

The graph of $y=ax^2 + c$

a

$a > 0$

Opens Up

smaller a

Wider

$a < 0$

Opens Down

bigger a

Narrower

c

$c > 0$

Moves Up

$c < 0$

Moves Down

Vertex

$(0, c)$

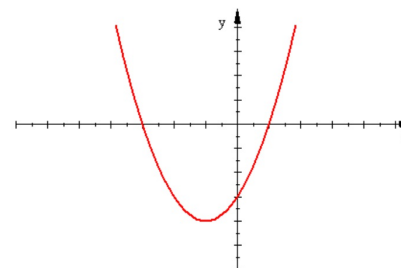
The vertex

The lowest or highest point on a Parabola.

Line of Symmetry

LOS

Vertical Line that passes through the Vertex.



Find the coordinates of the vertex and the equation of the LOS for each quadratic.

	Vertex	Eq of LOS
1. $y = x^2 - 3$	$(0, -3)$	$x = 0$
2. $y = 5x^2 + 7$	$(0, 7)$	$x = 0$

Graphing $y=ax^2 + c$

Graph $y = 3x^2 - 5$ with at least five points.

Opens UP Moved 5 units down

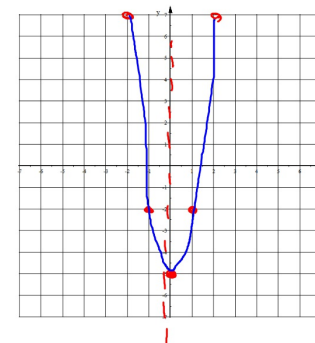
1. Find the vertex $(0, -5)$

2. LOS: $x = 0$

3. Use a table to find two other points and plot them.

x	y
1	-2
2	7

4. Use the LOS to find two more points. Connect these five points.



Graphing parabolas with the
equation: $y = ax^2 + c$

Graph this
parabola using at
least five points

$$y = -2x^2 + 7$$

Upside down
moved 7 units up

Vertex is (0,7)

LOS: $x = 0$

X	Y
1	5
2	-1

plot these points
and reflect over
the LOS.

