Every Child a Graduate
College and Career Ready

World Class Academic Standards

Wisconsin's world class academic standards provide the foundation for rigorous, high quality education designed to prepare all students for success in the global economy. These standards reflect the knowledge and skills necessary for college and career readiness.

In June 2010, consistent with the state's long-standing tradition of setting high academic standards, Wisconsin was the first state to adopt the internationally benchmarked Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts. These standards were developed with input from teachers, school administrators, and experts from across the country. More than 45 states and territories have adopted these standards, providing a consistent framework to prepare students for college and the workforce. Wisconsin also adopted Standards for Literacy in All Subjects, emphasizing that instruction in every classroom focuses both on content and the reading and writing skills that students need to demonstrate learning in each subject area.

Wisconsin's standards in other content areas are designed to encourage the highest achievement of all students by defining clear and consistent understanding of what students should learn. The academic standards are the basis of how state assessments measure student achievement. Standards, instruction, and assessment form an aligned system to support all learners.

Wisconsin's academic standards reflect what students need to know and the skills they need to develop in order to graduate ready for college and career.

Academic standards provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers know what to teach, and parents know what they need to do to help their children. The standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that students need for success in college and careers. Using internationally benchmarked standards helps prepare students for the future, better positioning Wisconsin to compete successfully in the global economy.

For more information, go to:
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