

## **Student Academic Standards**

### **313 Policy**

#### **The Purposes of Student Academic Standards**

The District's student academic standards identify, at a general level, what students should know and be able to do within a given content area or subject. Academic standards serve as important goals and guideposts for classroom instruction, student learning, and student assessment, but academic standards should not be confused with a complete curriculum. Stated another way, academic standards attempt to identify the most essential and fundamental aspects of student learning, but they do not attempt to describe all that can or should be taught or precisely how instruction should be delivered. In addition, the adoption of general academic standards in no way prevents adjustments in programs, curriculum, or individual learning goals or activities for students who have exceptional educational needs and interests, such as students with disabilities, English learners, and gifted students.

#### **Assignment of Responsibilities**

The School Board directs the administration, under the ultimate supervision and management of the District Administrator, to (1) identify and recommend for Board approval, (2) monitor and review, and (3) make any recommendations to the Board for the adoption of changes to student academic standards in:

1. Each content/subject area where applicable law mandates the adoption of local academic standards; and
2. Such other content/subject areas as may be directed by the Board or as the administration otherwise deems advisable.

To the extent required by state law, the District Administrator shall also ensure that:

1. The academic standards that will be in effect in the District for the upcoming school year is a topic on the agenda and meeting notice of the first Board meeting of each school year (i.e., in July), and
2. A notice of such academic standards is prepared and posted in a manner consistent with legal requirements.

#### **Legal References:**

##### **Wisconsin Statutes**

[Section 118.01](#) [state-mandated educational goals applicable to school districts]

[Section 118.30\(1g\)\(a\)1](#) [mandatory local adoption of academic standards in specified subjects]

[Section 120.12\(13\)](#) [annual identification and notice of student academic standards]

[Section 121.02](#) [state-mandated school district standards; generally]

[Section 121.02\(1\)\(L\)7](#) [mandate to adopt academic standards in financial literacy]

##### **Wisconsin Administrative Code**

[Chapter PI 8](#) [school district standards]

**Cross References:** WASB SP1 4/20/18; Board Policy 330

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