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Name: _____ Date: _____ Show your reasoning and check units.

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Center (0,0); vertices $(\pm 5, 0)$; $c^2 = 25 - 9 = 16$, so foci $(\pm 4, 0)$.

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Vertices $(\pm 3, 0)$; asymptotes $y = \pm(4/3)x$.

03 For $y^2 = 8x$, find vertex, focus and directrix.

$4p = 8$, so $p = 2$. Vertex (0,0), focus (2,0), directrix $x = -2$.

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The first has two positive squared terms with unequal coefficients: ellipse. The second has opposite signs: hyperbola.