## 2.3 Circles

Definition of a Circle

A circle is the collection of points that are equidistant to a center point. The distance from the center to the points on the circle is the radius denoted r. The center is denoted (h, k).



Standard Form of a Circle

The standard form of a circle is  $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ , where r is the radius and (h,k) is the center.

- ▼ Examples: Find the Center and Radius
  - Example 1: Find the center and Radius

$$(x-2)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 9$$

- ▼ Example 2: Find the center and Radius  $(x+1)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 16$
- Example 3: Find the center and Radius  $(x-3)^2 + y^2 = 12$

## ▼ Example: Graph a Circle

Graph the circle in standard form.

$$(x-2)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 16$$



▼ Example: Find the Intercepts of the Circle

Find the x and y intercepts of the circle.  $(x+2)^2+(y-3)^2=9$ 

▼ General Form of a Circle

The general form of a circle is  $Ax^2 + By^2 + Cx + Dy + E = 0$ , where A, B, C, D, and E are real numbers and  $A = B \neq 0$ .

- ▼ Examples: Write the Standard or General Form of the Circle
  - Example 1: Write the standard form of the circle given the center and radius. Center: (2, -3) and radius: r = 4

▼ Example 2: Write the general form of the circle given the center and a point on the circle

Center: (1,-3) and a point on the circle (1,0)

▼ Example 3: Write the standard form of the circle given endpoints of the diameter Endpoints of the diameter: (7, 6) and (-9, 8)

▼ Example 4: Write the standard form of the circle given the center and tangent to an x-axis

Center: (-6, 8) and tangent to the x-axis

▼ Examples: Use completing the square to write the equation of a circle in Standard Form

 $x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 2y + 1 = 0$