Double negatives

Circle the double negatives in the sentences below. Rewrite the sentences correctly.

A double negative is when two negative words are in the same sentence.

1. Pam couldn’t play no basketball with her broken ankle.  
   Pam couldn’t play any basketball with her broken ankle.

2. John didn’t see no dogs in the yard.
   __________________________________________________________

3. Her friends didn’t drink nothing with breakfast.
   __________________________________________________________

4. The boys don’t do no arts at school.
   __________________________________________________________

5. There isn’t no path to the park.
   __________________________________________________________

6. My parents weren’t nowhere by the pond.
   __________________________________________________________

7. My sister isn’t no good with computers.
   __________________________________________________________

8. She didn’t do no homework all week.
   __________________________________________________________
Answers

1. Pam couldn’t play no basketball with her broken ankle.
   Pam couldn’t play any basketball with her broken ankle.

2. John didn’t see no dogs in the yard.
   John didn’t see any dogs in the yard.

3. Her friends didn’t drink nothing with breakfast.
   Her friends didn’t drink anything with breakfast.

4. The boys don’t do no arts at school.
   The boys don’t do any arts at school.

5. There isn’t no path to the park.
   There isn’t any path to the park.

6. My parents weren’t nowhere by the pond.
   My parents weren’t anywhere by the pond.

7. My sister isn’t no good with computers.
   My sister isn’t good with computers.

8. She didn’t do no homework all week.
   She didn’t do any homework all week.