = -ay^2$</p> $x = -a(y - k)^2 + h \text{ or } x - h = -a(y - k)^2$ $x = -\frac{1}{4p}(y - k)^2 + h \text{ or } x - h = -\frac{1}{4p}(y - k)^2$ <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> $-4p(x - h) = (y - k)^2$ <p>Vertex: (h, k) Axis of Symmetry: $y = k$</p>