Rectangular Prisms: Units of Measure

Grades: 4-6 Standards: MG 4.1.4, MG 5.1.3, MG 6.1.3 Objectives: Compare linear, planar, and spatial units. Find the volume of rectangular prisms.

Warm Up and Debrief Create a three-column chart for note taking. Label each column: Volume, Surface Area, and Perimeter of the Net.

Use linker cubes to construct a 3 unit ! 3 unit ! 3 unit cube. Let each linker cube represent a cube with a side of 1 cm.

Sketch the cube, label each dimension, and record the number of cubes used to build the shape in the first column.

Volume

Surface Area

Perimeter of the Net

 $V = 27 \text{ cm}^{3}$ 

Record each face in the second column. Find the area of each face, add, and record the sum.

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**Introduce/review the formula V=Bh.** Use a deck of cards to illustrate the concept. Use the formula to check the first two examples in your notes.

