TEXAS INSTRUMENTS

Understanding Graphs of Linear Inequalities

Name_____

Course____

Materials: TI-Nspire Linear_Inequalities.tns

In this activity, you will explore:

- Graphs of linear inequalities
- Open or closed half-plane, boundary

Open the file *LinearInequalities.tns* on your handheld and follow along with your teacher to work through the activity.

Based on the type of inequality, use Problems 2, 3, 4, or 5 in the tns file for exploration.

- Problem 2 less than or equal to
- Problem 3 less than
- Problem 4 greater than or equal to
- Problem 5 greater than

Instructions for exploring the file:

- Press (c) to advance to the next page in the tns Doc
- Move the cursor to the point labeled with coordinates then () to drag the point to a different location.
- On a calculator page, use the ▲ to highlight an entry and press to paste the entry on a new line for editing.
- 1. Read through the tns file beginning at page 1.1 and stop on page 2.2. Move the point. Describe something that changes.
- 2. For the inequality $y \le x + 2$, complete a f below:

	Identify	Is the	Confirm the truth	What observations can you make
	the	statement	value on the	about the point in relation to the
	ordered	in the lower	calculator page	shaded area of the graph?
	pair	right hand	([)	
		corner true	(√)	
		or false?		
a. Move the				
point into				
Quadrant II				

b.Move the point into Quadrant III	Identify the ordered pair	Is the statement in the lower right hand corner true or false?	Confirm the truth value on the calculator page $(\sqrt{)}$	What observations can you make about the point in relation to the shaded region?
c.Move the point into Quadrant IV				
d.Move the point onto the boundary of the half- plane				

- e. What is the equation of the boundary line?_____
- f. Would you describe the graph as an open or closed half-plane? Why?_____
- 3. Repeat the process above for the following inequalities: y < x+2, $y \ge x+2$, y > x+2

#4-6 Define the following in your own words:

- 4. open half-plane _____
- 5. closed half-plane_____
- 6. boundary of a half-plane_____
- 7. Sam missed his math class this week. Explain to Sam in your own words how you would graph the linear inequality y > 3x 1 without technology. Be sure and identify the components of the graph using the correct vocabulary.