

Wonewoc-Center Academic Standards

What are the academic standards that will be in effect during this school year?

State law requires that Wonewoc-Center Schools provide the parents and guardians of all enrolled students with notice of the academic standards in mathematics, science, reading and writing, geography, and history that have been adopted by the School Board and that will be in effect during each school year. Accordingly, Wonewoc-Center Schools' academic standards that will be in effect in these specific content areas for this school year are listed below. Electronic links to the detailed version of the applicable standards are provided when available.

What are academic standards?

Wonewoc-Center Schools' academic standards identify what students should know and be able to do within given content areas or subjects. Standards serve as goals and guideposts for both classroom instruction and student learning. The standards also help parents and students gain a better understanding of Wonewoc-Center's expectations for student learning.

Academic standards provide a critical foundation and framework for Wonewoc-Center's sequential curriculum plans and for the Schools' student assessments in each content area. However, the standards are not an actual classroom curriculum. The curriculum that Wonewoc-Center Schools implement in the various content areas remains flexible and adaptable, and there are many different instructional techniques and activities that could all be consistent with Wonewoc-Center Schools' academic standards. Stated another way, academic standards attempt to identify and focus on the most essential and fundamental aspects of student learning, but they do not attempt to describe all that can or should be taught. A great deal is left to the discretion of curriculum developers and teachers. In addition, Wonewoc-Center's adoption and use of academic standards should not be confused with standardized testing of students. While Wonewoc-Center Schools implements various state and federal testing mandates and also implements various locally-selected student assessments, Wonewoc-Center's academic standards do not mandate the use of any specific standardized test or assessment.

Why does Wonewoc-Center have academic standards?

State law requires all school districts, charter schools, and certain private schools to adopt academic standards in mathematics, science, reading and writing, geography, and history. In addition, Wonewoc-Center Policy #2210 – Curriculum Development and Improvement (adopted 12/19/2016) states:

The Wonewoc-Center Schools' curriculum shall be developed to guide and support student learning for the purpose of:

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility for the quality of the educational program of the schools. To this end, the curriculum shall be developed, evaluated, and adopted on a continuing basis and in accordance with a plan for curriculum growth established by the District Administrator

For purposes of this policy and consistent communication throughout the District, curriculum shall be defined as:

- A. the courses of study, subjects, classes, and organized activities provided by the school;
- B. all the planned activities of the schools, including formal classroom instruction and out-of-class activity, both individual and group;
- C. learning activities approved by the Board for individuals or groups of students and expressed in terms of specific instructional objectives or class periods;
- D. the plan for learning necessary to accomplish the educational goals of the District;
- E. all the planned activities of the schools, including formal classroom instruction and out-of-class activity, both individual and group, necessary to accomplish the educational goals of the District.

English Language Arts
(includes reading and writing)

Wonewoc-Center Schools has adopted the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts, as formerly adapted to Wisconsin by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (throughout the 2017-2018 school year). These standards include:
Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects in grades K-5.
Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects in grades 6-12.
Standards for Literacy in All Subjects for grades K-5.
Standards for Literacy in All Subjects for grades 6-12.
A complete copy of the standards can be located and reviewed at this link:
<http://dpi.wi.gov/ela/standards>

Mathematics

Wonewoc-Center has adopted the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics, as formerly adapted to Wisconsin by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (through the 2017-2018 school year).
These standards include:
Standards for mathematical content.
Standards for mathematical practice.
A complete copy of these standards can be located and reviewed at this link:
<http://dpi.wi.gov/math/standards>

Science

Wonewoc-Center Schools has adopted the Next Generation Science Standards.
A complete copy of these standards can be located and reviewed at this link:
<https://www.nextgenscience.org/>

Social Studies (includes
geography and history)

Wonewoc-Center Schools has adopted the Wisconsin Model of Academic Standards for Social Studies.
The five strands of the social studies standards encompass history, geography, behavioral science, economics, and political science.
The model standards include both content standards and performance standards.
A complete copy of these standards can be located and reviewed at this link:
<http://dpi.wi.gov/social-studies/standards>

Agriculture, Business, Tech Ed,
Technology, Library Science,
Music

Wonewoc-Center Schools has adopted the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Agriculture, Business, Tech Ed, Technology, Library Science, and Music.
The model stands include both content standards and performance standards.
A complete copy of the standards can be located and reviewed at:
<http://dpi.wi.gov/standards>

The School Board and administrative team believe that identifying and implementing a set of district-wide academic standards in various content areas is highly beneficial to staff, students, and families.