

6.2 The Equation of a line in Standard Form.

**Learning Goal:** I will recognize the "standard form" equation of a line, and will be able to convert between standard form and slope y-intercept form.

The **slope - y - intercept form** of the equation of a line is  $y = mx + b$ , where  $m$  is the slope (given by rise over run, or  $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ ) and  $b$  is the y - intercept.

The **standard form** of the equation of a line is  $Ax + By + C = 0$ , where  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are integers and  $A$  and  $B$  are **not both** zero ( $C$  can be zero, and either  $A$  or  $B$  can be zero).

In standard form, the coefficient of the x-term is **always positive** and there are **no fractions**.

**You can convert from one form to the other using algebra.**

Example 1: Express each equation in the form  $y = mx + b$ , then identify the slope and the y - intercept.

a)  $x + y - 3 = 0$

b)  $x + 2y - 4 = 0$

c)  $6x - 3y - 15 = 0$

d)  $2n + 5C - 40 = 0$

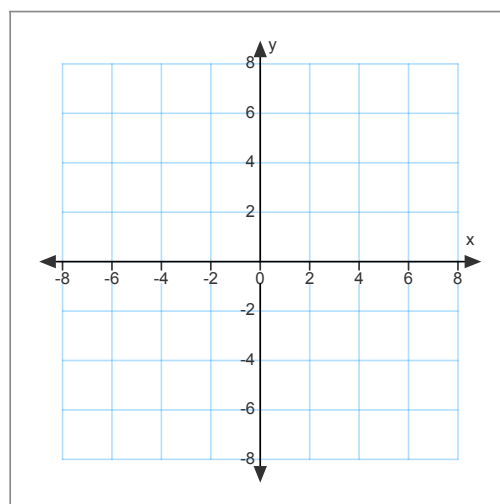
Example 2: Convert the following lines to standard form.

a)  $y = 3x - 1$

b)  $y = \frac{2}{3}x - 4$

c)  $y = -\frac{1}{3}x + 2$

Example 3: Graph the line  $3y + 4x - 12 = 0$



Practice: pg 312 #3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11