| 1. $a^{m} * a^{n}=a^{m+n}$ <br> - $a$ is the base number <br> - $m$ and $n$ are exponents with integers <br> - Integers are + or - whole numbers | Product of Powers <br> - Add the exponents <br> Example: $3^{2} * 3^{4}=3 * 3 * 3 * 3 * 3 * 3=3^{6}$ |  |
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| 2. $\left(a^{m}\right)^{n}=a^{m n}$ | Power of a Power <br> - Multiply the exponents <br> Example: $\left(3^{2}\right)^{4}=3^{2} * 3^{2} * 3^{2} * 3^{2}=3^{8}$ | $\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{0}$ |
| 3. $(a b)^{m}=a^{m} b^{m}$ <br> - $\quad b$ is also a base number | Power of a Product <br> - Distributive Property for exponents Example: $(3 x)^{2}=3^{2} x^{2}$ |  |
| 4. $\left(a^{m} b^{n}\right)^{p}=a^{m p} b^{n p}$ | Power of a monomial <br> - Distributive Property for exponents Example: $\left(3^{2} x^{5}\right)^{4}=3^{8} x^{20}$ |  |
| 5. $\frac{a^{m}}{a^{n}}=a^{m-n}$ | Quotient of Powers <br> - Subtract exponents <br> Example: $\frac{x^{5}}{x^{3}}=x^{2}$ |  |
| 6. $a^{0}=1 \quad a \neq 0$ <br> - $\neq$ means not equal | Example: $\frac{x^{3}}{x^{3}}=x^{3-3}=x^{0}=1$ |  |
| 7. $a^{-n}=\frac{1}{a^{n}}$ | Definition of Negative Exponents Example: $\frac{x^{4}}{x^{6}}=x^{4-6}=x^{-2}=\frac{1}{x^{2}}$ |  |
| 8. $\frac{a^{-m}}{b^{-n}}=\frac{b^{n}}{a^{m}}$ | A negative exponent means to switch the location up or down and change the sign of the exponent. <br> Example: $\frac{x^{-2}}{y^{-3}}=\frac{y^{3}}{x^{2}}$ |  |
| 9. $a^{1}=a$ | Anything to the power of 1 is just itself and anything without an exponent is raised to the power of 1 . |  |

