

Standards Communication. Current Adopted Standards

The School District of South Milwaukee is committed to using benchmarked and rigorous standards that set the highest expectations for student performance and prepare students in the District for success both inside and outside the classroom walls. Keeping in line with our vision, “to create a dynamic environment where the world becomes the classroom so the classroom impacts the world,” the School District of South Milwaukee implements a K-12 curriculum based on the adoption of rigorous academic standards. These standards set the stage for our expectations for what students should know and be able to do throughout their educational journey. While the academic standards set the benchmark for expectations, the curriculum is the detailed process outlining how the students will meet the expectations. As part of the curriculum development process, educators in South Milwaukee identify the activities, instructional strategies, resources, and assessments that ensure the students are learning according to the standards.

We remain committed to the standards that the School Board has previously approved including the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), Wisconsin Standards for Science (WSS), and Wisconsin Standards Social Studies Standards in addition to the other state-supported standards such as the Wisconsin Academic Standards. As students are exposed to a variety of assessments, formal and informal, standardized and locally based, we will use the standards to support our alignment to the skills and concepts necessary for career and college readiness. Academic standards are established by a variety of agencies including, federal and local organizations and school districts. The School District of South Milwaukee has local control of the development of the curriculum, implementation, and assessment process. This means that groups of dedicated educators gather to discuss the best ways to meet the needs of all students in each and every classroom. The School District of South Milwaukee School Board has previously reviewed and approved the curriculum being implemented, as well as reviews and formally adopts the academic standards on an annual basis. We are confident that we will continue to deliver a high quality curriculum that meets or exceeds all adopted standards.

Students, parents, and community members are able to find the Board adopted district standards, as well as associated curriculum information, through the school district website at www.sdsm.k12.wi.us.

The School District of South Milwaukee has adopted the following adopted the following academic standards:

Academic Area	Academic Standard
<u>Art and Design</u>	<u>Wisconsin Standards for Art and Design</u>
<u>Business and Information Technology</u>	<u>Wisconsin Standards for Business and Information Technology</u>
<u>Computer Science</u>	<u>Wisconsin Standards for Computer Science</u>
<u>Counseling</u>	<u>Wisconsin Comprehensive School Counseling Model/Standards</u>
<u>Early Learning</u>	<u>Wisconsin Standards for Early Learning</u>
<u>English Language Arts</u>	<u>Wisconsin Standards for English Language Arts</u>
<u>Family & Consumer Sciences</u>	<u>Wisconsin Standards for Family and Consumer Science</u>
<u>Health</u>	<u>Wisconsin Standards for Health</u>
<u>Health Science</u>	<u>Wisconsin Standards for Health Science (CTE)</u>
<u>Information Technology and Literacy</u>	<u>Wisconsin Standards for Information Technology and Literacy</u>
<u>Language Development</u>	<u>WIDA Standards for Language Development</u>
<u>Marketing, Management, & Entrepreneurship</u>	<u>Wisconsin Standards for Marketing, Management & Entrepreneurship</u>
<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>Wisconsin Standards for Mathematics</u>
<u>Music</u>	<u>Wisconsin Standards for Music</u>
<u>Personal Financial Literacy</u>	<u>Wisconsin Standards for Personal Financial Literacy</u>
<u>Physical Education</u>	<u>Wisconsin Standards for Physical Education</u>
<u>Science</u>	<u>Wisconsin Standards for Science</u>
<u>Social Studies</u>	<u>Wisconsin Standards for Social Studies</u>
<u>Technology and Engineering</u>	<u>Wisconsin Standards for Technology and Engineering</u>
<u>World Language</u>	<u>Wisconsin Standards for World Language</u>

For more detailed information about our academic standards or to request a written copy please visit the Curriculum and Instruction page under the District heading on the School District of South Milwaukee website, www.sdsm.k12.wi.us, or contact Christie Gajewski, Director of Instruction, (414) 766-5088 or cgajewski@sdsm.k12.wi.us.