

## **Steps for Solving Systems of Linear Inequalities**

- Solve both inequalities for y
- Graph, shade, and label both inequalities
- Label the intersection of shading "S" (if there is no overlap—no solution)
- Choose a point in the shaded region to check both inequalities!

## When you graph a linear inequality you determine the type of line and the shading by the chart below:

| Inequality<br>Symbol | Type of Line | Meaning   | Shading a<br>Diagonal or<br>Horizontal Line | Shading a Vertical<br>Line |
|----------------------|--------------|---|---|----------------------------|
| $\leq$               | Solid Line   | The points on the<br>line satisfy the<br>inequality       | Below                                       | Left                       |
| $\geq$               | Solid Line   | The points on the<br>line satisfy the<br>inequality       | Above                                       | Right                      |
| <                    | Dashed       | The points on the<br>line don't satisfy<br>the inequality | Below                                       | Left                       |
| >                    | Dashed       | The points on the<br>line don't satisfy<br>the inequality | Above                                       | Right                      |

## To Solve Systems of Equation with the <u>Elimination (Addition)</u> Method:

1.) If necessary, rewrite the equations in standard form: ax + by = c

2.) Determine if the system contains opposites. Ex: -5x and 5x

3.) If not decide which variable you want to eliminate

4.) Use multipliers to get opposites

5.) Multiply one or both equations by constants, if necessary so that the coefficients of the variable you want to eliminate are opposite.

- 6.) Add equations to eliminate one of the variables.
- 7.) Solve the resulting equation.
- 8.) Substitute the resulting value into either original equation.
- 9.) Solve the equation for the other variable.
- 10.) Write your answer as coordinates (x,y)
- 11.) Check your P.O.I. in BOTH original equations.

## To Solve Systems of Equation with the <u>Substitution</u> Method:

- 1.) One variable has to be alone (x=... or y = ...)
- 2.) Replace that variable (the one that is alone) into the other equation using parenthesis
- 3.) Solve for the variable
- 4.) Plug in your answer to one of the original equations to find the other variable
- 5.) Write your answer as a P.O.I
- 6.) Check the P.O.I. in both equations